
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.

Simos Anastasopoulos
President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Simos Anastasopoulos is a graduate of the Department of Electrical Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), and holds a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical/Automotive Engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. After his studies in Michigan, he worked for two years at General Motors Corporation as a Development Engineer at the Milford Proving Ground. In 1986 he returned to Greece, and after completion of his military service, he joined PETSIAVAS S.A. Since 2002 he had been the Managing Director of the company and in 2013 was named Chairman and CEO of PETSIAVAS S.A. Since June 2013, he is the elected President of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and recently elected President of the Council on Competitiveness of Greece. He is also a member of the Board of the Panhellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Industries and member of the General Council of SEV Hellenic Federation of Enterprises. Simos Anastasopoulos was born in Athens in 1957, is married to Peggy Petsiavas and has two daughters.

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

Makis Papataxiarchis has 23 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. By the end of 2015, Makis Papataxiarchis returns to his homeland as Managing Director of Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson for Greece, Cyprus and Malta. He is also President of PhRMA Innovation Forum (PIF) and Chairman of American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) Pharma Committee. He holds a Pharmacy degree, Master and PhD in Pharmaceuticals and Economics, as well as an MBA in Marketing Management.

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.

Andreas Xanthos
Minister
Ministry of Health

Andreas Xanthos graduated from the Medical School of the University of Thessaloniki. He specialized in Microbiology and worked until recently as a doctor in the National Health System (NHS) Health Centre at Perama, Rethymnon and at the Hospital of Rethymnon, Crete. He was Chairman for many years, of the NHS Doctors Union at Rethymnon, Crete and member of the General Council of the Greek Federation of Hospital Doctors and the General Assembly of the National Medical Association of Greece. He actively participated in the establishment of the Voluntary Social Solidarity Clinic operated at the city of Rethymnon, Crete since 2008. He is member of the Central Committee of SYRIZA. He is Head of the Parliamentary Control Committee for Health, on behalf of the Parliamentary Group of SYRIZA. He was first elected Member of the Parliament from Rethymnon, Crete in the May 2012 elections and was reelected in June 2012 and January 2015. Since September 2015 he is appointed as Minister of Health of the Greek government under Premier Minister Alexis Tsipras.

John Kyriopoulos
Professor Emeritus of Health Economics
Department of Health Economics
National School of Public Health

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.

George Giannopoulos
Secretary General
Ministry of Health

George Giannopoulos is a graduate of the Medical School of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens and Doctor of Medicine at the Democritus University of Thrace. Specializing in rheumatology, he has served in the National Health System since 1995. Since 2009 he has been the Director of ESY. He has been Commander of the 6th REM of Western Greece, Peloponnese, Epirus and Ionian Islands since April 2015. George Giannopoulos was member of the coordinating team of the Patras Social Clinic. He has also served as chairman of the Athens Medical School Association, member of the Board of the Panhellenic Federation of Rural Hospitals, Secretary General of EINAP, Secretary General of the association of ESY in Kavala, member of the secretariat of the General Council of OENGE and president of the Association of Doctors of Achaia's hospitals. In 2010 he was a deputy member of the Executive Secretariat of KESY. From 1991 until today, he is member of the Secretariat of the Health Department of the KE Coalition and then SYRIZA. He served as Deputy Director of Rheumatology at PGN Patras (2008-2009) and Director of Rheumatology at PGN Patras (2009-2015). Since October 2015 he is the coordinator of the SYRIZA's Health Department. From 2016 he is Secretary General of the Ministry of Health.

Panagiotis Georgakopoulos
Doctor, NHS Director
EOPYY Vice President

Dr Panagiotis Georgakopoulos, a Pulmonologist since 1996, has been appointed to the position of NHS Director at the ICU of the General Hospital of Patras (former "St. Andrew" Hospital) since July 2015, the vice president at the Hellenic National Organization for the Provision of Health Services (EOPYY) December 2015-December 2018 and December 2018-December 2021. He is also since 2017 president of the Hellenic National Council for Combating Doping (ESKAN). Doctor in Medicine (MD) of the Medical School of the University of Athens (2007). He is Councilor of the Municipality Erymanthos, Achaia, for the period 2014 to 2019. During his medical nosocomial occupation, he has been Board member Commission of Southwestern Greece of Hellenic Respiratory Society, elected representative of medical staff, on board General Hospital of Patras for 6 years, vice president and member of the Board Union Hospital Physicians Achaia (EINA), elected member of employee Health and Safety Committee at the General Hospital of Patras and occupational physician with Board assignment for three years, member of the Scientific Board of the General Hospital of Patras and of Nosocomial Pharmaceutical Committee as well as a member of High Cost Medicines committee. He was occupied as a lecturer (2002-2005) research associate in the Nursing department of TEI Patras and as a teaching assignment in section Nursing Specialties of General Hospital of Patras (2002-2015). He is the author of the book entitled, "Doping, between legal and illegal. The athlete as a victim and victimizer" (Athens 2008, Pontiki eds). Since 1996, he participates in scientific societies of his specialty and has several entries and paper presentations in Greek and international conferences and publications in Greek and foreign journals.

