
Speakers

Elias Spirtounias
Executive Director
American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Elias Spirtounias after graduating from the School of Mathematics of the University of Athens, Elias Spirtounias completed his graduate studies at the School of Electrical Engineering (M.Sc. degree and pre-Ph.D. studies) at Boston University. During his residence in the United States, he participated as a Research Engineer in several research programs in co-operation with other organizations and companies such as NASA, MIT, UNH in the fields of analog and digital electronics, circuits design and applications. He returned to Greece in 1992 and after completing his military service in 1994, he held the position of Technical Director for the subsidiary of the Italian company Citec SpA., a company specialized in the design, production and application of voice and image processing systems. From 1997 until February 2009, he worked for the Foundation of the Hellenic World, a major Greek private non-profit cultural organization, starting as a Construction Supervisor and continuing as a Managing Director of the brand new then Cultural Centre 'Hellenic Cosmos' an innovative, based on new technologies, theme park. During his tenure, he contributed significantly to the expansion, development and operation of the Centre and its establishment as one of the most known technology-driven cultural them park in Greece and abroad. From March 2009, Elias Spirtounias holds the position of Executive Director of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. Along with his colleagues and in cooperation with the Board have managed, in the midst of the economic crisis, to increase significantly the number of activities, undertake important initiatives, retain in high level the memberships, foster the advocacy level, expand further the presence of the Chamber in US and contribute to the evolution of the Chamber into one of the leading dynamic and reliable business organization in Greece.

Nikolaos Bakatselos
President
American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Nikolaos Bakatselos is the President & CEO of "Pyramis Metallourgia A.E." and "Pyramis Deutschland GmbH". Mr. Nikolaos Bakatselos was Member of the Board of Directors, and Deputy Managing Director, of "Northern Greece Publishing S.A.". He has held the position of Managing Director of "Imperium AEEEX", and Member of the Board of Directors of "Egnatia Bank Securities S.A.". He was a Member of the Board of Directors of Attica Bank from February 2014 until June 2016. Mr. Bakatselos was a Member of the Steering Committee of the "International Hellenic University" from 2006 until January 2014 and Member of the Board and President of the Northern Greece Committee of EEDE. He is Member of the Committee Support CERTH, Trustee of Anatolia College, Member of the Board and Member of the Steering Committee of SVE and Honorary Consul of Belgium for Northern Greece. After being a Member of the Board of Directors of the American – Hellenic Chamber of Commerce for several years, in June 2010 he was elected Vice President of AMCHAM and President of the Northern Greece Committee and since June 2019 he is the President of AMCHAM. In October 2019 he was elected as President of HEDNO by the General Assembly of HEDNO. Mr. Nikolaos Bakatselos holds a B.A. in Sociology from University of Reading and a MSc in Shipping, Trade and Finance from City University Business School.

Makis Papataxiarchis
President, Pharmaceutical Companies Committee
American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Makis Papataxiarchis has 25 years of experience in the Pharmaceutical sector and a 19-year-old career at Johnson & Johnson. Since joining the company in 2000, he has held several senior roles such as Business Unit Director and Marketing & Sales Director. In 2010 he moved to Romania as Janssen and Johnson & Johnson Managing Director. During his tenure in Romania was President of the National Association of Pharmaceutical Companies (ARPIM). In 2013 he moved to the USA where he was appointed as National Director, Systems of Care, at Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. For the years 2015-2019, Makis Papataxiarchis returned to his homeland as Managing Director of Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson for Greece, Cyprus and Malta. He was also elected President of PhRMA Innovation Forum (PIF) 2017-2020 and he currently serves as Chairman of American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) Pharma Committee. He holds a Pharmacy degree, and he has been certified for Postgraduate Studies n Pharmaceuticals, Health Policy as well as in Marketing Management.

Theodore Liakopoulos
President, Medical Devices & Diagnostics Committee
American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Theodore Liakopoulos holds the position of Managing Director in Johnson & Johnson Hellas Medical as of 2008. He started his career in 1991 as Sales representative in Johnson & Johnson and progressed within the organization in different Business Units and positions up to the level of Division Director. In 1997 he moved to Bausch & Lomb as Regional Director for Greece, Cyprus and Balkan region and in 2003 in Danone Waters as Managing Director for Greece, Israel and Balkans. In 2004, he returned back to Johnson & Johnson as Division Director in the Cardiovascular Unit, then as Managing Director of DePuy Orthopaedics Unit and as of 2008 he holds the position of Managing Director of J&J in Greece. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering and Engineering Management and a MSc in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri, USA. He is a member of the Board of Directors in ACEO (Association of Chief Executive Officers), member of the Board of Directors in

IPE (Greek Sales Institute) and President of the Medical Devices & Diagnostic Companies Committee of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce.

John Kyriopoulos
Professor Emeritus of Health Economics, Department of Health Economics
National School of Public Health
President, Institute for Health Economics

John Kyriopoulos is Professor Emeritus of Health Economics. He has served long terms as both Dean, and Director of the Postgraduate Program in Health Services Administration at the National School of Public Health (NSPH). He has also worked as Advisor to the Greek Government, Temporary Advisor to the European Commission and to the World Health Organization. As an expert advisor he has developed extensive scientific activity in the Balkan Peninsula and the Black Sea region. He has received many awards from international organizations and universities. His research interests focus on the Economics of Health, Health Policy, and Social Policy and Insurance. His work has been widely presented in national and international conferences, and has published extensively in scientific and scholarly publications in the field of health economics and health policy. Professor Kyriopoulos is member of many international health organizations, including the European Health Care Management Association (EHMA), the Association of Schools of Public Health in European Region (ASPHER) and the International Association of Health Economics. He has been President of Federation for International Cooperation of Health Services and Systems Research Centers (FICOSSER), Founder & Honorary President of the Hellenic Society for Health Services Administration, the Hellenic Association of Pharmacoeconomics and the Hellenic Society of Health Economics & Policy.

Stella Kyriakides
Commissioner, Health and Food Safety
European Commission

Stella Kyriakides became the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety on 1st December 2019. In the area of health, she is leading the Commission's work on Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, to help improve cancer prevention and care and is in charge of developing a new Pharmaceutical Strategy to ensure that Europe has enough affordable medicines to meet its needs. Her responsibilities also include supporting Member States in improving the quality and sustainability of health systems, creating a European Health Data Space to promote health-data exchange and support research. She is also in charge of ensuring full implementation of the European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance and working towards a global agreement on antimicrobials. On food safety, Commissioner Kyriakides is leading the new 'Farm to Fork' strategy for sustainable food, covering every step in the food chain from production to consumption. Her responsibilities also include ensuring enforcement of animal welfare laws and promoting European standards globally as well as ensuring enforcement of EU laws on food safety and animal and plant health and leading the work to protect plant health, reduce dependency on pesticides and support low-risk and non-chemical alternatives. During the COVID-19 crisis, she has been leading the Commission's work to coordinate the EU's health response and support Member States to tackle the outbreak. This includes working to ensure that essential goods and services can flow freely across borders, essential medicines and medical devices are available at affordable prices, and leading the EU's efforts to secure access to safe and effective therapeutics and vaccines. Previously, Ms. Stella Kyriakides worked as a clinical psychologist in the Mental Health Services of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Cyprus in the area of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, from 1979-2006. In 2006, she was elected to the Cyprus Parliament and was re-elected in 2011 and 2016 for the Democratic Rally party, of which she was the Vice-President. In 2012, she was appointed Head of the Cyprus Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). In 2017 she was elected President of the PACE, thus becoming the 30th President of the Assembly. She founded the First Breast Cancer advocacy organisation in Cyprus, Europa Donna - Cyprus where she served as President from 2000-2015. She was also President of the European Breast Cancer Coalition Europa Donna. She received many awards in recognition of her relentless efforts and work in support of women's rights, children and patients' rights and had numerous publications, research contributions/articles on children related matters and cancer in Cyprus and other European countries.

