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Elias Spirtounias
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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.

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Nikolaos Bakatselos
President
American-Hellenic Chamber of
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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 AEX”, 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.

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

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 is currently member of the Board of Directors, also he is member of the Board of Directors of the Pharma Innovation Forum (PIF), President of the Pharmaceutical Committee of Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham), 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 School of Athens (ACS).

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Theodore Liakopoulos
President
Medical Devices & Diagnostics
Committee
American-Hellenic Chamber of
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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 2005, 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.

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Thanos Plevris
Minister, Ministry of Health
Athens Lawyer at the Supreme
Court

Thanos Plevris was born in Athens on 21 May 1977, he is an Orthodox Christian, married to Eleni Papatheologou Plevris and he has two children, Niki and Konstantinos. He is a resident of Athens, Greece. He fulfilled his term as a Marine Sergeant and he has also been a Marine and Commando Trainer. He is a Lawyer with a graduate degree from the Law School of the University of Athens and hold a postgraduate degree from the University of Heidelberg, Germany with a scholarship (2002) on "Patient consent according to Greek and German criminal law". In 2006 he received his doctorate from the Law School of the University of Athens, Greece with a dissertation on "Criminal Liability in Medical Practice. Research and Experimentation with humans as the object". From 2019 until today, he is a Member of the Hellenic Parliament for district A' Athens with New Democracy party and on August 31,2021 he was sworn in as Minister of Health. As Member of Parliament he participated in the Special Parliamentary Committees to conduct a preliminary examination on the "Criminal Liability of Ministers", Mr N. Pappas and Mr D. Papagelopoulos, in the Standing Committee on Educational Affairs and in the Special Standing Committee on Parliamentary Ethics and Social Security. He also participated in the Standing Committee on Social Affairs and the Special Standing Committee for the Monitoring of the Social Security System. In 2018 he founded the urban non-profit company under the name "Surveillance of Infections in Health - Civil Non-Profit Company" (EPI.LOI.S.Y).

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Geoffrey Pyatt
U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic
U.S. Embassy in Athens

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.

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

Dr. Pavlakis has extensive research and development experience in molecular biology, virology, and immunology. He has directed both basic research and clinical development projects based on his pioneering research achievements. He developed the first mammalian cell production of mature Human Growth Hormone, a successful biotechnology product. He developed codon/RNA optimization methods that have found wide applications in biotechnology, gene therapy protocols and many vaccines, including all Adenovirus vaccines and many nucleic acid vaccines. He developed DNA vaccines for HIV and showed they provide strong and long-lasting immunity. He developed lipid formulations for nucleic acid delivery in humans. He developed strong fluorescent GFP mutants that are in wide use in biology. 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. He presently works on cancer vaccines and immunotherapies as well as on HIV and coronavirus vaccines. He is a 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.

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Adonis Georgiadis
Minister
Ministry of Development and
Investments

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. In 2011, he was Vice Minister of Shipping in the Government of Lucas Papademos and in 2013 he was appointed 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. On July 9th, Adonis Georgiadis was appointed as Minister of Development and Investments after the 2019 greek elections. He is married to Eugenia Manolidou and they have two children, Perseus and Alcaeus.

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Dr. Dimitrios Filippou
President, National Medicines
Agency (EOF)
Ass. Professor of Anatomy and
Surgical Anatomy, Medical School,
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 NKUA, 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 important scientific, authorial and research work. He has participated in many research projects. He has numerous scientific publications in reputable International and Greek journals and a significant number of papers in Greek and International Medical Conferences. He has also participated in the translation and editing of many medical books, which are taught in universities across the country in Medical Schools and other Departments of Health Sciences. He has published books in English with the participation of internationally renowned authors, doctors and researchers, which are published abroad, while he has also participated in the writing of international publications. Finally, he has contributed to the publication of many newsletters for the general public.

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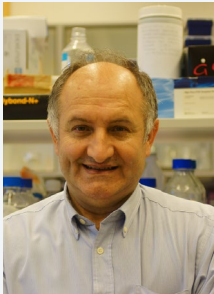
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Dimitrios Boumpas
Professor of Pathology –
Rheumatology,
Director of the Department of
Pathology of the University of
Athens, Head of the
Rheumatology and Clinical
Immunology
Unit, “Attikon”

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 ESRI Committee for Translational Research Infrastructures.

