

The INA Endowment

Every year INA must raise money for its projects, for the ongoing and absolutely essential costs of maintaining a conservation laboratory and research center, and for the support of scholars who research, write and share what they have found and what they have learned with as wide and diverse an audience as possible.

The INA Endowment was created to provide a stable and sustainable financial position for the organization, and to maintain INA as a world leader in nautical archaeology. Managed by the INA Foundation, the endowment supports INA's activities around the world. The Foundation wisely invests the funds and provides INA with an annual 5% (five percent) distribution. INA's goal is to build its nearly \$5 million endowment to \$30 million in the next five years, which would provide \$1.5 million each year to enable INA and its team of researchers to fulfill our mission of seeking out the world's most significant shipwrecks and nautical sites, many of them at risk of loss from salvage, trawling and looting, and conducting state of the art scientific work aimed at preserving and sharing their unique stories.

Your Donation/Your Involvement/Your Support

Your donation to the INA Endowment will be targeted for support of the critical mission of the Institute, a mission which is outlined below. Donors providing substantial levels of support to the INA Endowment will be provided with options and opportunities for recognition. These opportunities include specifically designated bequests and funds which can be named for donors.

Expeditions

Through the endowment, INA provides annual grants to support qualified researchers and scientists around the world to discover and excavate significant shipwrecks and underwater sites. Careful review and selection of these projects, with an emphasis on those where important knowledge is in danger of being lost forever, and where we have an opportunity to fill in the gaps of history, ensures that these funds are wisely spent.

Preservation

The endowment supports the Institute's Bodrum Center and its role as the Eastern Mediterranean center for conservation, analysis, research, publication, and ongoing surveys of the highly significant waters surrounding Turkey to locate new shipwrecks in this crossroads of the ancient world.

Sharing Knowledge

A goal of an expanded endowment is annual grants to support the "behind the scenes" work to research, write, edit and prepare the results of years of dedicated work beneath the seas and in the laboratories, and ultimately to share this knowledge with the public and new generations of students and scholars, through distribution in print, film & multimedia and online projects.

Emerging Scholars

Another goal of an expanded endowment is annual grants to support emerging scholars, from High School students through Ph.D. candidates, who have an interest in learning more and gaining experience in nautical archaeology. It will fund student involvement in field schools, internships at the Bodrum Center and at the world's leading museums which specialize in nautical archaeological research, as well as their participation at significant conferences, seminars and meetings to interact with, and learn from, other scholars. The fund will also support



research not specifically linked to a particular excavation project, allowing students to study types of sites, artifacts, issues and themes of importance to the field of nautical archaeology.

You Can Make a Difference

This is your opportunity to join in the rescue of the remains of our increasingly endangered past waiting to be discovered beneath the oceans, rivers and lakes of the earth. Help INA locate the most important, and historically significant of these endangered sites. Help us excavate them to the highest scientific and ethical standards to extract all of the meaningful and valuable information before it is lost forever. Help us preserve what we find so that it is available for future generations to learn from and to be inspired by.

With your help, new pages will be written in our history books and our understanding of our shared human history will be deepened and shared with the world.

Our President, James (Jim) Delgado, as well as any members of INA's Board of Directors, would welcome the opportunity to discuss your interest in supporting INA through these endowment funds. Call (979) 845-6694 or email info@inadiscover.com