



January 25, 2022

To the Attention of Mr. Evangelos Andreou,
President,
European Art Center of Greece (EUARCE)
Anapaphseos 14A
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Dear Mr. Andreou,

With this letter we confirm the collaboration of the Foundation as well as the Greek Nationality Room Committee of the Nationality Rooms Program at the University of Pittsburgh for the organization of the International Poetry Competition in the Greek Language on the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Genocide of Christians in Asia Minor, oftentimes referred to as the “Asia Minor Catastrophe”. This crime against humanity and the ensuing tragedy of displaced peoples punctuated and shaped a significant part of modern Greece’s history. In spite of this, the tragedy also shaped the direction of modern Greece in terms of culture, art, and literature. It gave rise to, and established the modern cultural face of Greece, guiding generations to stake the future of Greece as a peace-loving nation and people, respectful of the rule of law, and the firm anchor in democracy and democratic institutions. As academic entities, we especially appreciate the fact that the Competition is addressed to young students in Greece, who are the continuation of the historical memory through the testimonies of the national history. The epic events in Asia Minor has long been recorded in the hearts of the Greeks as an elegy of deep faith in the triumph of virtue and light.

We wish you and your loved ones, and your team, all the best in blessings and graces this New Year and in this wonderful endeavor

Sincerely and Respectfully,

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