Geoffrey Pyatt
U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic

Geoffrey R. Pyatt, a career member of the Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, was sworn in as the U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic in September 2016. He served as U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine from 2013-2016, receiving the State Department's Robert Frasure Memorial Award in recognition of his commitment to peace and alleviation of human suffering in eastern Ukraine. Previously, Ambassador Pyatt was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs from 2010-2013. He was Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Mission to the International Organizations in Vienna, Austria from 2007 to 2010. He also served at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India as Deputy Chief of Mission from 2006 to 2007 and as Political Counselor from 2002 to 2006. Ambassador Pyatt served as Economic Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong from 1999 to 2002 and as Principal Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Lahore, Pakistan from 1997 to 1999. Since joining the Foreign Service in 1989, he has also served on the National Security Council staff, on the staff of Deputy Secretary Strobe Talbott and at posts in Honduras and India. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he worked with The Inter-American Dialogue, a Washington-based think tank that brings together leading citizens of the Americas. Ambassador Pyatt grew up in La Jolla, California and holds a Master's degree in International Relations from Yale and B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Irvine.

Vasilis Kikilias
Minister of Health

Vasilis Kikilias is Minister of Health from 2019. He was head of National Defense Sector (2017-2019) and spokesman of Nea Demokratia (2016-2017). From 2012 he is MP in the 1st Constituency of Athens for Nea Demokratia, and from 2007 member of Political Planning Committee of Nea Demokratia. He was Special Coordinator of Immigration Policy of Nea Demokratia (2016), Minister of Public Order & Citizen Protection (2014-2015), Deputy Program Secretary of Nea Demokratia (2011-2012), Head of the opposition party of Attica Region (2010-2012), Head of Sports Secretariat of Nea Demokratia (2010), Nea Dimokratia's MP candidate in the National Elections for 1st Constituency of Athens (2009), President of Athens Youth and Sports Organization (2007-2010) and Elected Counselor of the Municipality of Athens (2007-2010). Regarding his parliamentary activities he is member of Standing Committee on National Defense and Foreign Affairs and member of Committee on Armament Programs and Contracts from 2017. He was member of Standing Committee on Public Administration, Public Order and Justice (2012-2017) and member of Standing Committee on Social Affairs (2012-2014). He was also member of Special Permanent Committee on Equality, Youth and Human Rights and member of Subcommittee on People with Disabilities from 2012 to 2014. He is an Orthopaedic Surgeon of "Lefkos Stavros" and "Metropolitan" Hospitals from 2012. He was a professional player of A.E.K. Basketball Team (1999-2003) and of Panionios Basketball Team (1991-1999). He specialized in Orthopedic Surgery at the 251 Air Force General Hospital (2006-2012). He holds a PhD in Medicine (Magna Cum Laude) from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of Medicine (2008-2011), an MSc in Health Care Services Management from the National School of Public Health (2007-2008) and a Degree in Medicine from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of Medicine (1996-2002). He graduated from Lycee Leonin (Athens, Greece) (1986-1992) and he is fluent in English and French. He has published a book entitled "E.E.Z (Exclusive Economic Zone): From a strategic move to an economical solution", authors: Kassinis S., Kariotis T. and Lygeros N. (Kastaniotis Editions) (2012). He has organized a Conference on E.E.Z as a national strategic, economical and developmental solution (2011). He was member of the Greek National Basketball Team (1990-2004), champion in Professional Basketball Division A1, Greece (2002) and champion in "Saporta" European Basketball Cup, Lausanne, Switzerland (2000).

Rifat Atun
Professor of Global Health Systems
Harvard University

Dr. Atun is Professor of Global Health Systems at Harvard University and the Faculty Chair of the Harvard Ministerial Leadership Program. In 2008-12 he served as a member of the Executive Management Team of the Global Fund as Director of Strategy, Performance and Evaluation where he chaired the panel that oversaw annual investments of ~US\$4 billion each year. In 2006-2013 he was a Professor of International Health Management at Imperial College London, where he led the Centre for Health Management and was involved as founder, adviser and investor in several biotech and health technology companies. He is a visiting professor at University of Kyoto, Japan. Professor Atun's research focuses on health system transformation, and innovation. He has published more than 350 papers in leading journals. Prof Atun has advised more than 30 governments on health policy, strategy and health system reform, and has consulted for the World Bank, WHO and leading organizations such as Medtronic, Novartis, Hoffman-La Roche, and Merck & Co. Professor Atun was a member of the U.S. National Academy of Medicine Committee on Health Systems. He served on the Advisory Boards of WHO Research Centre for Health Development in Japan and the Norwegian Research Council's Programme for Global Health Research. He Chaired the STOP TB Partnership Coordinating Board in 2009-2011 and was as a member of the UK Medical Research Council's Global Health Group. He is a member of the Longitude Prize Committee – the largest science prize in the world. Professor Atun studied medicine at University of London as a Commonwealth Scholar and subsequently completed his postgraduate training in family medicine and public health. He obtained a Master's in Business Administration at University of London and Imperial College London. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, the Faculty of Public Health, and the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Christos Lionis, Professor of General Practice and Primary Health Care, Medical Faculty, University of Crete
Institute of Medicine and Health, Medical Faculty, University of Linkoping, Sweden

Lionis Christos, MD, PhD, FRCGP(Hon), FWONCA, FESC is a Professor of General Practice and Primary Health Care at the School of Medicine, University of Crete and Head of the Clinic of Social and Family Medicine (CSFM) at the School of Medicine, University of Crete. Christos is also appointed as a Visiting Professor of General Practice at the School of Medicine and Health, University of Linkoping, Sweden. Christos is the Director of the master's in public health, Health Care Services and Primary Health Care. He is involved in the development of Primary Health Care and General Practice in Greece, while his academic unit has a strong involvement in European and international funded research projects. Christos is involved in an editorial and advisory capacity with a number of international journals, while he is also a member of the Executive Boards of various professional organizations. He has published 376 papers in international journals (cited in PubMed). Christos was awarded an Honorary Fellowship from the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) London, 2009. He was also awarded from the World Association of General Practitioners/Family Physicians (WONCA) in 2016 and from the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) in 2017. Christos is Vice President of the Working Party on Mental Health, an active network of the World Association of Family Physicians (WONCA). Christos was appointed in 2019 as a Member of the European Commission Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health (https://ec.europa.eu/health/expert_panel/).

Nathalie Moll
Director General
European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA), Brussels

Nathalie Moll joined the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) as Director General in April 2017. EFPIA represents the pharmaceutical industry operating in Europe. Together with its direct membership 40 leading pharmaceutical companies, 33 national associations representing over 1,900 companies and in collaboration with health and research players, EFPIA's mission is to create an environment that enables our members to innovate, discover, develop and deliver new therapies and vaccines for people across Europe, as well as contribute to the European economy. Prior to joining EFPIA, between 2010 and 2017 Nathalie was the Secretary General of EuropaBio ranked as the most effective European Trade Association in Brussels in 2013. She spent over 20 years working for the biotech industry at EU and national level in associations and corporate positions and held the position of Chair and Vice Chair of the International Council of Biotech Associations (ICBA). In 2013, Nathalie won the Technovisionaries Women Innovation Award organised by Women & Technologies® while in 2009, Nathalie and the Green Biotech Team of EuropaBio were presented with the Leadership and Excellence in Advancing Ag-Biotech and Food Issues Award. Nathalie was also named one of the 15 leading women in biotech in Europe in 2017. Nathalie holds an Honours Degree in Biochemistry and Biotechnology from St Andrews University, Scotland.