Vassilis Kontozamanis
Head, “Solidarity” Programming Sector
New Democracy

Vassilis Kontozamanis was born in Athens in 1972. In 1996 he graduated from the University of Ioannina, Greece (BSc in Mathematics). He holds an MSc in Health Care Policy & Management from the University of Birmingham, UK (1997) and an MBA from the ALBA Graduate Business. In 1999, he started his career as a Research Associate at the Center for Health Management & Evaluation (CHESME) of the University of Athens, Greece. He, then, worked as a Research Manager at the Health Economics Unit of the Foundation for Economic & Industrial Research (IOBE) and as a Research Associate of the World Health Organisation-European Observatory on Health Care Systems. In 2004, he was appointed by the Greek Government Vice President of the National Organisation for Medicines (EOF). He became President of the Organisation in February 2008. In October 2012, he was appointed as Chief Executive of the 1st Regional Health Authority of Attika and in August 2014 he became Secretary General of the Ministry of Health, a post he held until February 2015.

Panagiotis Liargovas
Professor of Economics, University of Peloponnese
f. Head of the Parliamentary Budget Office at the Hellenic Parliament

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 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 Director of the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at the University of Peloponnese. He has made more than 100 publications in academic journals and has published more than 15 books. His latest book (Tziola publishers, in Greek) was published in 2017 and was entitled “The European Phenomenon”.

Miltiadis Nektarios
Professor, Department of Statistics & Actuarial Science,
University of Piraeus

Miltiadis Nektarios is a Professor of Insurance and Risk Management, in the Department of Statistics and Insurance in the University of Piraeus, Greece. He was Project Manager, Research project on Linked Open Data Platform for Economic Data, University of Piraeus (financed by the EU) (2014 – 2016), Chairman, International Life Insurance Company, Athens, Greece (2011 – 2015), Governor, Social Insurance Organization of Greece (1999 – 2004), Chairman, Asset Management Company of Pension Funds (2000 – 2004), Member of the Board of Directors, National Bank of Greece (1999 – 2004), C.E.O., ETHNIKI Insurance Company (Market leader) (1993 – 1999), Chairman, Association of Insurance Companies of Greece (1993 - 1996), C.E.O., Northern Greece Securities (Member of the

Athens Stock Exchange) (1990 – 1993) and Insurance Commissioner of Greece, Ministry of Commerce (1983 – 1988).

George Veliotes
President
Insurance Europe Health Platform

Dr. George Veliotes serves as Director Life & Health at Interamerican Greece part of Achmea. He is also Chairman of Insurance Europe Health Platform and Chairman of the Eurapco Health Group. Dr. Veliotes qualified as a Medical Doctor from the University of Pretoria, South Africa. He performed his internship and postgraduate training at Baragwanath hospital, Johannesburg and then completed a Master’s Degree in Business Administration (MBA) at Witwatersrand University. He joined Interamerican Greece for the successful implementation of the first managed care program in Greece and has designed and developed several integrated health care systems internationally and has headed and chaired various positions in health care. His extensive publications include a book on managed health care and he has presented in various international forums.

Kostas Hatzidakis
Member of the Greek Parliament & Vice President
New Democracy

Kostas Hatzidakis is a member of the Greek Parliament and Vice President of the New Democracy Party. He was born in Rethymno, Crete, in 1965. He is a member of the Greek Parliament since 2007. He is a lawyer in Athens, President of the Youth Organization of New Democracy (1992-1994), Member of the European Parliament (1994-2007) and Minister in the Ministries of Transport and Development (2007-2009 and 2012-2014).

Oliver Bisazza
Director, Regulations & Industrial Policy
MedTech Europe

Oliver Bisazza leads the MedTech Europe regulatory team, which supports its industry members in their implementation of the new EU IVD and medical devices regulations. Within this team, Oliver’s personal role is to represent MedTech Europe and communicate its positions the EU authorities and other stakeholders. Prior to joining MedTech Europe, he worked at Medtronic as Director of Regulatory Policy for EMEA. In addition to this company experience, Oliver has had trade association roles in Brussels, at COCIR (the European association for the radiological, electromedical and healthcare IT industries) and at EDANA (the industry association for the nonwovens and related industries).

Xenophon Contiades
Professor of Public Law and Social Security Law
Panteion University
Managing Director, Centre for European Constitutional Law

Xenophon Contiades is Professor of Public Law and Social Security Law at the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences and President of the Centre for European Constitutional Law – Themistocles and Dimitris Tsatsos Foundation (Athens, Greece). Convenor of the “Research Group on Constitution-Making and Constitutional Change” of the International Association of Constitutional Law. He is Member of the Scientific Council of the Dimitris Tsatsos Institute for European Constitutional Sciences (Germany). His work includes 20 books and over 150 articles in Greek, English, German and Italian journals and edited volumes. 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).

Kostas Athanasakis
Health Economist, Researcher
National School of Public Health

Kostas Athanasakis PhD is a Research Fellow at the Department of Health Economics in the National School of Public Health (NSPH, Greece) and a Member of the Faculty of the Open University of Cyprus. Kostas specializes in the fields of Pharmacoeconomics, Economic Evaluation of Medications and Health Technology Assessment and his research interests also include Health Systems Financing, Economic Analysis of Health Care Markets and Health Policy. He is a member the Hellenic Society for Health Economics and Policy, of the International Society for Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Research and the President of the Hellenic Scientific Society for Pharmacoeconomics.

Ilias Kyriopoulos
Research Associate, London School of Economics (LSE)

Ilias Kyriopoulos is an economist, interested in health economics and policy and quantitative methods. He is a PhD Candidate at the LSE and a Research Associate at LSE Health. His research has been published in several peer-reviewed journals (including *Social Science & Medicine*, *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health* etc.), and he has also acted as an ad hoc reviewer in ten journals in the fields of health policy, economics, and epidemiology. During the last years, Ilias has also conducted research for or acted as a consultant to international governmental and non-governmental organizations, non-profit organizations and think tanks. He holds an MSc in Economics (LSE) and an MSc in Health Care Management (Athens School of Public Health) and a BSc in Economics (University of Athens). During his studies, he has been an Onassis and an IKY (Greek State Scholarship Foundation) Scholar.

