

PRESS RELEASE:

AFGLC ANNOUNCES NEW INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURE

The American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (AFGC), a twelve-year-old non-profit educational foundation headquartered in Tampa, Florida, announces that it has incorporated a new structure in order to carry out its educational mission worldwide.

AFGLC has as its aim to renew and enhance awareness of the contributions of the Greek heritage in the West by educating the American university student about Hellenism, the mother-culture of democracy, in all its forms. To this end, it establishes Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies (ICHS) at selected campuses across the United States. Each of these includes professorships, named for the individual donor and endowed in perpetuity, in at least the following fields: Greek language and literature, Greek history, Greek philosophy, Greek culture under any aspect, and Byzantine history and Orthodox religion.

Centers already exist at the one research university, and New Jersey, twice voted the in the country. Others are campuses across the country. praise from distinguished servants.



University of South Florida, a tier-The Richard Stockton College of best small state liberal arts college under negotiation at a number of The AFGLC plan has drawn high scholars, administrators and public

Because of the success of Greeks and lovers of the are eager to establish AFGLC groups and Interdisciplinary Centers. In order to facilitate the spread worldwide of its mission to preserve and enhance the teaching of Hellenism to the leaders of tomorrow, the Board of Directors of AFGLC have established as an umbrella organization, the **International Foundation of Greek Language and Culture (IFGLC)**.

IFGLC will foster the same educational mission as AFGLC in our center in Colombia and other South American countries like Argentina, Chile and Brazil, where negotiations are under way to establish the foundation. It will serve to unite the very active center in Athens and soon-to-be-opened ones in Crete, Patras and Thessaloniki, Greece. It will embrace other European centers as they are established, and include the ones in Australia that have been requested by the Greek community on that continent. It will include centers in Toronto, Montreal and London, Canada, and any others that may be opened anywhere in the world. And it will include the twenty-two centers of the American Foundation (AFGLC) in the United States, whose identity and mission remain unchanged.