George Pavlakis
Chief, Human Retrovirus Section, Vaccine Branch
Center for Cancer Research National Cancer Institute, USA

Dr. George Pavlakis received his M.D. from the University of Athens, Greece, and his Ph.D. from Syracuse University, New York. He moved to the National Cancer Institute in 1980 and is currently Chief of the Human Retrovirus Section. He has directed both basic research and clinical development projects based on his pioneering research achievements. Dr. Pavlakis has extensive research and development experience in molecular biology, virology, and immunology. He is credited with the first production of mature human hormones in mammalian cells by recombinant DNA technologies. This methodology is still in commercial production (human Growth Hormone). He continues this work by the development of new production methods and clinical application of heterodimeric IL-15 (hetIL-15), a cytokine presently in clinical trials for cancer immunotherapy. Dr. Pavlakis co-developed codon/RNA optimization methods that have found wide applications in biotechnology, gene therapy protocols and DNA vaccines. He developed DNA vaccines for HIV and showed they provide strong and long-lasting immunity. He developed strong fluorescent GFP mutants that are in wide use in biology. He studied the molecular biology, genetic organization and expression strategy of HIV and discovered important functions of its regulatory factors Tat and Rev. He described the first transcriptional activator on oncoretroviruses, the Tax protein of HTLV-I and the first posttranscriptional regulatory factor controlling mRNA export from the nucleus, the Rev protein of HIV-1. His studies have provided new insights on the biology of several viruses; and have aided the development of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. His work has also led to the development of innovative biotechnology drugs and gene therapy procedures. Dr. Pavlakis is member of several professional societies, including the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the American Association of Physicians. He is a highly cited researcher, has authored more than 250 publications and is inventor of more than 70 US and International patents licensed to more than 30 pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, including Novartis, Wyeth, Merck, Pfizer, Sigma. Due to his patented technologies and innovations, he has been elected Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. Introduction of Dr. George N. Pavlakis

- MD, University of Athens Medical School, 1976
- PhD, Syracuse University 1980
- Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors
- Member, American Society for Clinical Investigation and American Association of Physicians
- Chief, Human Retrovirus Section, National Cancer Institute

The views expressed by Dr. Pavlakis are strictly his own and do not reflect official policies of DHHS

Marios Themistocleous
Secretary General for Primary Healthcare
Ministry of Health

Marios Themistocleous is the General Secretary of Primary Health Care in Ministry of Health. He graduated from the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, holds a Doctor of Philosophy of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Medical School and a Master of Science in Health Management and Health Economics. He served as a Consultant Neurosurgeon in the Neurosurgery Department of "Agia Sofia" Children's Hospital of Athens. He has been the President of the National Central Health Procurement Authority, member of the Coordinating and Management Committee of the Government policy for COVID-19 pandemic, Coordinator of the Special Advisory Committee of the Health Initiative Stavros Niarchos Foundation on behalf of the Presidency of the Government. He was also President of the Chief Committee of Health Sector Insurance Fund (TSAY) and Vice President on the Board of Directors of ETAA (Unified Fund of the Self Employed).

Panagiotis Liargovas
Chairman of the Board and Scientific Director
Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE)

Panagiotis Liargovas received his BA degree from the University of Athens and his MA and Ph.D degrees in Economics from Clark University, Worcester MA. He has been a Fulbright Scholar, a Bakalas Foundation Scholar, a Teaching Assistant Scholar (Clark University) and a European Commission trainee (Brussels). He has taught in many Universities including Clark University, Bologna University, and the Universities of: Athens, Patras and Crete. He has been teaching at the Hellenic Open University for more than 19 years. He has served as economic advisor to the Greek Ministry of Finance, the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Municipality of Athens in many occasions. For the period 2013-18 he was the Head of the Parliamentary Budget Office at the Hellenic Parliament. He is currently Chairman of the Board and Scientific Director of the Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE) and of the National Productivity Board. He is also Professor at the Department of Economics, University of Peloponnese. Professor Liargovas specializes on International and European Economics, Monetary Economics, Regional Economics and Economic Development and Policy. His research agenda is highly interdisciplinary, combining economics, international trade and finance, strategy, social issues and management and focuses mainly on two regions: European Union and Southeast Europe (including Greece). His specialization on these issues and regions is manifested in several peer-reviewed publications (books, articles, research reports and conference papers) but also in extensive and continuous teaching. He has made more than 100 publications in academic journals and has published more than 20 books. His latest book (Tziolas publishers, in Greek) was published in 2018 and was entitled "The European Phenomenon: History, Institutions and Policies".

Yannis Tountas
Professor of Social and Preventive Medicine
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Yannis Tountas is a Professor of Social & Preventive Medicine in the Medical School- University of Athens. He has studied Biology (Bachelor) and Public Health (Master) in Harvard University, as well as Medicine in University of Athens. He is Director of the Center for Health Services Research, Department of Hygiene, Epidemiology & Statistical Medicine, Medical School, University of Athens and Director of the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM). He is also President of the Hellenic Society for Health Promotion and Education, Chairman of the Scientific Committees of the National Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services and of the Hellenic Healthy Cities Network. He is publisher of the journal «New Health» and author of ten books and more than 200 publications in scientific journals. He has served as Chair of the Governance Board of the International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services, National Representative in the OECD Health Committee, President of First Regional Health Care and Welfare System of the major Athens Area, and President of the National Organisation for Medicines (EOF).

Achilleas Gravanis, Professor of Pharmacology, Medical School, University of Crete
Researcher, IMBB-FORTH

Achilleas Gravanis, Professor of Pharmacology Medical School University of Crete. Researcher Institute of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology FORTH, Affiliated Research Professor Center of Drug Discovery Northeastern University Boston. He served as Member and Chairman of many research committees of the European Union including the Programme Committee for Life Sciences Research FP5 and FP6, Member of the Fellowships Committee Federation European Biochemical Societies (FEBS). Chairman of Life Sciences Committee National Council of Research & Technology, member of the Board Hellenic Agency of Higher Education Evaluation, member of the Executive Board Hellenic Foundation of Research & Innovation. Co-founder of biotechnology spinoff Bionature Ltd, Affiliated Principal Investigator of the WYSS Institute-Harvard University spin-off, Emulate. He has published more than 145 papers in PubMed (h-Index:47). His research group is developing synthetic compounds, agonists of neurotrophin receptors, with neuroprotective and neurogenic properties and potential applications in therapeutics of neurodegenerative diseases. Additionally, his group is focusing on 3D microsc scaffold and neural stem cell technologies to develop neuroimplants for spinal cord injury and neurobiosensors for drug screening (brain on-a-chip devices).

Pascal Apostolides
Member, Pharmaceutical Companies Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
Managing Director, AbbVie Pharmaceuticals

Pascal Apostolides was born in 1955 in Thessaloniki, Pascal holds a BSc degree in Chemistry, a BA in Economic Geography and a post graduate degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from the University of Manitoba in Canada, while he concluded his studies by receiving a MSc in Environmental Chemistry from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. His professional career began in September 1986 in the diagnostics department of Abbott in Thessaloniki and after a short period in Athens he worked for 7 years in the German affiliate and 4 years at the Abbott Park in Chicago. In 2001 he returned to Greece as Managing Director of Abbott Laboratories Hellas and from January 2013 Pascal holds the position of the Managing Director of AbbVie, a new, independent, global biopharmaceutical company which retains in its portfolio innovative medicines for serious and chronic diseases, following Abbott's separation in two individual companies. From 2015 to 2018 he was President of the Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Companies (SfEE) in which he currently holds the position of General Secretary, while he is Member of the Board of Directors of the Pharma Innovation Forum (PIF), Member of the Board of Directors of Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) and member of the Executive Board of Trustees of the American Community Schools of Athens (ACS).

