

## UCY WELCOMES ANOTHER DONATION FROM THE SYLVIA IOANNOU FOUNDATION

**The gift creates endowment for the Sylvia Ioannou Chair in digital humanities to be established at Faculty of Letters**

The University of Cyprus (UCY) announces to have welcomed another donation from one of its greatest benefactors, the Sylvia Ioannou Foundation. The Foundation will fund a €1,740,000 endowment for a 20-year period to establish the *Sylvia Ioannou Chair in Digital Humanities* at the UCY Faculty of Letters, marking another milestone in the support of the Ioannou Family for the academic Institution. The Signing Ceremony of the Agreement was held at the University Campus on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017.

Digital Humanities combines methodologies from traditional humanities disciplines with tools provided by digital publishing and computing. While humanities scholars study all aspects of human society, including culture, language, and history, as well as thought and communication, digital humanities aims to further develop already common processes of gaining knowledge in digital work environments and media landscapes. With the establishment of the Chair, the UCY academic community is given the opportunity to explore exciting new areas of interdisciplinary convergence, using the digital humanities to widen the understanding of what the humanities are and why they matter.

“UCY community is extraordinarily grateful to the Sylvia Ioannou Foundation for the loyal support. We are grateful that the Foundation shares our vision for the transformative effect the digital humanities will have on UCY and higher education at large. UCY is certainly proud to be able to partner with the Foundation on numerous initiatives for decades now,” said the Rector, Prof. Constantinos Christofides. He took the opportunity to thank once again the Ioannou Family and all its benefactors for their generosity which not only allows intellectual curiosity to flourish at UCY, leading to breakthroughs that can benefit the Cypriot society, but also help UCY continue to move forward among both the nation’s and world’s leading universities.