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Σας προωθώ την επιστολή του Ομότιμου Καθηγητή κ. Stephen G Miller σχετικά με την υποβάθμιση του αρχαιολογικού χώρου και του αρχαιολογικού Μουσείου της Αρχαίας Νεμέας.

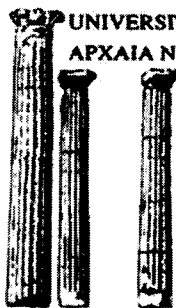
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Με εκτίμηση,

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Once again, as in every year since 2013, Nemea is about to close due to a lack of guards. The temporary staff will begin to leave early next month, and they will all be gone a month from now leaving the five members of the permanent staff to watch over the museum and the site 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, or 168 hours each week, or 33.6 hours per person each week. The public will therefore be excluded from visiting the antiquities of Nemea. Based on past history, this exclusion could extend at least until April 1 2018.

There will be several consequences.

1) would-be visitors will leave Nemea (and Greece) frustrated and disappointed.

2) the state will be deprived of income from ticket sales which, based on past performance would exceed the cost of four extra guards. (Of course, since sales of guide books, etc., have been prohibited in the museum since April 1, 2016, it is clear that the state is not concerned about the loss of income.)

3) students of all ages will be kept away from ancient Greece. In 2017 there have been visits from the University of Thessaly, University of Florida, University of Applied Science (Jyväskylä, Finland), Heilbron University, Pymble Ladies's College (Sydney, Australia), LaRoche College (Pittsburg, Pennsylvania), the International Olympic Academy, and many others. Younger students have come from the Arsakeio of Psychiko, the Gymnasio of Chiliomodi, the Dimotiko of Xylokastro, etc. And there have been groups of older visitors from the U.K. and U.S.A., as well as Greek cultural societies.

Does the Ministry of Culture have an obligation to make the ancient world available to as many people as possible? Especially young Greek students?

4) Hundreds of private citizens from Greece, the U.S.A., Canada, U.K. have made contributions to bring Nemea into existence. Is their investment to be discarded?

5) Looking at the past four years, there have been dozens of bright, multi-lingual young guards who have learned about the antiquities of Nemea. Several of them would make good permanent guards. Why are their talents wasted?

6) The investment of the Society for the Revival of the Nemean Games (www.nemeangames.org) in the maintenance of the archaeological site, and especially the stadium, will be wasted.

The situation continues to be counter-productive and discouraging. Many of the local people are willing to volunteer to help protect the antiquities, but the Ministry of Culture refuses their help. Why should they remain in a Greece that disdains them?

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