Yannis Palaiologos
EU Correspondent
Kathimerini & SKAI TV

Yannis Palaiologos (b. 1979) is EU correspondent for “Kathimerini” and SKAI TV & Radio, and the author of “The Thirteenth Labour of Hercules” (a book on the Greek crisis, first published in September 2014 by Portobello Books in London). He has written op-eds for The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The Financial Times and the websites of Time magazine, Politico Europe, The New Republic and The American Prospect. Between 2009-2012, he was the editor-in-chief of Free Sunday newspaper and between 2006-9 he was the special supplements editor of City Press newspaper. He is a 2015-6 Marshall Memorial fellow for Greece, and the recipient of the Greek Citi journalistic excellence award (in 2012, the first time the competition was held in Greece). He has commented on Greek issues on the BBC, CNN, NPR, Al-Jazeera and other international outlets. Outside journalism, he co-authored a play, “Mama Ellada2”, which ran from 2009-2010 in Athens. It was a satire about Greek corruption and the alienation of youth, which attracted strong reviews and widespread international attention, including from the BBC, The Economist, a number of German media, and many others. He was educated at Athens College and Oxford University, where he received a BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (first class honours) and a B.Phil (postgraduate degree) in Philosophy.

Ioannis Kotsiopoulos
Secretary General for Health Services
Ministry of Health

Ioannis Kotsiopoulos was born in Athens in 1975. He studied Mathematics at the Kapodistrian University of Athens and holds a Master's Degree (MSc) in Decision Making Technologies from the University of Manchester and a PhD in Informatics from the same university. Since 2015 he has worked in the United Kingdom in positions of responsibility in the NHS, such as that of Chief Information Officer, and is a member of the NHS Digital Academy. In the past he has served as Deputy Commander at Konstantopoulio General Hospital of Nea Ionia (2011-2014), member of the Supervisory Board of the Hellenic Center for Documentation & Costing of Hospital Services (DRGs) and has taught at the TEI of Athens. He has worked in the UK on research and technology projects and has published a large number of research papers and articles in international conferences. His research interests are about the information systems and the digital transformation of the health services but also in the issues of quality assurance in health.

Kostas Athanasakis
Director General
Institute for Health Economics

Dr. Kostas Athanasakis, a health economist by training, is a Researcher at the University of West Attica, a Visiting Assistant Professor in Health Economics/Public Health Policy at the European University of Cyprus and a Visiting Lecturer in Health Economics at the Medical School of the University of Nicosia. Kostas focuses his research and teaching efforts in the fields of Economic Evaluation of Pharmaceuticals, Health Technology Assessment and Pharmaceutical Policy, having published over 200 papers and abstracts, as well as 12 books, during the last years. Kostas is currently the Director General of the Institute for Health Economics (based in Athens, Greece), and has, also, served twice as Chairman of the Research Review Committee of the Annual European Congress of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR).

Evangelos Georgiou, Professor Emeritus, Nuclear Medicine Physician, Head, Medical Physics Laboratory (MPL)
Head, Medical Simulation Centre (MPLSC), Medical
School, University of Athens

Evangelos Georgiou was born in 1950, Athens, Greece. He graduated from Varvakeios High School in 1967. He studied in Athens University School of Medicine (1967-1973) and received his Ph.D. cum laude from the same School in 1981. He is the founder and Director of the Medical Simulation Center (MPLSC), an ACS accredited Center (the 4th in Europe). MPLSC's activities can be found at <http://mplsc.med.uoa.gr>. MPLSC collaborates with CESEI (Vancouver), Karolinska Medical School (Stockholm), Imperial College (London) and King Fahad Medical City (Riyadh). He serves as President of the International Committee of the ACS-AEI and he is a certified reviewer on behalf of ACS. He is an expert assisting in the creation, development and certification of various medical simulation centers worldwide. His research interests include ionizing and non-ionizing radiation, biological effects of radiation, Nuclear Medicine, Computer applications in Medicine, Telemedicine, e-learning curricula development, Medical Simulation, OSCE etc. He has published 154 articles in international peer reviewed journals, and he has received seven scientific awards. He has been a Visiting Professor at Yale University Medical School, USA. He is an EU independent expert on Radiation Protection issues of the WHO on issues regarding health protection from electromagnetic radiation (EMF project). He is fluent in English and French.

Emilios Negkis
Medical Journalist
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Emilios Negkis is medical editor and director of the monthly Pharma & Health Business magazine (www.phb.com.gr) and the news portal www.virus.com.gr. He is a graduate of the School of Mathematics of the University of Ioannina and of the School of "Professional Journalism Laboratory". Previously he worked as a medical editor, among others, in the newspapers EPENDYTIS and "EXOUSIA" and at the radio station "Planet". He has also worked in the monthly magazine "Manager", published by the Hellenic Management Company, in the Monthly Journal "Scanner" and as Editor-in-Chief of the monthly magazine "Health Policy". Finally, he was presenting a TV show on the SBC and Channel 9 TV channels.

Andreas Xanthos
f. Minister of Health
Member of the Hellenic Parliament for SYRIZA

Andreas Xanthos graduated from the Medical School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, he specialises in microbiology and has worked as a national health service doctor at the health centres in Perama and in Rethymno. He was, for several years, chairman of the doctors' union in Rethymno and also a member of the General Council of the Federation of Greek Hospital Doctors (OENGE) and the General Assembly of the Panhellenic Medical Association (PIS). Andreas Xanthos is a member of the Central Committee of SYRIZA. He was first elected as a Member of the Hellenic Parliament for Rethymno, Crete, in the May 2012 legislative election and was subsequently reelected in June 2012, January 2015 and September 2015. From 2015 to 2019 he served as the Minister of Health in the Second Tsipras Cabinet. He previously served as an Alternate Minister of Health in the First Tsipras Cabinet. He is now SYRIZA MP for Rethymno Crete and Shadow Minister for Health.

Andreas Loverdos
f. Minister of Health
Member of Parliament
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Andreas Loverdos is Parliamentary Candidate for the northern sector of the second Athens constituency, Member of the Hellenic Parliament 2000-2019, Parliamentary Spokesman KINIMA ALLAGIS-PASOK 2015-2019, Member of the National Council for Foreign Policy and Vice President of the Committee on Defense and Security of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He was born in Patras, Greece. He graduated from the law school of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in 1978. From 1978 until 1980, he fulfilled his obligatory military service in the Hellenic Air Force. In 1982, he completed postgraduate studies in European law at the Université libre de Bruxelles. During his studies, he served as vice-president of the Thessaloniki law students' union as well as president of the Greek students' association of Belgium. In 1986, Andreas Loverdos completed his PhD at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki with the thesis Terrorism and Political Crime: Study from the Perspective of Law. In 1991, he undertook research at the London School of Economics on the function of government and in 1996 he researched the function of democratic constitutions at Boston University. He was a Lecturer in 1986, an Assistant Professor in 1992 and an Associate Professor in Public Law, Panteion University of Athens in 1997. He is an author of numerous articles in legal research journals. He was a leading cadre of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement and he was first elected to the Hellenic Parliament in the 2000 legislative election. From 23 January 2002 until 10 March 2004 he served as Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs. In October 2009, he was appointed Minister for Labour and Social Security. In September 2010, he was appointed Minister for Health and Social Solidarity. He held this post until 17 May 2012, when the coalition government of Lucas Papademos was replaced by the caretaker government of Panagiotis Pikrammenos. On December 3 2012, he announced the launch of a new political movement, the Radical Movement of Social Democratic Alliance (RIKSSY), and was subsequently expelled from the PASOK parliamentary group. A new political party, the Agreement for the New Greece, was formed by Loverdos and other members of RIKSSY on 15 April 2013. Andreas Loverdos returned to the government as Minister for Education and Religious Affairs on 10 June 2014, and to the PASOK parliamentary group on 22 August 2014. He has several publications: Proselytism, Athens 1986, Ant. Sakkoulas Pub., On terrorism and political crime, Athens 1987, Interbooks Pub, Deviations of political behavior and the Constitution, Athens 1988, Exantas Pub, Government: collective function and political responsibility, Athens 1991, Ant. Sakkoulas Pub, Penal responsibility of cabinet members and deputy ministers in a parliamentary polity, Athens 1995, Ant. Sakkoulas Pub, Forms of Democracy, Athens 2000, Indiktos Pub, Political History of Greece, 1828-1975, Athens 2000, Ant. Sakkoulas Pub, NEW TERRORISM on the occasion of September 11, Athens 2002, Indiktos Pub, The Constitution of Greece and its revision, Athens 2006, To Pontiki Pub and New Greek recovery scheme, Athens 2012, Indiktos Pub. He is married and has a daughter and two sons.

