



The President

Ms Chrysoula PALIADELI  
Member

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Dear Ms Paliadeli,

Thank you for your electronic mail, dated 23 June 2011, concerning the presentation in the European Parliament on 22 June 2011 of an edition titled "A Modern Macedonian-Greek Dictionary".

I understand that the event was organised by the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance and particularly by Mr Francois ALFONSI, Member of that Group, on 22 June 2011 in the European Parliament in Brussels in the meeting room ASP 1 G 3 on a day and time when this meeting room was set aside for activities of that political group. On a request of the same organizers a press conference took place in the room Anna Politkovskaya. Political activities are organised at the discretion of political groups, which also bear the political responsibility for the events they organise.

As regards the financing, I understand that both the event in the European Parliament and the edition as such were financed by the Centre Maurits Coppieters, which is a political foundation affiliated with the European Free Alliance. The Centre Maurits Coppieters receives funding from the EU budget as part of the annual procedure of the funding of political parties and foundations at European level governed by the Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003.

This Regulation has conferred on Parliament the responsibility for the practical implementation of the system of grants for political parties and foundations at European level. By decision of 2 February 2011 the Bureau approved the award of a grant for 2011 to eleven applicant parties and to their eleven affiliated applicant foundations, including the European Free Alliance and its affiliated political foundation Centre Maurits Coppieters respectively.

Insofar the European Parliament neither was aware nor somehow involved in the financing of the event or the edition in question as such.

I trust that this answers your queries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerzy Buzek', written in a cursive style.

Jerzy Buzek