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Alex Dorr
Europe South Medical Director
AbbVie

Alex is passionate Medical Affairs professional with extensive experience across various layers of complex corporate organizations (global, area, local). He has over 10 years of experience in autoimmune & inflammatory diseases, cardiovascular/respiratory, sleep, and virology covering all stages of Medical Affairs support from early development (phase 1-2), full development, product launch, late life cycle management, loss of exclusivity and product withdrawal. He has been active member of a Country Management Team and Trade Director. Prior to joining pharma Alex pursued an academic career at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL) as scientific collaborator working on HIV. Alex holds a PhD in Life Science from the German Cancer Research Center. He graduated in immunology at the Basel Institute for Immunology. Alex is a ski tour guide in the Swiss Alpine Club, passionate about CrossFit and loves spending his free time with friends and family in the Swiss Alps.

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Aggelos Tsakanikas
Head of the Entrepreneurship
Observatory Foundation for
Economic and Industrial Research
(FEIR/IOBE)

Aggelos Tsakanikas is an Associate Professor in the field of Economic Evaluation of Systems of Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Director at the Laboratory of Industrial and Energy Economics (LIEE), National Technical University of Athens (NTUA). He is also heading the Entrepreneurship Observatory, at the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (FEIR/IOBE), the leading private think tank for economic research in Greece. He teaches Economics, Investment Decision and Business Administration, Statistics for Engineers, Technology - Innovation – Entrepreneurship at the Chemical Engineering department and Industrial Policies and International Competitiveness (Athens MBA course). In the context of his research activity has been involved with numerous sectoral studies, studies on entrepreneurship and competitiveness, studies on ICTs adoption and diffusion, and economic performance at the macro, meso (sectoral) and micro level of analysis. In the academic field, his main research interests and most of his published work lie in technology strategy, business strategy, innovation economics, entrepreneurship, and related public policies. He has also participated in various European projects in innovation studies, socioeconomic research and information society. He has also served as Vice chairman of the Hellenic Industrial Property organization (Greek Patent Office) from 2017 to 2019. He is also a member of the Greek team that participates in the World Competitiveness Yearbook published by the International Management Development. He is also heading the NTUA Technology Transfer Office.

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George Chrousos
Professor of Pediatrics and
Endocrinology Emeritus, Holder,
UNESCO Chair on
Adolescent Health Care, Director,
University Research
Institute of Maternal and Child
Health and Precision
Medicine, National and
Kapodistrian University of Athens,
Medical School, Aghia Sophia
Children's Hospital

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 of Pediatrics and Endocrinology Emeritus, 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 Head of the Laboratory of Endocrinology and Metabolism 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 170,000 times (H-index 199) making him one of the top 200 cited authors (Google Scholar, June 2021) 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, and the Bodossaki Aristeion Prize of the Bodossaki Foundation. He is a Doctor Honoris Causa of the Universities of Liege, Belgium, Universita 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.

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Theodore Skylakakis
Alternate Minister of Finance for
Fiscal Policy
Ministry of Finance

He is an economist born in Athens 1959. He is a former MEP (2009-2014), member of the Committees on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, on Budgetary Control and also of the Special Committee on Organized Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering. Substitute member of the Committees on Industry, Research and Energy, on Economic and Monetary Affairs as well as of the Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis. 2006-2009 he was appointed General Secretary of International Economic Relations and Development Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2003 to 2006 he was Deputy of the Athens Mayor, Deputy Mayor for Finance and responsible for the preparation of Athens for the Olympic Games 2004. He also served as Chairman of the Organization of Tourism and Economic Development Company in 2005-2006. From 1990 to 1993 he served as Advisor to the Prime Minister Constantinos Mitsotakis and Head of the Office of Planning and Communication of the Prime Minister. He was also President and General Director of the Research Center E21 (1994-2001). From 2014 he is elected President of Drassi Party which has suspended operations in order to support New Democracy. He has worked in advertising and communication since 1985 and has founded and managed four companies in the fields of communication (1994-1999), crisis management (2000-2006), agriculture and processing (2014-2019). He has studied economics at the University of Athens and Management (MBA Degree) at the City University of London. He holds a Diploma from the British Market Research Society in Marketing Research as well as a PhD from the Dept of History and Philosophy of Science of the University of Athens on the matter of social tolerance to corruption. He is married to the lawyer Helen Papapanou and they have two daughters, Marianna and Irene.

