Honouring Navarino SA

On June 30, 2022, in our main laboratory, we organised a small NKUA Seed Bank team gathering (Photo 1) in honour of <u>Navarino SA</u> and its CSR Manager Mr Tassos Barbas. Right from the beginning of our Kew Project, Navarino SA has been a pivotal sponsor and with the resources offered to RBG Kew, we were capable of buying a Seed Cleaner (Agriculex Inc. Canada, CB-1 Small Column Cleaner – Acrylic Trash Catcher), a very useful instrument for our daily lab work with seeds (Photo 1, centre). In addition, Mr Barbas secured additional funds to equip our main lab room with a new, modern air conditioning unit (Photo 2, top) and a powerful PC that is now connected to our stereomicroscope (Photo 3). Last but not least, the CSR Dept. of Navarino SA prepared numerous sets of printed and framed plant photos (from 10 different rare or endemic plants of the Greek flora, photographed by our team member, PhD Candidate Spyros Oikonomidis) to be offered by them as corporate gifts (Photo 4).

On behalf of NKUA Seed Bank and as a small token of gratitude to Navarino SA and its CSR Manager Mr Tassos Barbas for their continued, substantial support to our project, Prof. Emer. Costas Thanos offered Mr Barbas (Photo 2, left and right respectively) the symbolic gift of one leaf from Plato's olive tree (Photo 5).









