Dear all,

I am writing to you on behalf of Archipelagos, Institute of Marine Conservation (www.archipelago.gr), a Greek non-profit, non-governmental organization, committed since 1998 to the research and conservation of the marine and terrestrial environments of the Greek seas and islands.

For over a decade, Archipelagos has also been providing opportunities for students and recent graduates from EU, USA and other foreign country universities, to acquire multidisciplinary, practical work experience in the institute's research bases and stations located on five islands and islets in the eastern Aegean Sea as well as two research sailing boats. Since 2001, we have hosted educational activities, with over 1000 participants from all over the world.

Archipelagos is currently seeking to establish new collaborations with universities in the xxx, with the aim to promote and expand the educational activities that we offer. Both the placements and field courses that we organize give students and young graduates opportunities to gain hands-on experience in applied environmental conservation work. Our activities also are suitable for academic staff and university researchers.

1. Archipelagos' Placements generally have a duration of between 3 and 12 months, however placements for groups and students collecting dissertation data can be more flexible.

The placements for 2012 cover the following fields:

- 1. Marine Research & Conservation
- 2. Fisheries Research & Management
- 3. Forest & Freshwater Ecosystem Management
- 4. Research & Conservation of Island Flora & Fauna
- 5. Agronomic Research & Seed Bank Projects
- 6. Laboratory Assessment of Environmental Impacts
- 7. GIS Mapping of Marine & Terrestrial Habitats & Biodiversity
- 8. Applications of Renewable Energy Sources
- 9. Illustration of Flora & Fauna of the Aegean Sea
- 10. Graphic Design for Environmental Awareness Material
- 11. Animation
- 12. Environmental Photography in the Region of the Aegean Sea
- 13. Documentary Film Production
- 14. Environmental Education
- 15. Information Technology
- 16. Legal Work
- 17. Public Relations
- 18. Administrative Work

More information on the placements can be found in www.archipelago.gr

2. Archipelagos' Field Courses combine teaching sessions by experts, with applied field work that is part of on-going priority conservation projects.

Field courses can also be tailored to meet the needs and interests of the participating

university and students. More information on the field courses can be found in the 'Field course Leaflet'. Click 'here' to watch a video of the annual Marine Conservation field course conducted by final year Marine Geography students from Cardiff University.

Field courses for 2012 are:

1. Applied Marine Reseach & Conservation: Marine Mammals, Fisheries & Littoral Ecosystems

2. Underwater Photography & Scientific Illustration

3. Forest Management & Conservation

4. Wildlife Filmaking

5. Law & Policy for Environmental Conservation

6. Applied Marine Research & Conservation - An interdisciplinary approach of scientific research and Law & Policy

3. Postgraduate research opportunities are also offered at Archipelagos in a variety of fields, in collaboration with various E.U. and U.S. universities. For more detailed information please email <u>a.miliou@archipelago.gr</u>

If you are interested to discuss further such a collaboration, please contact me.

Best regards, Anastasia Miliou"

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