**Anargyros Mariolis, General Practitioner, Director of the Areopolis Health Center, Mani
Head of the Initiative for the Reconstruction of Primary Health Care and General/Family Medicine**

Dr. Anargyros Mariolis was born in Athens in 1972. He is a graduate of the Medical School of the University of Athens and holds a Doctoral Thesis at the Medical School of the University of Athens. He is head of the Initiative for the reconstruction of Primary Health Care and General / Family medicine. Founder and Scientific Coordinator of the 1st Center of Urban Health in Greece in Vyronas, Attica (2003-2010). Since November 2010 he is Director at the Areopoli Health Center.

**Katerina Koutsogianni
President
Greek Patients Association**

Katerina Koutsogianni was born in Heraklion, Crete where she lives until today. She worked at the National Bank, from where she retired after 28 years of work in the foreign trade department. 2003 having enough experience from the problems she faced as a patient with rheumatoid arthritis from a very young age, in collaboration with other patients with rheumatic diseases they founded the Arthritis Foundation of Crete where she was President until 31.12.2019. Today she is the Honorary President of the Association. She actively participates in the field of organizations of patients with rheumatic diseases both in Greece and abroad, enriching her experience by participating in international conferences and seminars most of the time as a speaker. At the same time, she has contributed to the development of the Association's activities with the aim of raising public awareness about the severity of rheumatic diseases, claiming decent care and access to patients for all modern treatments as well as the uniform expression of people with rheumatic diseases and chronically ill people in Greece. "Thus, since December 2017, she has been elected President of the Panhellenic Federation of Patients, Parents and Guardians of Children with Rheumatic Diseases" Reumazeine ". In November 2018 she graduated from the European Patients 'Academy EUPATI (European Patients' Academy on Therapeutic Innovation) after 14 months of very demanding training. The eight-year effort to establish a united strong voice for all chronically ill patients has resulted in the establishment of the Hellenic Patients' Association, which includes 50 organizations from all therapeutic categories in which she has the honor to be elected President in November 2019.

**Mark Lloyd Davies
Senior Director, Government Affairs & Health Policy EMEA
Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices**

Mark Lloyd Davies is responsible for fostering a constructive relationship between Johnson & Johnson, Government institutions and their healthcare systems throughout Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA). This involves extensive partnering with healthcare leaders, government officials, policy makers and other key stakeholders throughout the region. He is Chair of Med Tech Europe Research & Innovation Committee, a member of the Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices EMEA Leadership Team and Chair of the Global Government Affairs & Policy Council for Medical Devices. He holds a PhD from the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, in Climate Change and BSc from the University of London, UK. He is married with two children and lives in Tervuren, Belgium.

**Theodoros Papaioannou
Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Medical School, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Vice President, Hellenic Society of Digital Medicine**

Theodoros Papaioannou is Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering at the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (UoA) and Head of the Biomedical Engineering Unit and Biostatistics Unit of the First University Department of Cardiology at Hippokraton General Hospital of Athens. He is the Director of the Department of History of Medicine and Medical Ethics of Athens Medical School. He received the Diploma of Mechanical Engineer from the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) and his Ph.D. from the Medical School (UoA). He is Visiting Professor at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland and "Carol Davila" University, Bucharest, Romania. He was external consultant of Microsoft Research (Microsoft, USA), Visiting Researcher at the Computational Biomedicine Lab, Department of Computer Science, Houston University, USA, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Laboratory of Biofluid Mechanics and Biomedical Technology at the School of Mechanical Engineering (NTUA). He received scholarships from the State Scholarship Foundation, the Hellenic Society of Cardiology and the Hellenic Cardiology Foundation. He is Vice-President of the Hellenic Society of Digital Medicine and the Hellenic Department of the Balkan Medical Union. His research interests focus on cardiovascular mechanics, clinical engineering, modeling, development and clinical evaluation of new biomedical methods and medical devices. He has 224 publications in international peer-review journals with more than 6100 citations (h-index 43).

**Dimitris Nikas
Member, Medical Devices & Diagnostics Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
Managing Director, Medtronic Hellas**

Dimitris Nikas studied Production and Management Engineering at the Technical University of Crete (BA, 1990) and Business Administration at the IAE - Grenoble II University (DEA, 1991). He was a postgraduate researcher in Financial Management at the IAE of the University of Grenoble

II (1991-1994), 1991-1992 and worked on the same subject as assistant professor at Pierre Mendès France, Grenoble II. At the beginning of his career, 1993-1994 he worked as a consultant in the penetration and promotion of Greek consumer products in the French market. Then, 1996-1998, he worked in the Textile sector as a Financial Analyst, focusing on analyzing production costs and evaluating investment projects. Beginning of 1998 to Sept 2000 he switched to the car spare parts industry as Financial Controller (Magnetti Marelli, Fiat Group) and later as CFO. For the last 18 years he has been working with Medtronic Hellas, medical equipment and implants. He began his career as Financial and Administrative Director, then assumed the post of Deputy General Manager and Sales Director at the Cardiac & Vascular Group and since August 1, 2017, he has taken over the General Management of the company.

Spyridon Apostolopoulos
General Hospital Manager
Attikon University Hospital

Spyridon Apostolopoulos is Hospital Manager of the "ATTIKON" General University Hospital. He was also Development Manager of the SafeBlood BioAnalytica S.A (07/2016–1/1/2020), Management Consultant of the private Hospital "ASKLIPION" (07/2015-06/2016), Management Consultant of the Genotypos Science S.A. (07/2015–06/2016). Furthermore, he was Director of Research and Development at the Am S.A (01/2013–06/2015), Management Consultant of the Athens Medical Group S.A. (10/2012–12/2012), General Manager of the Athens Medical Center S.A (09/2008–09/2012), Hospital Manager of the "ATTIKON" General University Hospital (12/2006–09/2008), Deputy Hospital Manager of the "ATTIKON" General University Hospital (10/2004–12/2006). Spyridon Apostolopoulos has also served as Hospital Manager of the General Hospital of Trikala (02/2002–09/2004), Hospital Vice President of the General Hospital of Larissa (08/2001–02/2002), Director of Health & Welfare at the Region of Thessaly (06/2000–02/2002), Director of National Emergency Aid Centre of Thessaly Region (07/1992–06/2000), Employee of Administrative and Financial Services at the General Anticancer Hospital "Agios Savvas" (01/1985–06/1992), Assistant Professor at the University of Applied Sciences of Thessaly, Department of Business Administration- Division Health and Welfare Management, Department of Nursing (Course: Health Economics) (1997–2004) and Lecturer in Training Programs for Employees in Health Service Providers (Courses: Health Economics, Hospital Economics, Hospital Budgets, Global Budgets, Economic Evaluation of Health Services and Public administration) (1993–2007). He obtains a Master of Health Management from the National School of Public Health (1996-1997), a Degree of Political Sciences and Public Administration from the National Kapodistrian University of Athens - Division of Law School (1985-1989), a Degree of Business Administration (Equality of the Center of Applied Sciences) from the Technological Educational Institution of Larissa (1993), a Degree in Accounting from the Center of Applied Sciences of Larissa (1979-1982) and an English C2 LRN Level 3 Certificate in ESOL International (CEF C2). He has the following scientific and research activity: He is Member of the Hospital Care Sector, National Medical Association, Scientific Research Institute (09/2016-04/2019), Founding member of the Hellenic Scientific Society of Health Policy and Economics (2014-nowadays), Founding member & General Secretary of the Hellenic Company of Health Services Management (ΕΕΔΥΥ) (2008-nowadays), Member of Health & Health Policies FORUM (1998 - nowadays), Coordinator and member of Organizing committees in a number of workshops, conferences, seminars, training programs and forums in Greece and abroad that refers to the organization, administration and finances of health services, funding and policies of the Health System (1997-nowadays) and Scientific Associate of the National School of Public Health, Department of Health Economics: Participation in the research activity of the field of Health Economics, of the National School of Public Health, with a multitude of works in the subjects of economic analysis, evaluation of health services, organization, administration and operation of the Health System and Hellenic documentation the whole range of Health Services (1997-2012). He has numerous publications.

