

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY  
COMPANION OF THE UNIVERSITY

**THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE<sup>^</sup>**

The Government of Greece began its association with Flinders University in December 1986 when it made a significant financial contribution towards the establishment of the Department of Modern Greek Studies at Flinders University.

Since that time the Government of Greece has been a major supporter of Modern Greek Studies in the University. This support has included the provision of funding for a full-time member of staff over a period of 6 years, financial support for research and publications which have brought credit to the University, travel grants to enable staff to continue to return to Greece to ensure currency of language and culture and travel grants for higher degree students.

The Government of Greece has over the past eight years responded to the University's need for resources for growth which have led to the Flinders University program being the largest in Australia. Flinders staff teach a program of modern Greek Studies to students enrolled at The University of Adelaide, University of South Australia and Charles Darwin University. Currently a new program is being negotiated whereby Flinders staff will teach Modern Greek at Griffith University.

The strong links between Flinders University, the Government of Greece and the Greek community in Adelaide have made possible the biennial International Conference on Greek Research hosted by Flinders University. The Government of Greece provides significant financial support for the conference, which is now one of the pre-eminent Greek research symposia with more than half of the research papers presented by overseas scholars and postgraduate students. The conference also provides a forum for professional development for teachers of Modern Greek and includes book launches, public lectures and Greek cultural events at which the general public can attend.

All in all, it is estimated that the level of support provided by the Government of Greece has been close to one million dollars.

**<sup>^</sup>The Council is honoured to award the title of Companion of the University to the Government of Greece, through the Office of the Ambassador, for its ongoing support of Modern Greek Studies in the University**