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Dear friends,

My name is Gus Stamatis. I am one of the original members of the HELLAS LIST. I was born in 1970 in Agrinio, Greece. I attended school in Agrinio until the age of 18. Then I moved to North Carolina in 1988 to continue my studies, first at Central Piedmont Community College and then to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where I studied Computer Science. Due to the fact that I have a very large family presence in the US, I worked many years at the hospitality sector as a worker at first and later as a manager and business owner. But my love for computers that started in Greece when I was still a kid did not keep me away after college.

In 1997, I created Actina Technologies, a custom-design Personal Computer company where we built systems according to costumer's specifications. In 2006, we started Action PC in Charlotte, a software/hardware services firm. Then, in 2008, I created Blue Planet Systems, a "business-class" computer systems company in Charlotte NC.

All these years, I've tried to stay active in the community as well. Having a Greek booth presence at the International Festival at the University had always been a must for me. In 2001, after been contacted by an U.S. Radio Station group, I started broadcasting live Greek Programming on the radio and over the Internet. WBZK soon grew to play Greek music several hours of every day of the week with the help of few friends that got excited to the idea.

In 2011, mainly for family reasons, I moved to Greece where I am at the moment. It was a big and difficult decision to move back to my homeland while in economic turmoil, 24 years after living in the US. I am a proud father of 2 young kids (very soon to be three) that loves his family. I have never being a quitter. When I must get something done, I will give my best to have it accomplished. I try to balance my daily life between my family and my work in IT. I currently work in several web design projects in Greece and in the USA and I spend many hours in front of a computer every day.

I have been following HEC since its inception. I am one of the original members of the HELLAS LIST dating back in early 90's. I would like to become a HEC EC member because it is a great channel of opportunity to promote Greece's values, virtues and problems around the Globe. I can help with my expertise in IT and as a businessman. If elected, I would like to be helping the technical team in using the latest technologies. I can also contribute to the design and completion of the www.greece.org/Macedonia page.

Respectfully yours,

Konstantin (Gus) Stamatis