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*We welcome all of you back from your holidays, which we hope were relaxing and peaceful.*

**IDENTIFICATIONS:** The following identifications were announced: Alexandrou and Andrea Germanou, Panayioti Kattou, Charalambou Constantinou, Emiliou Miltiadous, Costa Nikita, Kyriakou Ellina, Georgiou Nicola all from Kyrenia, Costa Constantinou from Lapithos, Andrea Apostolou and Nikou Panayiotou from Lythrodonta and Costa Constantinou from Ormidhia..

Two hundred and eighty samples (corresponding to around 70 missing people) have been sent to Bosnia for DNA testing. As soon as the results are ready they will be sent to Cyprus for verification and the relatives informed. Exhumations continue on both sides of the divide.



**WINE FESTIVAL:** Like every year we were again represented at the Wine Festival which took place at Alexandra Palace on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Our stand was manned by committee members and friends of our Organisation. Leaflets and information were given out to visitors, many of whom were asking interesting questions on the issue of our Missing. Answers were to hand by our Committee members at our stand.

*Photo on the left from our stand at the Wine Festival.*



*Photo above from the meeting in Strasbourg with the delegations from the UK and Cyprus.*

**THE MARCH:** On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July we marched with our banner through London to Trafalgar Square where the rally took place with many speakers from the British Parliament and from Cyprus.

**THE LOBBYING:** On 10<sup>th</sup> July we had our annual demonstration and lobbying outside the House of Commons. Committee members, members and friends of ORMC (UK) were there to lend a helping hand. We saw many MPs who understand the issue and promised to work even harder to persuade/force Turkey to give all the information it has regarding our Missing.

**STRASBOURG VISIT:** Our President Neoklis Neokleous, with Committee member John Kouvaros travelled to Strasbourg on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September and met with the Cyprus delegation of Nicos Sergides and Nicos Theodosiou, where meetings were held with officials from the Council of Europe and with Permanent Representatives of member-states as well as MEPs. At these meetings our delegations stressed the need for Turkey to abide by the decision of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, as regards the issue of our Missing. It was pointed out that since the next meeting of the Council, where the issue will again be discussed, has been postponed to December 2012, this gives ample time for Turkey to respond to the two specific points referred to in para 4 of the decision as regards to her obligation to allow the CMP access to so called "military areas" in the occupied part of the island.

The response in all the meetings was very positive. The general feeling from our delegations was that there is a general wish and demand that Turkey takes the necessary steps towards complying with the Council's decision and the member-states will insist that this happens.

We will await the December meeting to see whether Turkey complies and what the Council will do if she does not.