



## ACS Athens, Pinewood American International School, and Widener University Sign Agreement

ACS Athens, Pinewood School, and Widener University of Chester, PA, USA have commenced a partnership for creating fundamental learning opportunities to enrich the education experience of young people. The agreement was signed between three American Educational Institutions in December at ACS Athens, paving the way towards innovative collaborations which will benefit the students, faculty and administrations of all three institutions.

Pinewood School Director Dr. Roxanne Giampapa said that Pinewood is heading in a direction of growth and improvement, noting “the beautifully complementary missions” of the three institutions.

“We share a commitment with ACS Athens and Pinewood School to personal attention and hands-on, real world learning” said Dr. Julie E. Wollman, President of Widener University. Dr. Stefanos Gialamas, President of ACS Athens, said that “ethos and kindness is at the center of our educational philosophy”, praising the educators of all three institutions for inspiring their students in such powerful ways.

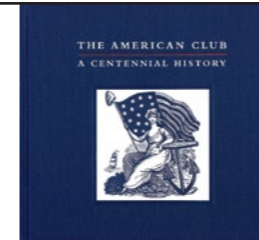
## The Best Water in the World?



The 26<sup>th</sup> Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting Competition in West Virginia, USA—one of the most prestigious and longest running water tasting competitions held throughout the world—declared Theoni Water USA *Best Tasting Bottled Water in the World 2016*. Theoni All Natural Artesian Water —The Greek AHB group, has been awarded Gold and 1st place for Superior Taste Awards throughout Europe for the past three years, beating several hundred bottled waters from around the globe. Theoni’s awards include the Goldener Preis 2016 out of Germany and the latest victory stemming from the United States. Theoni Natural Artesian Water—a 6 million Euro investment—was founded by the AHB Group in Karditsa, Greece—in 1996 by Vasilis Tselios and associates.

## DID YOU KNOW

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that in a recent study **52% of Americans believed doing their taxes was easier than figuring out how to eat healthy?**
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at least **1 in 4 people eat some type of fast food every day and that Americans spend 10% of their disposable income on fast food every year?**
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there are approximately **152,000 fast food restaurants and more than 3.7 million people are employed by the fast food industry in the US?**
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that according to the **U.S. Department of Agriculture the average American consumes over a ton of food every year?**
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only **3 in 10 Americans believe that all sources of calories play an equal role in weight gain?**
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over **10 billion donuts are consumed in the US every year?**
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**20% of all American meals are eaten in the car?**
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**Americans consume nearly 1/3 more packaged and processed foods than fresh ones?**
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about **1/3 of all the food produced (1.3 billion tons) for consumption goes to waste?**



## THE AMERICAN CLUB CELEBRATES ITS CENTENARY

The American P&I Club was founded in New York nearly a century ago. To celebrate its first 100 years, a book entitled *The American Club: A Centennial History* has just been published. The book tells the story of the Club across ten decades of maritime and marine insurance history both within the United States and around the world. The Club’s Chairman, Arnold Witte of Donjon Marine Co., Inc., said: “P&I clubs are one of the least known, yet significant, niches of the maritime world. The American Club: A Centennial History reveals the rich traditions of the clubs through the spy-glass of the only P&I club in the Americas. In Greece, The American Club is located in Piraeus and headed by Managing Director Dorothea Ioannou.” <http://www.american-club.com/>

## FUNDS FOR RESEARCH

A new development fund (Fund of Funds) is aimed at cultivating a new crop of entrepreneurs and the granting of funds for research ideas, supporting corporate research and new technology endeavors. The Fund will consist of three new independent funds to finance research. A step in basic research funding was already taken in the summer of 2016 with the establishment of the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (ELIDEK). ELIDEK will be allocated funds of 180 million Euros by the European Investment Bank, along with 60 million Euros provided by the Greek government for the period 2016-2019 with key beneficiaries academic and research institutions. This will raise research funding in Greece and ensure that research jobs can be created for young scientists and doctoral students.

## WISE GREECE— Support Greek Products, Support Those in Need



Social Entrepreneurship initiative Wise Greece aspires to raise awareness and support from responsive consumers around the world, so that they will embrace high quality Greek products, follow the healthy Mediterranean diet and support its cause—donating food to people in need. Wise Greece selects the best Greek products and places them in retail points around Greece and abroad. Olive oil, herbs, jams and sweets, vinegar, coffee, honey, organic chocolates, wines, tsipouro and ouzo, pasta, rusks and cosmetics are some of the products that buyers find in Greece, the UK, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Sweden and in New York. For every product sold with the Wise Greece sticker on it the producer pays back a percentage of the profit to Wise Greece to raise funds to buy food for people in need. <http://www.en.wisegreece.com/>

## Breakthrough— Greek Scientists Develop Artificial Neuron

Greek researchers working at the University of Athens optical communication photonic technology laboratory have developed an artificial “neuron” that simulates fundamental functions of the human brain. A paper on the new breakthrough made by the Greek team, led by Prof. Dimitris Syvridis with Dr. Charis Mesaritakis as main researcher, was published in *Nature*. Simulating the action of biological neurons is the Holy Grail of computing; the proposal developed by Mesaritakis and his team uses an integrated all-optical neuron based on an InAs/InGaAs semiconductor quantum-dot passively mode-locked laser. This brings science one step closer to creating a comprehensive neuromimetic system, capable of reproducing complex neural functions and acting as an innovative computing paradigm with various uses.

## OLIVE OIL COMPETITION—ATHENA



Held in Greece, the ATHENA International Olive Oil Competition, began by Vinetum, will be held in Pylos, Messinia, and sponsored by the Captain Vassilis and Carmen Konstantakopoulos Foundation. Following last year’s breakout success, with 256 entries from 10 countries awarded 118 medals by an international panel of 19 leading experts, in 2017 the event is sure to draw global interest and is designed to promote the sustainable production of high quality olive oil, in Greece, in the Mediterranean and around the world. <http://www.athenaoliveoil.gr/en/>