Theodoros Papaioannou
Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering and
Cardiovascular Mechanics, Medical School
University of Athens

Theodoros Papaioannou is Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Cardiovascular Mechanics at the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and Head of the Biomedical Engineering Unit and Biostatistics Unit of the First University Department of Cardiology at Hippokraton General Hospital of Athens. He received the Diploma of Mechanical Engineer from the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) and his Ph.D. from the Medical School of the University of Athens. He is Visiting Professor at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland and "Carol Davila" University, Bucharest, Romania. He was an external consultant of Microsoft Research (Microsoft, USA), Visiting Researcher at the Computational Biomedicine Lab, Department of Computer Science, University of Huston, USA, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Laboratory of Biofluid Mechanics and Biomedical Technology at the School of Mechanical Engineering at NTUA, Scientific Associate at the Vascular Laboratory of the Therapeutic Clinic and the Laboratory of Hygiene, Epidemiology and Medical Statistics at the Medical School of Athens. He has been a member of the General Assembly of the State Scholarship Foundation and the Medical School of the University of Athens. He is a member of several Hellenic and international scientific societies, working groups, editorial boards, scientific and organizational committees at scientific conferences. He has received scholarships from the State Scholarship Foundation, the Hellenic Society of Cardiology and the Hellenic Cardiology Foundation. He established and teaches the undergraduate course "Biomedical Engineering" at Medical School of Athens and he is responsible for the postgraduate course "Health Informatics". His research interests and activities focus on cardiovascular mechanics, clinical engineering, modeling, development and clinical evaluation of new biomedical methods and medical devices. His research includes 160 publications in international journals with more than 4200 citations.

Pascal Apostolides
Managing Director
AbbVie Pharmaceuticals

Pascal Apostolides holds a BSc degree in Chemistry, a BA in Economic Geography and a post graduate degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. He also received a MSc in Environmental Chemistry from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. He worked for 7 years in the German affiliate and 4 years at Abbott Park Chicago. In 2001 he returned to Greece as Managing Director of Abbott Laboratories Hellas. Since January 2013, Pascal Apostolides holds the position of the Managing Director of AbbVie, a new, independent, global biopharmaceutical which retains in its portfolio innovative medicines for serious and chronic diseases, following Abbott's separation in two individual companies. He was also the President of the Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Companies (SFEE) for the term 2015-2018. Member of the Pharma Committee of the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) and member of the BoD. Furthermore, he is a member of the Executive Board of Trustees/Treasurer of the American Community Schools of Athens (ACS).

Babis Papadimitriou
Journalist
Kathimerini

Babis Papadimitriou is a journalist, news analyst, economist and commentator at Skai TV and Skai 100.3 radio station. He is a lead economic and political analyst at Skai TV, a greek broadcast channel. He is also a famous columnist at Kathimerini newspaper. He was born in Athens in 1954. He graduated from the Fifth Gymnasium of Exarchia. He studied economics in Paris. He earned a degree in economics (Paris X - Nanterre, 1979) and then took post-graduate specialization (Masters) in "Money and Finance" (Paris X - Nanterre, 1981) and a second Master degree in Economic History (Ecole des Hautes, Etudes et Sciences Sociales). As an economist, has worked with the Ministry of Finance (Greece) and with many banks like the Bank of Greece, Emporiki Bank and Eurobank EFG. Babis Papadimitriou has 2 daughters. Babis Papadimitriou has become recently popular for his daily media commentary about the Greek debt crisis.

Ilias Giannoglou
President, Negotiation Committee, Ministry of Health
Vice President, National Organization for Medicines (EOF)

Ilias Giannoglou was born in Athens in 1956. He graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Athens in 1978. He is a Pharmacist and serves as Vice President of the National Organization for Medicine, Chairman of the Drug Negotiation Committee of the Ministry of Health and Co-ordinator of the B' Sub-Committee on Pharmaceutical Expenditure Monitoring of the Ministry of Health and Secretary General of the Pharmaceutical Association of Attica.

Dimitris Kouvelas
Chairman of the HTA Committee, Ministry of Health
Professor, Director of Clinical Pharmacology Laboratory,
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Dimitrios Kouvelas is a Professor of Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology in the Department of Pharmacology, School of Medicine in Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Chairman of the HTA Committee. He is a Visiting Professor of Pharmacology/Clinical Pharmacology - Medical Faculty in the University of "Svetozar Markovic" in Kragujevac, Serbia. He is also a Professor of Pharmacology at "Nursing Specialisation" Departments of "AHEPA" General Hospital and "Hippokraton" General Hospital of Thessaloniki. He graduated from Thessaloniki French's College "De La Salle" (1979), a Pharmacy Degree in 1985 and a Medicine Degree in 1998. He has an MSc in Computer courses on pharmaceutical research in the "Hellenic Productivity Centre" (1988) and a PhD in Medicine (1989). He has post-doctoral studies on the CNS Pharmacology, in the "Institut fuer Pharmakologie und Toxikologie der Universitaet Innsbruck", Austria (June 1995-June 1996, and 1.8.98 – 11.98). His research fields are Neuro/psychopharmacology, neurotransmission, Clinical Pharmacology, rational prescribing. He is a member of the Hellenic Pharmacological Society (General Secretary), the Hellenic Society of Evidence Based Medicine (Vice President), the Hellenic Society of General Practitioners, the Hellenic Society of Medicinal Chemistry, the Hellenic Society of Drug Abuse, the Hellenic Society of Toxicology, the Hellenic Society of Computer Scientists, the German Society of Pharmacology, the Clinical

Pharmacology and Toxicology and the Austrian Society of Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology.

