

OIKONOMOS (GEORGE P.) Greek archaeologist born at Athens in 1883. He has studied classical Philology and got a Dr. Phil. in the university of Athens. He continued than special studies in classical archaeology in the Universities of Bonn a. Rh., Munich and Berlin and in Paris. He studied in the Museums of England, (chiefly the British Museum), France and Italy from 1903-1908. When back in Greece he took the post of an Inspector of Antiquities successively in Arcadia, Argolis, Macedonia, Achaia and Asia Minor. In 1923 got director of the National Numismatic Museum. In 1926 was named among the first members of the Academy of Athens. In 1928 was elected Professor of Classical Archaeology in the University of Athens and keeps this post until now. From 1930-1933 was Director of the National Archaeological Museum at Athens. In 1933 was director of the Archaeological Service, from 1937 to 1938 Director General of Antiquities, Literature and Fine Arts.

Professor Oikonomos made excavations in Athens, Vari, Cefallonia, Messene, Thisoa, Pella in Macedonia and in Clazomenai in Asia Minor, and published many scientific papers in Greek and foreign periodicals on subjects of his personal researches in Classical archaeology and greek numismatics, among which his doctor dissertation is in Latin. Since 1924 he is Secretary of the Archaeological Society at Athens. From 1926 to 1934 he was Secretary of the Academy, and since 1934 he is its Secretary General. He is a corresponding Member of the Institut de France and of the Austrian Academy and a foreign member of the Hungarian Academy, Honorary doctor Phil. of the Universities of Berlin, Montpellier and Paris, Honorary Member of the American Archaeological Institute at Washington and of the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies in London.

In 1945 Professor Oikonomos was Minister of Cults and National Education in the non-Political government of Admiral Boulgaris.

In the academic year 1948-49 he was Rector of the University of Athens.

He is honoured with several Greek and foreign high decorations.