Anastasia Kotanidou
Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
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Anastasia Kotanidou is Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine of Medical School, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Critical Care Department "Evangelismos" General Hospital. She is Director of A' Pulmonary and Critical Care Department NKUA, Medical school (2020), President of Hellenic Society of Intensive Care (from 2016 until now), President of committee of Critical Care Units, Ministry of Health and Principal Investigator in more than 6 clinical studies the last 3 years. She has published more than 125 papers in peer review international journals with impact factor >500 and h-index 38 Citations >5500

Andreas Kartapanis
Group CEO
Hygeia Group

Andreas Kartapanis is a graduate of Athens University of Economics, Department of Management and Business Administration. He worked for several years as a financial manager and CFO in commercial, industrial and hotel business. His professional experience in the healthcare sector covers 18 years, during which, he worked at two public and two private hospitals. In particular, from 2001 to 2003, he was appointed CEO at Sismanoglio Hospital - a public hospital with 450 beds capacity - and later, during the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, he joined Evangelismos Hospital - the largest public hospital in Greece with 1.000 bed capacity - as CEO. In 2005, he decided to pursue a career in the private healthcare sector, and, as a result, he joined the Athens Medical Center holding, for 3 years, the position of the General Manager. In March 2008, he joined Hygeia Hospital as General Manager and since September 2015 he has been appointed CEO of the whole Group. HYGEIA Group, a member of HELLENIC HEALTHCARE GROUP, is consisted by 3 hospitals in Greece and various other entities, all operating directly or indirectly in the

healthcare industry. Particularly, Hygeia Group's hospitals are: HYGEIA Diagnostic and Therapeutic Center of Athens. He currently holds the position of CEO. During his occupation in the Group. HYGEIA Hospital included in the 500 hospitals worldwide, to be accredited by Joint Commission International in 2010 and later re-accredited three times again, in 2013, 2016 and 2019. MITERA Private, General, Maternity, Gynecological & Children's Hospital. He currently holds the position of CEO. LETO Maternity, Gynecological & Surgical Center. He has been appointed Vice President. Hygeia Group is also active in the area of primary healthcare through: AlfaLab Molecular Biology & Cytogenetics Center. Hygeia Group is also consisted by a procurement company, Y-LOGIMED SA, which trades and distributes hygienic materials, special materials (implants) and medical equipment to the Group and to third parties. In Y-LOGIMED, he has been appointed President of the BoD.

Dimitrios Filippou

President, National Organization for Medicines

Ass. Professor of Anatomy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Dr. Dimitrios Filippou was born in Athens in 1970. He studied Medicine at the Medical School of the University of Athens, from which he graduated in 1995. He completed his Ph.D. thesis in 2002 and received the title of Ph.D. of the Medical School of the University of Athens with a degree "Excellent". He received the title of General Surgery in 2006. He has been trained and retrained in various centers in Greece, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany and Served as Director at the Hospital "Agios Dionysios" in Aegina, and the Clinic "New Athens – Eurotherapy". He has taught at various schools of the EKPA and since 2019 that he elected assistant Professor of Anatomy and Surgical Anatomy at the Medical School of the EKPA, is teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy. He was recently selected and appointed President of the National Medicines Agency (NTH). He is also Chairman of the Committee for the Negotiation of Drug Prices and Executive Member of the KESY. He presents very important scientific work, numerous publications in reputable international and Greek journals, announcements at Greek and international medical conferences, translation of many medical books, and writing books for doctors as well as the general public.

Dimitrios Boumpas

Professor and Chairman Department of Medicine, Medical School, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Associate Member, Biomedical Research Foundation Athens Academy, Member, Academy of Europe (Academia Europaea)

Dimitrios T. Boumpas, graduated from the Medical School of the University of Ioannina in 1983. Following a fellowship in Molecular Immunology at National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda MD, he trained in Internal Medicine at Georgetown University, Washington DC and in Rheumatology-Clinical Immunology at ARB, NIAMS, NIH. Upon the completion of his training, he was appointed an Investigator at ARB, NIAMS, NIH where he served as Deputy and Acting Clinical Director. In 1999 he repatriated to the University of Crete to lead the Departments of Rheumatology, Clinical immunology and Allergy, and Internal Medicine. While in Crete, Professor Boumpas Directed the Graduate Program on the Molecular Basis of Human Diseases. In 2012 he joined the Medical School, University of Athens where he currently serves as the Chairman of the Fourth Department of Medicine at the "Attikon" University Hospital. He is also an Affiliated Member of the Institute for Biomedical Research of the Academy of Athens Dr Boumpas primary clinical and research interests are in the areas of human autoimmunity with emphasis on systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and inflammatory arthritis. His work on the treatment of lupus nephritis has shaped immunosuppressive therapy for autoimmune rheumatic diseases internationally. He is also a leader in the transcriptomic analysis in human systemic autoimmunity. He has published over 250 peer-reviewed scientific papers and books chapters with over ISI 16.995 citations (h-index = 68). His research was funded by both National (ΕΠΕΑΕΚ II, Πυθαγόρας I, II, Ηράκλειτος, Θαλής, Αριστεία) και European Union research funds (AUTOCURE FP-6; BTCURE, IMI, HORIZON 2020, ERC Advanced Grants). Dr. Boumpas is President of the Athens Medical Society and member of the Academia Europaea. He is also Chair r of European Task force on SLE that develops guidelines for the management and coordinates clinical trials and research on SLE and Associate Editor of Annals of Rheumatic Diseases. He is past-Chair of the European Research Council Panel for Advanced Grants on Diagnostics Tools), Therapies and Public Health (LS-7) and has served on the EU ESRFI Committee for Translational Research Infrastructures.