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Panagiotis Prezerakos
Secretary General of Public Health,
Ministry of Health
President of the National Health
Council

Professor Panagiotis Prezerakos is a graduate of the Nursing Department of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, holds a master (MSc.) in Health Services Management from the University of London as well as a Ph.D. in Social Medicine of the Nursing Department of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He was the Governor of the Kyparissia Hospital and then Governor of the 2nd Health District of Attica. He has worked at the National Health Service as a Clinical Nurse, as a Head of Continuing Staff Training and finally as the Director of the Vocational Training Center of the "Sotiria" Hospital. He held the position of the Professor at the Nursing Department of the University of Peloponnese, in which he was president, until July 2019 when he assumed the duties of Secretary General of Public Health. He has taught at domestic and foreign universities. He has participated as a guest speaker in numerous international and Greek conferences. His research and writing activity concerns the field of Health Services Management and Public Health.

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Panagiotis Liargovas
Professor of Economics, University
of Peloponnese
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Scientific Director, Centre of
Planning and Economic Research
(KEPE)
f. Head of the Parliamentary
Budget Office, 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 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”.

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Zachary Ragousis is President & Managing Director of Pfizer of Greece, Cyprus & Malta. He has been working in the pharmaceutical market for 33 years and has gained experience serving the industry from various positions. He is Vice President of the Reimbursement & HTA committee of SFEE. He is also member of the BoD at the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. Zachary holds a Degree in Veterinary Medicine from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He is married and has a child. He joined Pfizer Hellas in 2003 following a merger with Pharmacia. He started his career as a sales Rep, and moved to positions of Product Manager, Marketing Manager, Sales Manager & BU Manager in the areas of CNS, Antibiotics, Dermatology, Cardiology, Oncology, Ophthalmology & Hormones. He has also assumed responsibilities in Trade, BIT & other functional roles. He is a member of the local board of directors of Pfizer Hellas since 2012 & President since 2017.

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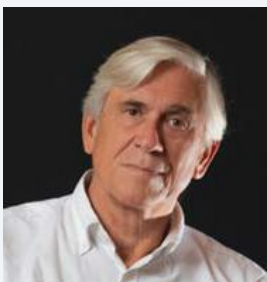
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Platon Tinios
Associate Professor
University of Piraeus

Platon Tinios, is an economist, associate professor at the University of Piraeus. He was educated in Egypt, Greece and the UK. He studied economics at the Universities of Cambridge (MA, Ph.D) and Oxford (M.Phil). He served as Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Greece from 1996 to 2004, specializing in the economic analysis of social policy and pensions. He was a member of the EU Social Protection Committee and the EPC Ageing Working Group from 2000 to 2004. He has participated in IMF Technical Assistance missions in the areas of social expenditure and pensions. In 2015/6 he was a Visiting Senior Fellow at the London School of Economics. His research interests include pensions, ageing, social policy, gender, economics of insurance and public finance. He has written numerous books and journal articles in English and in Greek.

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Agis Tsouros
International Adviser on Health
Policy, Strategy and Diplomacy,
Former Director, Policy and
Governance for Health and
Wellbeing at WHO Europe Adjunct
Professor Global Health,
University of Boston

Dr 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.

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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 and recognised as one of the "20 Women Who Shape Brussels" by POLITICO Europe in 2020. Nathalie holds an Honours Degree in Biochemistry and Biotechnology from St Andrews University, Scotland.

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Vassilis Kontozamanis is the ex-Alternate Minister of Health. He represents Greece at the Board of the European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA). Vassilis has built on a double experience. Firstly, in managing the national pharmaceutical sector: as Vice President and President of the Greek National Organisation for Medicines (EOF) and as member of the Management Board of the European Medicines Agency (EMA). Secondly, in managing the health care system in Greece, as Chief Executive Officer of the 1st Regional Health Authority (Attica), as Secretary General of the Ministry of Health, Deputy Minister and Alternate Minister.

Vassilis Kontozamanis
f. Alternate Minister of Health

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

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.

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Konstantinos Bargiotas
Orthopaedic Surgeon, f. Member
of Parliament

Member of the Greek Parliament with River Party and KINAL from 2015-2019. Secretary of the Health and NHS Council of KINAL party. Born in 1965, he has a Medical Degree (MD) from Aristotle University, Thessaloniki in 1989 and a Phd from University of Thessaly in 2008. He was trained as an Orthopaedic Surgeon in UK Hospitals and in the University dept in KAT Hospital, Athens. He completed a Fellow training program in Adult Reconstruction in Allegheny Hospital in Pittsburgh, USA in 2005. His training and practice is focused in Adult Reconstruction, Major Joint Replacement Surgery, with Minimally Invasive techniques and innovative materials. From 2000 to 2015, prior to his election as MP, he was a member of the Faculty of the University Department of Orthopaedics of the University of Thessaly, in Larissa Greece. During this period he was elected twice as president of the Doctors Union in the University Hospital and as an elector in the National Medical Council. Since 2019 he is the Director of the Orthopaedic Department of the District Hospital of Larissa.

