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PRESS RELEASE

**MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENTS AND SENATORS OF GREEK DESCENT
FROM AROUND THE WORLD PARTICIPATE IN THE "CULTURAL
PROMENADE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ARISTOTLE AND ALEXANDER
THE GREAT" ORGANIZED BY THE "INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTRE
FOR ARISTOTLE STUDIES" A.U.TH.**

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Members of Parliaments and Senators of Greek descent from around the world will participate in the "Cultural Promenade in the footsteps of Aristotle and Alexander the Great" organized in honor of the members of the "World Hellenic Inter-Parliamentary Association" (W.H.I.A.) by the "Interdisciplinary Centre for Aristotle Studies" A.U.TH. The Cultural Promenade will take place from Friday 5th until Sunday 7th of July 2013.

The Members of the "World Hellenic Inter-Parliamentary Association" (W.H.I.A.) aim to build friendship and cooperation relations between Greece and their respective countries of origin, as well as in promoting the Greek culture and cultural heritage. Moreover, W.H.I.A. aims at the promotion of issues of common interest, such as the repatriation of the Parthenon Marbles to Greece and the support of Greek Diaspora.

The "Interdisciplinary Centre for Aristotle Studies" A.U.TH. aspires to inform the members of W.H.I.A. about its objectives, which consist in the study of Aristotle's work from an interdisciplinary perspective, and its promotion on an international scale. There will also be a exploration of the possibilities of a collaboration between DI.K.A.M. and W.H.I.A., with the purpose of making known and promoting the work and the purposes of DI.K.A.M. on an international level.

The programme of the "Interdisciplinary Centre for Aristotle Studies" in honour of the members of W.H.I.A. includes a visit to Naoussa-Mieza, the place where Aristotle taught Alexander the Great, to the Archaeological site of Vergina, (Aeges, the capital

of ancient Macedonia), to the Museum of the Royal Tombs of Vergina, to the Archaeological site of ancient Stageira, Aristotle's birthplace, and a Cruise around Mount Athos.

During the visit in Naoussa, on Saturday July 6 (9:30am-12:00), at the Cultural Centre "School of Aristotle", there will be a Formal Reception of the Members of W.H.I.A. by the Mayor of Naoussa, Mr. Anastasios Karabatzos, The Deputy Rector of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Professor John Pantis, and the Members of the Board of DI.K.A.M., and its President, Professor Demetra Sfondoni-Mentzou, who will address the Key-note talk, entitled "**Aristotle, the Universal Philosopher**". A projection of the documentary "*Nymphaeon of Mieza. The Garden of Aristotle*" by the Spanish hellenist Pedro Olalla will follow. Entrance is open to the public.

In ancient Stageira, our guests will be officially welcomed by Mr. Ioannis Giorgou, Deputy Regional Director of Central Macedonia and Chalkidiki & Vice Regional Director of Chalkidiki. The "Cultural Promenade" will end with a Cruise around Mount Athos.

Finally, on Monday July 8, 6:00 p.m., there will be an Official Reception of the President and the Members of the W.H.I.A. by the Rector of A.U.TH., Professor Yannis Mylopoulos and the Members of the Senate of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki at the University Senate Hall. A Discussion on the topic: "**The Universality of the Greek Cultural Heritage and its Relevance Today**" will follow.

Attached: Programme, Poster,
Informative note on the Object and Purposes of DI.K.A.M.

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