



ΑΡΧΕΛΩΝ - Σύλλογος για την Προστασία της Θαλάσσιας Χελώνας
ARCHELON - Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece

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Subject: **Veterinarian students volunteer opportunities at the Sea Turtle Rescue Center**

To whom it may concern,

For thirty five years, ARCHELON the Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece, has been conducting conservation projects on the major nesting grounds of the loggerhead sea turtle *Caretta caretta* in Greece. The activities mainly involve sea turtle and nest protection, habitat management, rehabilitation, public awareness and environmental education.

A centerpiece of these operations is the Sea Turtle Rescue Centre, the first of its kind in the Mediterranean Sea, located in the coast of Athens Greece. The Centre holds more than 20 years of experience in rehabilitating injured sea turtles and conducting public awareness activities. Run by a small number of professional staff and supported by selected volunteers, it provides treatment to injured and sick sea turtles so that they can be safely re-introduced to the wild.

We are addressing a special call to **undergraduate and postgraduate vet students from around the world**, who happen to be interested in marine wildlife rehabilitation, to volunteer at the Sea Turtle Rescue Centre. The offer is a unique opportunity to gain practical experience, enhance one's knowledge and skills by treating two sea turtle species: *Caretta caretta* and *Chelonia mydas*.

At the Rescue Centre, volunteers receive training in taking care of injured and sick sea turtles. They also participate in medical procedures and releases of animals that may be scheduled during their stay. Further to this, volunteers have the advantage of working, living, and interacting daily with people from all over the world, as well as communicating with visitors and residents in the area.

The success of our work relies on the participation of skillful people who care about the animals. We would greatly appreciate it, if you would help us save the sea turtles of the Mediterranean by publishing the attached announcement in your newsletter, magazine or add it in your announcement board and/or website.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. For downloading our Volunteer Banner in printable form please visit
<http://www.archelon.gr/eng/guidevet.php?row=row2>

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