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IDENTIFICATIONS: The following identifications have been announced: *For the first time in the history of our News Bulletin we have no identifications to report and all due to the coronavirus.*

CMP's Latest figures: The U.N. sponsored Committee on Missing Persons (CMP) figures show that:

- Greek Cypriots: 700 identified, 810 still missing *
- Turkish Cypriots: 274 identified, 218 still missing.
- Total identified this year – to the end of May: 5
- Total exhumed this year – to the end of May: 2

*Some exhumed remains have yet to be identified due to the condition they were found and their genetic coding cannot be determined. The CMP scientists are continuing their effort to achieve identifications.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID19): Needless to say that this pandemic has cost so many lives, ruined businesses and caused unemployment to many people, not only in this country but all over the world. Things will never be the same again even after the pandemic is over. We just pray and hope that the end of it is not going to be too far away! Obviously all our committee meetings have been cancelled and we, as yet, do not know when we will be able to convene one. Everything in the field of excavations identifications etc. has come to an end so we have next to nothing to report.

MEETING THE NEW CYPRUS H. COMMISSIONER: On Tuesday, 10th March 2020 four committee members paid a courtesy visit to H.E the Cyprus High Commissioner Mr Andreas Kakouris. The meeting took place at the Cyprus High Commission and the issue of our missing was discussed. Present was also the Cyprus Consul General Mr T. Gotsis. We discussed our campaign in the UK, the slow progress of the CMP in identifications and the strategic plan of the Cyprus Government on the issue.

HELP FROM THE FEDERATION: The National Federation with the help of the John Christodoulou Foundation have been distributing food parcels to many people in our community who were unable to go out shopping. Some of our members have also been helped and we are very grateful for that and we thank all concerned.

WINE FESTIVAL 6-7 JUNE 2020: This has been cancelled this year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

THEOKLIS CHRYSANTHOU: It is with great sadness that we are announcing the passing away of one of our much respected member, Theoklis Chrysantou, husband of committee member for many years, Anastasia.

Theoklis passed away on Monday 6th April 2020, after a very short illness due to the coronavirus. He was always present with his wife at almost all our meetings, demonstrations and events. His contribution to our discussions was invaluable and greatly appreciated and respected.

We, with profound sorrow would like to express our sincere condolences to his wife and family. He will be sorely missed.

Rest In Peace Theoklis.



COSTAS NEOKLEOUS: A member of ours for many-many years and dear beloved uncle to our President, passed away, another coronavirus victim. Our deepest condolences to Nick and all the family. **May he rest in peace.**