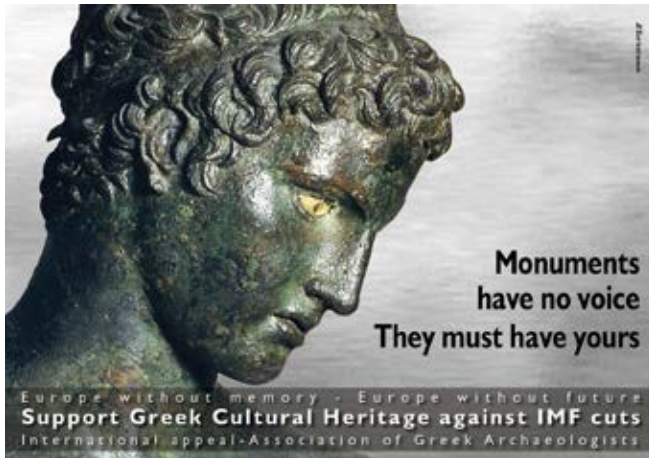


**INTERNATIONAL APPEAL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GREEK ARCHEOLOGISTS
SUPPORT GREEK CULTURAL HERITAGE AGAINST IMF CUTS**



If monuments had a voice of their own, they would tell us what has been going on in Greece in the past two years. In the name of the global economic crisis and with the IMF acting as a Trojan Horse, austerity measures have been undermining public services, welfare State and social cohesion. Democracy and national dignity are under attack.

Monuments have no voice, they have us

We, the 950 Greek Archeologists, civil servants working in the Hellenic Ministry of Culture, are fighting against the destruction of both our country and our cultural heritage, because of the policies dictated by the IMF and the Troika.

The Greek Archeological Service is not overstuffed, nor are we being overpaid. We serve in order to protect our cultural heritage and monuments, all over Greece, facing constant lack of funding and personnel, dedicated to the pursuit of scientific knowledge and to access to culture as a public good. Our scientific work has won international recognition. For more than 170 years we have been organizing excavations, studying Greek civilization, organizing Museums not with stolen antiquities but with well-documented exhibits, restoring monuments, organizing educational programs and helping bringing together Ancient culture and modern art.

As civil servants we have neither sought after luxury or over-spending, nor have we been accused of corruption, in sharp contrast the practices of the government and the political system that today promises to “save our country”.

As archeologists in the land that inherited democracy to the world we are perfectly aware of the dangers associated with the suppression of democracy. We are struggling to preserve the memory and the material traces of the past, because we know that a people without memory are condemned to repeat the same mistakes again and again.

Monuments have no voice. They must have yours!

We are making an urgent appeal to our colleagues, to scholars and citizens all over Europe and the whole world, all the people expressing their solidarity and support to the Greek people, to defend cultural heritage and historical memory. The peoples of Europe share the same destiny. The same austerity packages and

authoritarian measures, that are currently tearing apart Greece and its monuments, are going to be imposed across Europe.

Culture is our common ground and our common destiny

Resist! Defend Greek Cultural Heritage and democracy.

EUROPE without memory, EUROPE without future

- For more info and coverage of our activities visit www.sea.org.gr
- Express your support at the I support Greek Cultural Heritage in Facebook
- Post our posters and messages to your websites and workplaces
- Send protest emails to the Greek Minister of Culture and the Greek Prime Minister