

Dear HEC members,

My name is Marios Chinas (pronounced Shinas) and i am 39 years old. I was born in the UK to parents of Hellenic origin (father refugee from northern Cyprus, mother Hellene from Alexandria, Egypt). I am married and have two young daughters.

I grew up in the UK, Greece, Cyprus, and a spell in Egypt. I did my military service in the Cypriot national guard (24 months) and then continued my studies gaining a Bachelor in Business Administration and a Masters in Corporate Strategy and Governance. I then worked in the UK banking industry for a couple of years before moving to Cyprus for family reasons. I have been working in the banking sector in Cyprus for the past 12 years. A strong believer in continuous learning, during this period I have qualified as an accountant and more recently concluded an MBA to refresh my management skills.

My volunteer work started early on, during my summer visits to Egypt to see my grandfather. Via the Patriarchate of Alexandria I got introduced to SAE Alexandria and from there to HEC. Although I did some volunteer work for the Patriarchate and SAE (I was quite computer literate back then and had really good webpage design skills, back in the days when you needed to know html code), most of my volunteer work revolved around Cyprus and the Cyprus problem - web pages, forums, chat room discussions, and in later years in college/university organising Cyprus problem awareness days, and other events. Over the past few years my volunteer work has waned, as my family and work obligations have increased. I continue to maintain a web page on the Cyprus problem, and I am active via my network of friends / volunteers and my membership in associations but admittedly not on a regular basis.

I would be happy to offer my services, and would envisage assisting through web page and Social Media maintenance, organisation and coordination of member activities, etc, to the best of my ability and within the constraints of work and family life.

Sincerely yours,

Marios Chinas