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 13 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 24 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 industry (PEF)

Theodore E. Tryfon was born in Mytilini - Lesvos. He graduated from Athens College, Greece. He then studied in the UK, where he got a BSc and an MBA degree. From 1990 to 1992 he worked in Henkel Hellas, Tryfon – Kastrinis S.A., a family owned business which was then bought by Henkel Germany. In 1992 he joined Elpen Co. Inc. one of the leading Pharmaceutical Industries in Greece. The Elpen Group of Companies had a turnover of 194.000.000€ in 2017 with more than 1000 employees in Greece and abroad and exports in more than 60 countries. Elpen has a subsidiary in Germany, Elpen GmbH, since 2014. Mr. Tryfon is Co/CEO of the Elpen Group and President of the Panhellenic Union of Pharmaceutical Industries (PEF). He is also a member of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV).

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.

Panos Tsakoglou
Professor, Department of international and European Economic Studies
Athens University of Economic & Business

Panos Tsakoglou is a Professor in Athens University of Economics and Business, Research Fellow of the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA, Bonn) and Senior Research Fellow of the Hellenic Observatory (LSE, London). His research focuses on questions of inequality, poverty, social exclusion, returns to education and redistributive role of the state. During the period 2012-2014 he was Chairman of the Greek Government's Council of Economic Advisers and member of the EU Economic and Financial Committee (EFC) and Eurogroup Working Group (EWG) as well as alternate member of Ecofin and Eurogroup. He has also been Social Policy advisor to Prime Ministers G. Papandreou (2010-2011) and L. Papademos (2011-2012) and a member of the EU Economic Policy Committee (EPC, 2010-2011). Further, he was member of the Greek Government's Council of Advisors on Employment and Social Policy (2001-2002), National Council for Research and Technology (2001-2005) Council of Economic Advisors (2002-2004 and 2009-2012) and member of the Independent Authority for the Evaluation of Tertiary Education (2006-2009).

Elpida Pavi
Professor in Health Economics
Department of Public Health Policy
School of Public Health, University of West Attica

Elpida Pavi was born in Athens. She studied Dentistry at the University of Athens, Greece. She holds a Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Health Economics from the University of York, England, a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and PhD from the same University in the field of Epidemiology and Health Services Research, with emphasis on social inequalities in health and health services. She has worked at the Universities of Glasgow and Dundee in Scotland, the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine in Athens and the Hellenic Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity. Since 2003 he has been Senior Lecturer at the Department of Health Economics of the National School of Public Health. Currently, she is Professor of Health Economics at the Department of Public Health Policy of the University of West Attica, after the merger of the National School of Public Health and this university. Her main research interests specialize in the evidence - based healthcare research, equity and social disparities in health care.

Michael Strübin
Director Digital Health
MedTech Europe

Michael Strübin became MedTech Europe's Digital Health Director in September 2018 to help develop the industry's voice in the digital health field and to represent MedTech Europe's members vis-à-vis digital health policymakers and stakeholders. The current priorities of MedTech Europe's Digital Health Committee are market access for digital health products and services, interoperability of products and services, a balanced and enabling regulatory environment, and collaboration with relevant stakeholders. Prior to MedTech Europe, Michael ran the European operations of the Continua Health Alliance (renamed Personal Connected Health Alliance in 2014), an international association of health and technology companies, governments and research organisations to advance personal connected health. Between 2006 to 2008, Michael was the director of the first European office of the Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS). Michael has studied political science and humanities in Germany and the United States, and worked in international development and philanthropy. Since 2003 he has been based in Brussels.

Anna Diamantopoulou
f. Commissioner, f. Minister
President, To Diktio, Network for Reforms in Greece and Europe

Anna Diamantopoulou is founder and President of DIKTIO - Network for Reforms in Greece and Europe, an Athens-based think tank. A Civil Engineer by training with graduate studies in Regional Development. Member of the Greek Parliament for 11 years & European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities (1999-2004). Minister of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs (2009-2012), and Minister of Development, Competitiveness and Shipping (March-May 2012). Presidium Member of the "Friends of Europe", the Brussels-based think tank exploring thinking on the future of the EU, and Steering Committee Member of "Notre Europe-Jaques Delors Institute" the Paris-based think tank dedicated to European integration and unity. Member of the Scientific Council of Federation of European Progressive Studies (FEPS). Fisher Family Fellow (2012) of the Harvard Kennedy School lecturing on European Affairs, and Distinguished Scholar at Singapore's Lee Kuan School of Public Policy (2015). Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow at the Robert Bosch Academy (2016-2018). Study visit (invited speaker) at the Republic of Korea, lecturing on the need of countries to adopt a National Strategy for Transitioning to the 4th Industrial Revolution, peer review meetings with the Korean Presidential Fourth Industrial Revolution Committee and with experts from the Korea Institute of Science and Technology and the Korea University (2018).