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Yannis Tountas
Professor Emeritus of Social and Preventive Medicine, Medical School, University of Athens
Director, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM)

Yannis Tountas is Emeritus 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 the Director of Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM), 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 fifteen books and more than 200 publications in scientific journals. He has served as Director of the Center for Health Services Research, Department of Hygiene, Epidemiology & Statistical Medicine, Medical School, University of Athens, 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).

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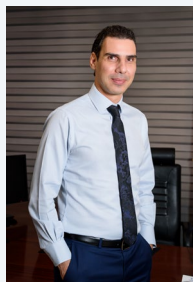
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Marios Themistocleous
General Secretary of the Primary
Health Care
Ministry of Health

Marios Themistocleous is the General Secretary of the Primary Health Care at the Ministry of Health, responsible for the coordination and management of the National vaccination programme in Greece. He graduated from the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, has a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Medical school of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and a Master of Science in Health Management and Health Economics. He has served as a Consultant Neurosurgeon at the Neurosurgery Department of “Agia Sofia” Childrens’ Hospital of Athens. Marios was the President of the National Central Health Procurement Authority, member of the Coordinating and Management Committee of the Government policy for the 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 has also been 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).

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Kyriakos Souliotis
Professor of Health Policy
Dean, School of Social and Political
Sciences, University of
Peloponnese

Kyriakos Souliotis is Professor of Health Policy and Dean at the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Peloponnese. He was Vice Rector of Social and Regional Development (2016-2017). 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. He is currently President of the Scientific Board of the Hellenic Association of Political Scientists and President of the Scientific Committee of the Greek Patient Association. He is also 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 is the founder, chair and scientific director of the Health Policy Institute. 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 Senior Associate Director at the Medical Technology Research Group of the LSE Enterprise. He has extensive research experience in Greece and abroad and he has acted as the Scientific Lead / Project Manager in 40 research projects. He has published 29 books and more than 300 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 "Risk Management and Healthcare Policy" (Taylor & Francis) and has been Associate Editor at "Health Expectations" (Wiley).

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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.

Anargyros Mariolis
General Practitioner, Director of
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Head of the Initiative for the
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Katerina Koutsogianni
President
Greek Patients Association

Katerina Koutsogianni was born in Heraklion, Crete, where she still lives today. In 2003, having a lot of experience from the problems she faced as a patient with rheumatoid arthritis in collaboration with other patients with rheumatic diseases, they founded the Arthritis Foundation of Crete where today she is the Honorary President. She actively participates in the field of patients' organizations with rheumatic diseases both in Greece and abroad, enriching her experience by participating in international conferences and seminars. Aiming at the unified expression of people with rheumatic diseases in Greece in 2017, the Panhellenic Federation of Patients Parents, Caregivers and Friends of Children with Rheumatic Diseases Associations "ReuMazein" was established where she was also elected as the President. Since 2018 he has been an Eupati fellow having completed 14 months of intense training at the European Patients Academy. In November 2019, after many years of effort for the unified expression of all people with chronic diseases, the Greek Patients Association was founded and she was elected as the first President

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Makis Papataxiarchis
Consultant to the Hellenic
Government

Makis Papataxiarchis has 23 years of experience in the Pharmaceutical sector and a 19-yearold 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.

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Yannis Mastrogeorgiou
Secretary General for
Communication & Media,
Strategic Foresight Policy
Coordinator of the Government

Yannis Mastrogeorgiou is the Secretary General for Communication and Media in the Presidency of the Greek Government and Strategic Foresight Coordinator of the Greek Government. He previously was Director General of the Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute of Democracy, the in-house, non-profit policy corporation of Nea Demokratia party, and Director of DIKTIO – Network for Reform in Greece and Europe, a leading Athens-based think tank. Yannis has also served as Director of Communications of the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, as Adviser in the Hellenic Parliament and as Special Adviser to the Minister of Development, Competitiveness and Shipping. He has also worked as communication adviser with multinational companies and was a Marshall Memorial Fellow in the GMF. Yannis has studied history, international relations, journalism and European Affairs. He is a currently a PhD candidate, researching the impact of the Fourth Industrial Revolution to Greek society. Yannis championed the discourse on AI in Greece, having published two books and several articles. His new book Artificial Intelligence and Humans: An endeavour to understand our age will be published this spring by Papadopoulos House.