George Chrousos

Professor of Medicine Emeritus, National and Kapodistrian

University of Athens

Vice-President, Higher Education Council, Hellenic Authority of Higher Education

Professor George Chrousos was born in Patras, Greece, in 1951. He completed his MD studies at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) as the valedictorian of his class in 1975. He obtained his Medical Sciences Doctorate from NKUA, and did his residency in Medicine, NKUA, and Pediatrics, New York University, and his fellowship in Endocrinology, Metabolism and Diabetes at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda, MD. He was Chief of the Pediatric and Reproductive Endocrinology Branch, NICHD, NIH, and subsequently Chairman, First Department of Pediatrics, NKUA, Athens, Greece, until 2018. Currently, he is Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics and Endocrinology, Holder, UNESCO Chair on Adolescent Health Care, Director of the University Research Institute on Maternal and Child Health and Precision Medicine at the NKUA, and Senior Investigator at the Biomedical Research Foundation of the Academy of Athens. Professor Chrousos pioneered studies that elucidated the effects of stress on the organism at the behavioral, neuroendocrine, cellular and molecular levels and made fundamental contributions to the understanding, diagnosis and treatment of pituitary, adrenal and stress-related complex pathologies, i.e., major depression, obesity/metabolic syndrome, and autoimmune/inflammatory, reproductive and sleep disorders. He made seminal observations in the glucocorticoid signaling system of the cell and deciphered some of its key clinical implications. Professor Chrousos's work has been cited over 157,000 times (H-index192) making him one of the top 100 cited authors (Google Scholar August 2020) and a highly cited physician-scientist (ISI) in both Clinical Medicine and Biology and Biochemistry. He has received numerous major awards, including the Fred Conrad Koch Award, the highest honor of the US Endocrine Society. He is a Doctor Honoris Causa

of the Universities of Liege, Belgium, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Ancona, Italy, and University of Patras, Greece, and an honorary professor of the Universities of Warwick, UK, St. Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University, Russia, Xi'an Medical University, China, and Democritean University of Thrace, Greece. He served as Board Member and President of the International Society of Neuroimmunomodulation, the European Society of Clinical Investigation and the European Society of Pediatric Endocrinology. He is an elected member of the American Society for Clinical Research, the Association of American Physicians, the European Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters Academia Europaea and the US National Academy of Medicine.

Kyriakos Souliotis
Associate Professor of Health Policy
University of Peloponnese

Kyriakos Souliotis is Associate Professor of Health Policy at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences and he was Vice Rector of Social and Regional Development (2016-2017) at the University of Peloponnese. He also teaches courses on health policy, health economics and health care management at the Medical School of the University of Athens and the Medical School of the University of Crete. From July 2017 to June 2019 he was Senior Associate Director at the Medical Technology Research Group of the LSE Enterprise. He has acted as Scientific Advisor to the Social Insurance Institute (IKA) and the Ministry of Health and Welfare (2002-2004), Member of the Board of Directors of the A' Health Care Trust of Attica (2002-2004), Head of Human Resources Management at the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center (2002-2006), Administrative Director at MITERA (Hygeia Group, 2006-2007) and Managing Director of Planning and Development and Chief Planning Officer at the Mutual Health Fund of the National Bank of Greece Personnel (2007-2010). From May 2010 to December 2011, he served as President of OPAD (Health Care Organization for Public Servants), and from May 2011 to September 2012, as Vice President of EOPYY (National Organisation for Health Care Services Provision). From June 2010 to August 2013, he was a member of the National Ethics Committee for Clinical Trials and the Steering Committee for Rare Diseases. He has acted as a country expert on cancer at the OECD and he is currently serving as a member of the Steering Committee of PACT (The Patient Access Partnership on Equity of Access to Quality Healthcare - Brussels) and as a member of the Scientific Committee of the OIS (Osservatorio Internazionale della Salute - Rome). He has extensive research experience in Greece and abroad and he has acted as the Scientific Lead / Project Manager in more than 30 research projects. He has published 27 books and 288 chapters in books and papers in peer reviewed journals on health policy and economics, organization and administration of health services, economic inequalities, etc. He has participated as speaker in over 450 scientific conferences and he is acting as reviewer for international journals. He is Associate Editor at "BMC Public Health" (BioMed Central) and has been Associate Editor at "Health Expectations" (Wiley).

Spyros Gkikas
Member, Medical Devices & Diagnostics Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
General Manager for Greece and Cyprus, GE Healthcare

Spyridon Gkikas was born in 1969. He graduated from the Electrical and Computer Engineering School at the Democritus University of Thrace and he received his M.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering in 1996 from the University of Patras and National Technical University of Athens. In 2008 he received his MBA Executive from the University of Piraeus. He worked at the University of Patras and the Institute of Biomedical Technology (INBIT) in European and national R&D projects in Health Sector as well as Clinical Engineering and Biomedical Technology Management projects. From 2001 up to 2010 he has worked as Project Manager in Inso SpA for the project development and management of turn-key hospital projects in Greece and abroad. He joined GE Healthcare in 2011, where in 2012 he was appointed as Strategic Projects Sales Director, Eastern Europe, leading the development of technology-enabled solutions and strategy for large healthcare equipment projects. Since May 2018, he is the President BoD and General Manager, GE Healthcare for Greece and Cyprus.

Ioannis Boletis
Professor Internal Medicine-Nephrology, Medical School, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Medical Department of Nephrology and Renal Transplantation, Laiko General Hospital

Ioannis N. Boletis is a graduate of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Medical School where he also obtained his Ph.D. thesis. He trained in Internal Medicine and Nephrology at "Laiko" General Hospital in Athens, where he was appointed after that as a consultant at the Nephrology Department and Renal Transplantation Unit. For two and a half years he has worked at the Nephrology Department of the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, at the University of Sheffield in the UK. Through a European Union fellowship, he studied renal osteodystrophy, in collaboration with the Department of Human Metabolism and Clinical Biochemistry of the same University. Since 2003 he is the Director of the Nephrology and Renal Transplantation at "Laiko" General Hospital, and as of 2005, he is serving as the Chief Medical Officer of the same hospital. In 2013, he was named Professor of Nephrology at the University of Athens Medical School where he also holds the post of the Director of the Internal Medicine Department for the last two years. He has a continuous educational presence, lecturing in a number of conferences and other events regarding several fields of his specialty. Over the years, he has served as Secretary-General, Vice President and President of the Hellenic Society of Nephrology, the Hellenic Society of Transplantation and the Hellenic Society of Medical Studies. He has been a member and Vice President of the Hellenic Transplantation Organization. For the last year, he is a member and currently a President of the Board of Directors of the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center. His research work focuses primarily on renal transplantation and clinical nephrology with a particular interest in immunological diseases of the kidney. He participates in international working groups in the field of vasculitides, systemic lupus erythematosus, glomerular diseases, and kidney transplantation. He is also a reviewer and member of the editorial committee of Greek and International

Nephrology journals. He has more than 200 peer-review publications in international medical journals and a large number of papers in Greek and international conferences.

Xenofon Condiades

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Xenophon Condiades is Professor of Public Law and Social Security Law at the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences and President of the Themistocles and Dimitris Tsatsos Foundation – Centre for European Constitutional Law (Athens, Greece). Convenor of the “Research Group on Constitution-Making and Constitutional Change” of the International Association of Constitutional Law. Member of the Scientific Council of the Dimitris Tsatsos Institute for European Constitutional Sciences (Germany). His work includes 23 books and over 150 articles in Greek, English, German and Italian journals and edited volumes. The subjects of these publications are in public law, comparative constitutional law and social security law. His most recent publications include the edited volumes: *The Law and Legitimacy of Imposed Constitutions* (with Richard Albert and Alkmene Fotiadou, Routledge 2019), *The Foundations and Traditions of Constitutional Amendment* (with Richard Albert and Alkmene Fotiadou, Hart Publishing 2017), *Participatory Constitutional Change. The People as Amenders of the Constitution* (with Alkmene Fotiadou, Routledge 2017), *Constitutions in the Global Financial Crisis. A Comparative Analysis* (Ashgate 2013), *Engineering Constitutional Change. A Comparative Perspective on Europe, Canada and the USA* (Routledge 2013). From 2006 until today, he is Chairman of the Administrative Board of the Centre for European Constitutional Law. From 2008, he is member of the Scientific Council of the Dimitris Tsatsos Institute for European Constitutional Sciences (Dimitris Tsatsos Institut für Europäische Verfassungswissenschaften, Hagen-Germany). He is also from 1996 until today member of the Association of Hellenic Constitutionalists. He has also been member of the Presidium of the European Institute of Social Security (2008-2011), of the National Committee for Human Rights [NCHR] (Hellenic Republic) (2000-2006) and of the Scientific Council of the Institute of Local Government – Greece (2005-2011).