Anastasios Tagaris
President & Managing Director
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Dr. Anastassios (Tassos) Tagaris, President & Managing Director of IDIKA SA, graduated from NTUA, School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and received his degree in this area in 1993. He obtained his PhD degree in Biomedical Engineering from the NTUA in 1999. During 1999-2000 he used to work in MEDISOFT SA as Medical Informatics Engineer dealing with Security and Smartcards Interfaces related to Healthcare applications. From 2001 to 2005 he used to work in CCS SA in the Medical Informatics Department as head engineer of the Laboratory Information Management System (Medilab LIMS) and designed its HL7 Communication Interface. He was also leading the design and development of the Radiology Information System (RIS) of the company. Since 2005 he is working as a medical informatics researcher in the Institute of Communication and Computer Systems (ICCS) and has been active in a number of EU and National R&D programs in the field of ICT in Healthcare as Technical Manager and/or Project Coordinator. Since July 2013 he serves as the Director of Standards for the Greek HL7 Affiliate (HL7Hellas). Since July 2015 he is the Managing Director of IDIKA SA. His current research interests include among others Interoperability Standards and Applications of ICT in Healthcare, Internet Technology, Knowledge Databases and Data Mining as well as Business Process Reengineering, and Telemedicine Networks. He has published 33 scientific papers in international journals and conferences. He is a member of the IEEE, the Technical Chamber of Greece and the Greek Society of Biomedical Technology.

Evangelos Georgiou
Professor Emeritus, Nuclear Medicine Physician,
Head, Medical Physics Laboratory (MPL) and 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.

Gerasimos Livadas
President
Association of Health – Research & Biotechnology Industry
(SEIV)

Gerasimos Fokion Livadas is the Managing Director of A&L Medical Supplies company since 1984. He has been an elected member of the SEIV Board of Directors since 2011. For the period 2017-2020, he is the elected chairman of the SEIV Board of Directors. He holds a Management degree and has published multiple press articles on Health Economics and Politics, aiming at political interventions to the sensitive sector that SEIV members are involved in. He has made many scientific publications to both Greek and international journals, focusing mainly on medical ethics and history of Medicine. He is co-writer of the book "The History of the European Society of Radiology" 2005, as well as the book "Ethics in Gastroenterology" 2000. Finally, G.F. Livadas has research activity on: the development of X-Radiation technology in Greece, the use of X-Radiation during WWI, issues regarding medical ethics, non-natural person ethics.

Gregory Katz
Chair of Innovation Management & Value in Health
University Paris-Descartes Medical School

Gregory Katz is Chaired Professor of Innovation Management & Value in Health at University Paris-Descartes Medical School. From 2007 to 2015, he was Director of Clinical Research at Ramsay Générale de Santé - a European leader in private hospitalization - and Director of its non-profit foundation. From 2015 to 2019, he was Director of Research & Innovation at Elsan, a leading group of private hospital in France. In 2019, he founded the Consortium VBHC France, a nonprofit initiative dedicated to accelerate the emergence of standardized patient-reported outcome registries. His research activities focus on innovation management & value based health care. From 2003-2005, he was Visiting Professor at INSEAD in Singapore. From 2004 to 2015, he was Chaired Professor of Therapeutic Innovation and Co-director of the Institute for Health Economics & Management at ESSEC Business School (Paris-Singapore). In his pro bono activities, he was Vice-President of Eurocord Association from 2004 to 2008, an international platform for clinical research on cord blood stem cell transplantation a board member of the European School of Surgery (2009-2012), Chairman of the Scientific Board of GlaxoSmithKline Vaccines Global Innovation Fund (2012-2015), and Chairman of the Think Tank Digital Leaders in Health (2018). Prof. Katz received several distinctions such as the San Benedetto International Prize for his achievements in bioethics and humanism (2009) and the Special Jury Award from the French Fédération de l'Hospitalisation Privée (2012). In 2015, he was invited as eminent scholar for the Grand Rounds Lecture at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Mary Geitona
Professor of Health Economics
University of Peloponnese

Mary Geitona is a professor in economic analysis of social policy and health economics in the School of Social Policy at the University of Peloponnese. She has been working with the Department of Health Economics of the National School of Public Health since 1989 and the Department of Economics of the University of Thessaly since 2009, where she played an active role in the educational and research work of both departments. She published 100+ papers in peer-reviewed journals, presented 300+ papers at national and international conferences and has given 200+ lectures and training on health economic evaluation. Mary authored and co-authored 10 major publications in the areas of health economics and health policy, social policy, pharmaceutical outcomes research and pharmacoconomics. She is the founder of the Hellenic Society for Pharmacoconomics (HELSPOR) and since 1990 active President of HELSPOR and editor-in-Chief of the Greek journal "Pharmacoconomia". Additionally, she is the founder and the past-president of the Greek ISPOR Chapter. In 2008, Mary participated on congress planning committee of the 11th ISPOR European Conference taking place in Athens, Greece, where she was also a co-chair of the ISPOR research review committee. Her main interest is in health technology assessment (HTA) and she is strongly involved in its implementation in the decision-making in Greece and educational collaboration in the Central East Europe.

