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## PRESIDENT OF YALE UNIVERSITY COMING TO GREECE



Athens (April 14 2008) – **Dr. Richard C. Levin**, President of Yale University, will visit Greece for the first time and will speak to public audiences in Athens and Thessaloniki as part of the “Great Ideas” series on May 6 and 7.

On the occasion of its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Fulbright Foundation in Greece spearheaded the “Great Ideas” series in December 2007, in support of educational and cultural connections between Greece and the United States. The major sponsor of the series is the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. The series is organized with the support of the U.S. Embassy in Athens and the U.S. Consulate in Thessaloniki. The lectures by Dr. Levin are under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs.

On **Tuesday May 6, at 19:00 at the Zappeion Hall**, Dr. Levin will speak on “**The Internationalization of the University.**” As never before, universities are seen both as instruments of national competition and forces for global stability. The modern university, as the source of scientific advance and skilled labour, is a principal driver of national advantage in the knowledge-based economy. Yet, at the same time, the forces of economic integration and interdependence are leading universities to forge research partnerships around the globe and to take more seriously their responsibility to educate students for global citizenship. Dr. Levin will illustrate these points with examples drawn from the U.S., Europe, and Asia.

On **Wednesday, May 7, at 18:30**, Dr. Levin will speak in Thessaloniki on the same topic. This event is co-organized with **Anatolia College** and will take place at the College’s Raphael Conference Hall.

During his visit to Greece, Dr. Levin will also address student audiences in Athens and Thessaloniki.

Dr. Richard C. Levin is the longest serving Ivy League president and is recognized as a leader in American higher education. Prior to assuming the presidency in 1993, he was

Dean of Yale's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. A distinguished economist, he has served as Chair of Yale's Economics Department and has been a member of Yale's faculty since 1974. The internationalization of Yale has been one of President Levin's priorities during his tenure.

The goal of the "Great Ideas" series is to bring noted American experts and artists to Greece to perform and discuss current topics of interest to the Greek and American people. The series was inaugurated by noted bioethicist Dr. Ruth Faden in December 2007, and followed by Glenn Lowry, Director of the Museum of Modern Art in New York (MoMA) in March 2008.

The Zappeion Exhibition Hall is located at the center of Athens. Anatolia College is located at Pylea, Thessaloniki.

For both events in Athens and Thessaloniki, **admission is free on a first come-first served basis**. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

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