Agis Tsouros

Int'l Advisor on Health Policy, Strategy and Diplomacy

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Dr. Agis Tsouros is a leading international expert with 30 years of experience in the fields of health policy, urban health and healthy cities, inter-sectoral governance and health in all policies, social determinants of health and equity, public health systems, and health promotion. He led the development of the WHO European Healthy Cities from the time it was launched in 1988 until 2015 and the development of the WHO European Policy and Strategy Health 2020 which was adopted in 2012. He was instrumental in drawing international attention through WHO on the social determinants of health with the *Solid Facts* publication in 1998. During the period 2004 to 2006 he was seconded to the Greek Government to lead the public preparedness for the Athens 2004 Olympics and assumed the position of Chairman of the National Board of Public Health and President of the Greek CDC. The work on the Athens Olympics was instrumental in mainstreaming the field of Mass Gathering and Public Health within WHO. He is the author, co/author or intellectual sponsor/ initiator of several influential and widely-translated publications on urban health and healthy cities, the *solid-facts* series for policy makers on topics such as the social determinants of health and equity, active living, home care, health literacy, palliative care and healthy ageing and publications on leadership and inter-sectoral governance for health and sustainable development. He is currently advising WHO Regional Offices as well as individual countries and cities world-wide on health policy, governance and public health systems development.

Ilias Kyriopoulos

Fellow in Health Economics, Department of Health Policy

London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE)

Ilias Kyriopoulos is a Fellow at the Department of Health Policy, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). During 2015-2019, he worked as a Research Associate at LSE Health. Prior to joining the Department, he was a Health Economist at the Athens School of Public Health. Ilias has also conducted research for international governmental and non-governmental organizations, including the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank. His current research focuses on the impact of economic uncertainty and conditions on health outcomes, on inequalities in health and health care and on the economics of mental health and wellbeing. His work has been published in various journals, including *Social Science & Medicine*, *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health* etc. Ilias is an Associate Editor at *BMC Health Services Research* and has also served as a reviewer in various academic journals. Ilias holds a PhD in Health Economics and Policy from the LSE. He also holds an MSc in Economics (LSE), an MSc in Health Management (Athens School of Public Health) and a BSc in Economics (University of Athens). During his studies, he was an Alexander S. Onassis Foundation Scholar and a Scholar of the Greek State Scholarship Foundation.

Charalampos Gogos
Professor, Chairman of the Department of Medicine, Medical School, Patras University
Chair, Covid-19 Section, University Hospital of Patras

Charalambos A. Gogos is Professor and Chairman of the Dpt of Medicine in Patras University Medical School. He is Professor of Medicine and he chairs the COVID-19 section of the University Hospital in Patras. His Research interest is focused on the immunology of infections and sepsis and he is the President of the Hellenic Sepsis Study Group. He is vice President of the Hellenic Society for the Study of AIDS and the Hellenic Society of Internal Medicine. He is the author of more than 160 papers in PubMed and he has more than 7500 citations in Google Scholar. He is a member of the Hellenic National Committee for COVID-19.

Olympios Papadimitriou
President
Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Companies (SFEE)

Olympios Papadimitriou is in the position of General Manager at Novo Nordisk Hellas LTD for the last 14 years. He started his career in the pharmaceutical sector in 1990, working as a sales representative for Wyeth, based in Thessaloniki. A couple of months later he joined Schering AG Berlin, nowadays absorbed by Bayer, where he had various responsibilities initially as sales representative, and at a later stage as regulatory affairs responsible and product manager. For that reason he moved to Athens. For personal reasons he moved back to Thessaloniki in 1994 where he joined Novo Nordisk Hellas LTD as a sales representative. 6 years later he became a member of the diabetes marketing department in Novo Nordisk Hellas, based in Athens. His tenure at Novo Nordisk exceeds 25 years. He has served as a BoD member in the last two boards of the Association. Olympios Papadimitriou is a graduate of the German School of Thessaloniki and he also holds a Diploma in Chemistry from Aristotelion University of Thessaloniki. He has followed the Young Manager's Programme at INSEAD and speaks fluently English and German.

Theodore Tryfon
President
Panhellenic Union of Pharmaceutical Industries (PEF)

Theodore E. Tryfon was born in Mytilini – Lesvos. He graduated from Athens College of Greece and he earned his BSc in Economics and Business Administration, from the University of Southampton in UK. He continued his studies by earning his MBA from the City University of London Business School. In 1990 he joined Henkel Hellas, Tryfon – Kastrinis S.A., a family owned business, which was sold to Henkel Germany in 1992. Mr. Theodore Tryfon joined Elpen Co. Inc. one of the leading Pharmaceutical Industries in Greece and currently is Co/CEO of the Elpen Group. Elpen Group also has a subsidiary in Germany, Elpen GmbH and includes WinMedica and Aenorasis. Elpen has a turnover of 200.000.000€ in 2019 with more than 1050 employees in Greece and abroad and exports in more than 40 countries. Moreover, he holds the presidency of the Panhellenic Union of Pharmaceutical Industries (PEF) since 2014, an association which represents 45 local companies with 28 production sites throughout Greece. Since April 2019 he is a Member of the Board of Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV). In 2019 he became a member of the Board of Directors of Medicines for Europe, the European Association, which represents the European generic industry as a whole.

Agata Jakoncic
President
PhRmA Innovation Forum

Agata Jakoncic has been leading MSD Greece, one of the top leading pharma companies in the Greek territory that is providing innovative medicines, vaccines and lifesaving therapies to patients, as of January 2017. During her presence at MSD Greece, she has strengthen performance and also inspired employees in a modern and innovative way of thinking, which place society, patients and people at the center of business operation. Under her guidance and positive enhancement, MSD Greece strengthened its Corporate Responsibility, embraced new Agile Ways of Working and digital culture. MSD has been recognized with awards from the Best Place to Work, elected among the Most Sustainable Companies in Greece, won multiple awards for its digital presence and its products have been distinguished for their innovation from Prix Galien Greece. She has been very active in shaping policy in Greece and was recently elected as President of Pharma Innovation Forum. Pif represents 26 leading international companies aiming at meeting patient needs through pharmaceutical innovation. Before that Agata led the Market Access & Policy working group having delivered position papers in four key topics. On a country level Agata has also been part of the public dialogue through roadshows, conference participation and thought leadership expression. On a European level Agata has been discussing pharmaceutical policy topics and proposing solutions in Brussels for a better future of pharma industry in Greece – spanning from financial sustainability to the wealth of digital health in Greece. A Slovenian native, she has more than 20 years of working experience in US companies in various international roles based in Slovenia, Balkan countries, USA, Baltic states, Romania and Greece. Having a result-oriented mind-set, high energy, a passion for success and the ability to create an inspirational environment for people to perform through learning and development, she successfully transforms Organizations to meet their needs and sets the ground for success. Her career at MSD/Merck & Co started in 1997 and ever since she has been a leader in roles of increasing responsibility in commercial, marketing, supply optimization and was the Country Lead for Lithuania, Romania, Regional Lead for 10 Balkan countries and most recently the Cluster Lead for Greece, Cyprus & Malta. Agata has also worked for Becton & Dickinson and Schering Plough. Agata Jakoncic holds a Master of Pharmacy degree from the University of Ljubljana.

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