George Mavrotas
Member of Parliament, To Potami
Z' Vice President, House of Parliament

George Mavrotas was born in 1967 in Athens. He played water polo for Vouliagmeni Nautical Club and participated in 5 Olympic Games, 4 World and 8 European championships representing the Greek national team. He captained the national team from 1995 to 2000, and holds the Greek team sports record of 511 international appearances. In 1999 he became the first Greek water polo player to be selected for the World All Star Team. In 2001 he was awarded by the President of the Hellenic Republic for his contribution to sport. Alongside his sporting career, he completed his studies at the School of Chemical Engineering, National Technical University of Athens (NTUA). In 2000 he received his PhD from NTUA on the subject of Operational Research with Applications in Decision-Making in Energy, Economy and Environment. He is currently an Associate Professor in the School of Chemical Engineering of NTUA and has an extensive research outcome (more than 60 publications in international scientific journals). In 2010 he wrote his first novel titled "The Theorem of Seven" (Patakis editions) containing several autobiographical elements from the sport and academic area. He is a member of the Hellenic Olympians Association and was an active member of the National Council for Combating Doping from 2003 to 2010. Since February 2014 he is politically active with the party "To Potami" ("The River"), a centrist, progressive, social-liberal party. Since January 2015 he is elected as a MP of the Attica district. He is Vice President of "To Potami" and also he is member of Standing Committee on Cultural and Educational Affairs at the Hellenic Parliament. In 2018 he was elected Chairman in the sub-committee of "Education, Youth and Sport" of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Vicky Loizou
Advisor to the President of New Democracy

Vicky Loizou is Advisor to the President of the "New Democracy" Party in Greece, and Deputy Secretary for Strategic Planning and Communication. Graduate of Political Sciences and International Studies, with a master's degree on European Policies and Administration at Panteion University Athens. An expert on strategic planning as well as on market reforms - planning and implementation. She has a wide experience in public administration, having served in senior consecutive positions at the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Development. A survivor of a rare cancer case, she now focuses her interest on health policy and healthcare reforms.

George Tsiakalakis
Advocacy & Communications Manager
Greek Association of People Living with HIV "Positive Voice"

George Tsiakalakis serves as a Communications and Advocacy Officer at the Greek Association of people living with HIV "Positive Voice" for the last five years. He has the honor to be one of the founding members of the Hellenic Patients Association, serving the movement of patients' claiming their participation in health decision making and their substantial contribution in health policy in Greece. He holds an MSc in Public Health and Political Sciences. Regarding his professional career, for the last 14 years, he has worked in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility (Global Sustain) and in the field of Social Marketing & Communication (International Organization for Migration). He speaks English and Turkish.

Byron Kotzamanis
Professor of Demography, School of Engineering
University of Thessaly

Byron Kotzamanis is a Demographer, Docteur es Lettres et Sciences Humaines (University of Paris X). Researcher at the National Centre of Social Research (1983-1996) and member of its Management Board (1987-88 /1990-91). Associate researcher in the National Institute of Demographic Studies /INED, (1996-98 & 2004-13). Professor of Demography and Sociology in the Military School of Air Forces in Thessaloniki (1985) and in the Technological Educational Institution of Athens (1989-1998). Associate Professor (1997-1999) and Professor since 2000 (Department. of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly-UTH-). Director of the Laboratory of Demographic and Social Analyses (LADS) of UTH since 1998. Director of the Post-graduate Studies Program of the Dept. of Planning and Regional Studies (2001-2004) and of the Joint French-Greek Master Program "Population-Development-Foresight" (UTH & Univ. of Bordeaux IV, 2005-17). Coordinator of the Network of the Joint French-Greek Masters programs in Greece. President (2001-2004) of the International Association of French Speaking Demographers and Honorary president since 2005. Coordinator (1998-2006) of the Network "Demobalk" and President since 2007 of the international Association Demobalk. Chevalier de Palmes Academiques of the French Government (2005). Member of several international Census Observation Missions in ex-socialist countries. Expert of the European Commission responsible for the re-organization of the Statistical Institutes in the Western Balkan countries (Montenegro, Serbia, BiH) in the framework of PHARE and CARDS programs. Member of the organizing and scientific

committees of several national and international conferences. Scientific responsible for the implementation of several research programs financed both by national and international institutions. Editor of the series “Demographic News” & “Discussion Papers” of the Laboratory of Demographic and Social Analyses and co-editor (since 2001) of the series “Démographie des Balkans/Balkan Demographic Papers” of Demobalk Association. Author, co-author or editor of 12 books about demographic /population developments in Greece / Balkans. Author of several papers, articles and texts in collective volumes which treat issues of demographic policy and population projections, migration, fertility-nuptiality (as well as the spatial dimensions of demographic phenomena) in Greece and in Balkans.

Emmanouil Papasavas
President & Chief Executive Officer
“Aghia Sophia” Children’s Hospital & “P & A Kyriakou”
Children’s Hospital

Emmanouil Papasavas is President & CEO at Aghia Sophia Children’s Hospital and CEO at P&A Kyriakou Children’s Hospital from 2010 to today. He’s graduated University of Central Lancashire U.K. (BA Health Studies & Management Science) and Nuffield Institute of Health, University of Leeds UK (MA Hospital Management). He was Assistant General Manager at Fairfield General Hospital, Bury Health Care NHS Trust U.K. (1996 - 1997), a Special Associate at Evaggelismos Hospital (1999 - 2000), a Special Associate to the Minister of Health (2000-2002), Deputy CEO at Hippokrateio General Hospital (2002 - 2004) and General Manager at Peristeri Clinic of the Athens Medical Center (2005 - 2010). From 2013 he is a Vice President at Orama Elpidas Association.

Kyriakos Souliotis
Associate Professor of Health Policy
Faculty of Social Sciences
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, he is 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 40 research projects. He has published 28 books and more than 250 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 350 scientific conferences and he is acting as reviewer for international journals. He was Associate Editor of “Health Expectations” (Wiley) and now he is Associate Editor of “BMC Public Health” (BioMed Central).

