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Beginning of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 the Laboratory of Manuscripts' Digital Research and Study Laboratory has inaugurated its first research and academic collaborations with the following organizations: 1) *Early Manuscripts Electronic Library*: "The Early Manuscripts Electronic Library (EMEL) uses digital technologies to make manuscripts and other historical source materials accessible for study and appreciation by scholars and the public. EMEL and its affiliated experts offer creative solutions to digitally recover and record vulnerable cultural heritage." 2) *University of California Los Angeles/Division of Humanities (UCLA)* 3) *Rochester Institute of Technology/The Chester Carlson Center for Imaging Science*: "The Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science is dedicated to pushing the frontiers of imaging in all its forms and uses. Through education in imaging science, they produce the next generation of educators and researchers who develop and deploy imaging systems that answer fundamental scientific questions." 4) *Arethas Institute. The Mediterranean Research Institute for Paleography, Bibliology and History of Texts. Mediterranean Institute of Paleographic Research, Bibliology and Text History.* 5) *Hellenic Heritage Imaging Center*: "The Hellenic Heritage Imaging Center (HHIC) is a framework for collaborative research on the application of technologies, especially digital imaging technologies, to the written and material heritage of Greece and other Mediterranean peoples and cultures. The collaborating institutions see to identify, define, and develop new collaborative research projects to: a) capture, recover, document, analyze, interpret, preserve, and make broadly discoverable and accessible cultural heritage materials of Greece and other Mediterranean peoples and cultures, b) develop and implement innovative technological solutions to questions or problems in cultural heritage studies and preservation."

On Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 after a long process of discussions, Professor George Filias Director of MDRSL, Mr. Michael Phelps Executive Director of EMEL, Professor David Schaberg Dean of the Division of Humanities UCLA, Dr. Agamemnon Tselikas Director of Arethas Institute, as well as, Dr. Ryne Raffaele Vice President and Associate Provost of the The Chester Carlson Center for Imaging Science at Rochester Institute of Technology have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of a framework for collaborative research, under the title: *The Hellenic Heritage Imaging Center*.

Professor George Filias, Director

As. Professor Athanasios Antonopoulos, Laboratory's Coordinator. Director of Research Programs