Anastasia Balasopoulou
CEO & President
Hippocratic Hospital of Athens

Anastasia Balasopoulou has studied “Business Administration” at Economic University of Athens, then she finished the national School of Public Health in Athens and she got her MSc degree on “Analysis for Health Care Decisions” at LSE (Operational Research Department). Currently, she is the CEO and President of Hippocratic Hospital in Athens, having a strong background on Hospital Management (she worked as Administrative Director in two hospitals -“Pammakaristos” and “Metaxa”- and CEO in “Alexandra” hospital). She is President of the “Hospital Management Scientific Center” (www.ekmn.gr) which is a non-for-profit organization aiming to propose feasible solutions on hospital managerial issues (e.g. Reimbursement & Finance, Supply Chain & Procurement, Quality, Institutional provision etc). As member of European Health Management Association, she established and coordinated the Special Interest Group “Benchmarking and Best Practices Management”; it focuses on operational hospital issues. She is also member of the «International Centre of Excellence in Emergency» as well a collaborator to “Centrum fuer Krankenhaus Management”. She has visited several hospitals, studying on best practices regarding their operations level, in UK, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland and USA. She is member of the Scientific Staff of the National Scholl of Public Health (ESDY), since 2005, teaching “Financial Management of Health services Organizations) and “Decision Making in Health care”. She had been consultant in WHO, on specialized studies (including the study for Coding Systems for Hospital’s Procurement). She is an expert in “Lean Production in Health Care” (University of Michigan) that focuses on the processes towards eliminating any kind of waste. The Supply Chain, and especially the Procurement system, is a field of major interest for her focusing on its impact on both cost aspect and quality of the final service.

Vasileios Oiconomou
Member of Parliament, Head, Health Sector
New Democracy

Vasileios Oikonomou was born in 1968 and comes from Kapandriti, Attica. He is married to doctor (MD) Christina Taki, they have two children and they live in Pallini, Attica. As a teenager he was a Panellenic winner in triple jump and Member of National Track Team. He studied Law at the University of Thraki and Physical Education and Athletic at the University of Athens. He works as a lawyer in Athens and he is also a Doctor at the University of Peloponnisos. He has been a member of the Council of the Hellenic Students Association [EFEE] (1990-1996). Furthermore, he has been the Deputy Secretary of the 'YOUTH' of the Socialist Party (PASOK) in Greece from 1998 to 2000 and the Secretary of the Youth movement at the Hellenic Universities from 1994 to 1996. From 1997 until 2000 he worked in Ministry of Defense. He was elected member of local council Oropou, Attica (2011 - 2013). He is Member of the Hellenic Parliament for Attica elected during the Greek Elections in years 2000, 2004, 2007, 2009 and 2012 and 2015 he is Member of the Hellenic Parliament for State. He was the Secretary of the Hellenic Parliament in 2000. He has been Member of the Defence and External Affairs Committee of the Hellenic Parliament (2004 – 2013), Member of the Presidential Committee of the Hellenic Parliament (2012 - 2014), Representative of the Party of Democratic Left in the Foundation of the Hellenic Parliament (2012 – 2014), Member of the subcommittee of the Hellenic Parliament for the monitoring of the armament programs followed by the Hellenic Ministry of Defence (2009-2010), member of the Special Environmental Committee of the Hellenic Parliament (2004-2009). He was also chairman of the Helleno – Israeli Friendship Committee of the Hellenic Parliament (2009 - 2012), Deputy Head of the Hellenic Delegation in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (2009-2010) and member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly since 2007. Finally he was Chairman of the Special Committee of the Hellenic Parliament for Equality, Youth and Human Rights (2009 – 2010) and Chairman of the subcommittee for the rights of disabled people (2009 – 2010). He was a member of Special Parliamentary Committee for "Lagarde list" (2012-2013). In May 6, 2010 he was one of the first Members of Parliament that denied vote to the 1st Memorandum, denial that caused his erasure from PASOK. In January 2012 he started associating with the Party of Democratic Left and became member of the Parliamentary Group since March 2012. Since July 2012 he is the Representative of the Parliamentary Group of Democratic Left in the Hellenic Parliament. June 2014 was for the second time Independent Member of Greek Parliament. July 2014 was the head of Political movement "Dimocratic Link". From January 2015 he is member of the Parliamentary Group of Nea Dimokratia. In the National Elections of September 20th, 2015, he was reelected and Member of Parliament of Nea Dimokratia.

Spyros Gkikas
General Manager Greece & Cyprus
GE Healthcare

Spyros Gkikas-Panousis 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 the 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 General Manager at GE Healthcare for Greece and Cyprus.

George Pappous
Expert, Health Technology and Quality in Healthcare

George Pappous is a Medical Devices Expert. He has 20 years of professional experience in the field of Health Technology and Quality in Healthcare sector. He is Physicist and he has postgraduate studies in Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering, specialized in Clinical Engineering. From 2004 to 2016 he was Managing Director of EKAPTY - National Evaluation Center of Quality and Technology in Health. Since 2000 he teaches related subjects in the National School of Public Administration and Local Government, as well as in postgraduate courses of National University of Athens. He has participated in several committees of the Ministry of Health relating to the Procurement System in health technology and Quality in Healthcare and he has represented Greece in Health Technology Assessment Network of the European Commission, on policy issues in health technology. He has participated in several scientific congresses related to Quality and Medical Device Technology and he has related scientific papers.

Dr. George Sarantavgas
Director, Standards & Solutions
GS1 Association Greece

Dr. George Sarantavgas, is the Director of Standards and Solutions at GS1 Association Greece. He holds a B.Eng(Hons) on Electronics & Computer Engineering and an M.Sc on Digital Communications. In 2004 the Royal Academy of Engineering of Great Britain awarded him a scholarship to begin his Ph.D studies on Electrical and Electronics Engineering for medical applications at Cranfield University and graduated in 2009. He worked in multinational companies in the High Technology industry in Europe and Greece and he has participated in projects developing hardware and software, collaborating with companies such as Samsung, Thales, BAE, GE, Carl Zeiss, Philips etc. From 2012 to 2014 he served as an advisor to the Greek Ministry of Health for sectors like technology, information systems and strategic management. He has also served as a substitute member at the Board of Directors of Sotiria General Hospital from 2013 to 2014. From 2014 he worked as a senior auditor in ISO Quality Management Systems in the healthcare sector and also as a CE auditor for medical devices and software. Dr. George Sarantavgas is a member of scientific organisations and institutes (IEEE, IET, EEL, TEE).

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, Panton 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.

Spyridon-Adonis Georgiadis
f. Minister of Health
Member of Parliament, Vice President
New Democracy

Adonis Georgiadis was born on November 6th, 1972, in Athens. He graduated from the Faculty of History & Archaeology of the School of Philosophy of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens. In 1993, he took over the management of publications 'GEORGIADIS-LIBRARY OF GREEK'. In 1994, he founded the Liberal Studies Center "GREEK EDUCATION". Elected MP in Athens B region in the elections of 2007 and 2009 with the LAOS political party. In February 2012, he joined the Nea Demokratia political party, having resigned from the parliamentary office. Elected with Nea Demokratia in Athens B in the national elections of 2012 and 2015. He was Vice Minister of Shipping in the Government of Lucas Papademos and Minister of Health in the Government of Antonis Samaras. On January 18th, 2016, he was appointed one of the two Vice-Presidents of the Nea Demokratia by decision of Kyriakos Mitsotakis, the President of Nea Demokratia. He is married to Eugenia Manolidou and they have two children, Perseus and Alcaeus.

Makis Voridis
f. Minister of Health
Member of Parliament
New Democracy

Makis Voridis was LA.O.S's Higher Representative and Member of the Parliament, Member of the Financial Committee, Member of a state specialized committee at the account given and financial statement and Member of Disciplinary Parliamentary of Committee. He is a graduate of the Athens College and he holds a bachelor's degree in Law School of the University of Athens and he has a Master of Laws degree from the University of London, specialized in International Commercial Law and Criminal Law. He is Attorney at law and he speaks English and French. In the elections of May 6, 2012, he was first elected in the Region of Attica with the New Democracy and he was re-elected in June 17, 2012. In the elections of January 25 and September 20, 2015, he was re-elected MP with New Democracy in the region of Attica. He served as New Democracy's representative. He served in the army (1992-1993). Makis Voridis has been involved with politics as a student and he was the founder of the student organization "Free Students", and president of the students' in the College of Athens. He was born in Athens (1964) and he is married with Ioanna-Danai Mihelakou and father of an unbaptised boy.

Panagiotis Kouroumplis
f. Minister of Health
Member of Parliament
SYRIZA

Panagiotis Kouroumplis is a lawyer, Dr. of Social Sciences and an MP for the 2nd Athens District. He has been elected thrice in Aetoloakarnania District with PASOK (1996, 2000 and 2009) and four times in the 2nd Athens District with SYRIZA (May and June 2012, January and September 2015). In 1993 by decision of Andreas Papandreou he was appointed General Secretary for Welfare at the Ministry of Health. Between 2015 and 2018 he served successively as Minister of Health, Interior & Administrative Reconstruction and Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy in governments under Alexis Tsipras. He is a descendant of refugees from Pontus who settled in Aetoloakarnania, where he was born in 1951. At age 10 he lost his eyesight entirely following the explosion of a hand grenade from WWII. Between 1976 and 1981 he was one of the pioneers in the struggle of the blind for the enshrinement of their rights to education and employment, during which he was prosecuted several times. Serving in the cabinets of all Ministers of Health during the period 1981-1989, he contributed to the drafting of legislation that set the foundations for the welfare state in Greece. In 1990 his efforts of the previous ten years resulted in the establishment of the National Confederation of Disabled People, through which the Greek disabled movement was finally unified. He served as its first president until 1993. As General Secretary for Welfare between 1993 and 1996 he focused on the protection of children, the elderly, large families and the disabled. During his tenure as Minister of Health he enacted measures for the health cover of uninsured citizens and vulnerable groups and abolished the 5 euro fee for citizens' access to the National Health Service. In Councils of EU Health Ministers and at the WHO General Assembly he was among the first to raise the prospect of common negotiations of EU member-states with big pharmaceutical companies for the procurement of expensive innovative medicines. As Minister of Interior & Administrative Reconstruction he legislated proportional electoral representation and the right to vote from age 17. In his capacity as Minister of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy he legislated the admission to the Hellenic Coast Guard through standardized examination for the first time, supported Greek shipping in international fora and undertook initiatives to upgrade Greek maritime education. Panagiotis Kouroumplis has been honored numerous times for his achievements in the social realm including by the Academy of Athens. Citing his own example, he encourages the young to reject all forms of resignation and fight to fulfill their dreams. He is married and has two children.