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Olympios Papadimitriou
President, Hellenic Association of
Pharmaceutical Companies (SFEE)
General Manager, Novo Nordisk
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Olympios Papadimitriou is in the position of General Manager at Novo Nordisk Hellas LTD for the last 16 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.

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Agata Jakoncic
President, Pharma Innovation
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Managing Director
MSD Greece, Cyprus & Malta

During her presence at MSD Greece, Agata has strengthened performance and inspired employees in a modern and innovative way of thinking, which places society, patients and people at the center of business operation. Under her guidance and positive enhancement, MSD Greece expanded its CSR efforts, embraced new Agile Ways of Working and evolved the organizational culture. MSD has been recognized with awards from the Best Place to Work, awarded as one of 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. Agata has been very active in shaping policy in Greece and was recently elected as President of Pharma Innovation Forum which represents 25 R & D leading international companies. From this role, Agata will focus on placing the importance of innovation at the center of the health dialogue and support the provision of the most advanced treatment to patients. A Slovenian native, she started her career at MSD/Merck & Co and ever since has been a leader in roles of increasing responsibility, in commercial, marketing, supply optimization. In her last role Agata was the Country Lead for Lithuania, Romania and Balkan countries.

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Dimitrios Nikas
**President, Association of Health-
Research and Biotechnology
Industry (SEIV)**
**Managing Director, Medtronic
Hellas**

Dimitrios 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 Mendes 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 21 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.

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Mary Geitona
Professor of Health Economics
School of Social Policy
University of Peloponnese

Mary Geitona is professor in economic analysis of social policy and health economics in the School of Social Policy at the University of Peloponnese. She was born in Athens and studied Political and Economic Sciences at the University of Athens. Her post-graduate studies include Health Service Administration at the National School of Public Health, Research Methodology at the University of Athens and Economic Analysis of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Technology at the LSE. Her doctoral thesis on the funding of health services was successfully submitted to Athens University in 1992. 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 has had over 150 papers in peer-reviewed journals, presented over 300 papers at national and international conferences and has given over 200 lectures and training on health economic evaluation. Additionally, she has authored and co-authored 10 publications in the areas of health economics and health policy, social policy, pharmaceutical outcomes research and pharmacoeconomics. She is the founder of the Hellenic Society for Pharmacoeconomics (HELSPOR) and since 1990 was the President of HELSPOR and editor-in-Chief of the Greek journal "Pharmacoeconomia". Additionally, she is the founder and the president of the Greek ISPOR Chapter. She was also member of the congress planning committee of 11th ISPOR European Conference taking place in Athens, in 2008, and co-chair in the ISPOR research review committee. Her main interest is health technology assessment (HTA) and she is strongly involved in its implementation in the decision making in Greece.

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Zoe Rapti
Deputy Minister, Responsible for
Mental Health and Addictions
Ministry of Health

Zoe Rapti is graduate of Moraitis School (with honors). She holds an LLB in Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, LLM in International Commercial Law (with honors), University of Kent at Canterbury, Great Britain. She is an Attorney at Law, Athens Bar Association and she was elected to Local Administration Authorities for 16 years. She is President of the City Council and Vice – Mayor of the Municipality of Psychiko, member of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), appointed by the Central Union of Greek Municipalities, and Founder and President of the Union of Municipalities for the Protection and Regeneration of Mount Tourkovounia. She is Secretary of the Administration Board of the Institute for Democracy “Konstantinos Karamanlis” and she was candidate for the European Parliament at the european elections of 2014 and candidate for the Greek Parliament at the national elections of 2015, for Region B’ of Athens. She is Secretary responsible for the Society – Party Relations Department of New Democracy and Member of the Health and Labor Sector of New Democracy. She was elected member of the Greek Parliament at the national elections of 2019, representing the North Sector of Athens (Athens B1). On August 2020 she was sworn in as a Deputy Minister of Health, responsible for Mental Health and Addictions.

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Minerva-Melpomeni Malliori
Professor of Psychiatry
National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens

Minerva-Melpomeni Malliori has Dental and Medical diploma at the University of Athens in 1975 and 1978 respectively. Specialization in Psychiatry in 1984. In 1985, she received a scholarship from the State Scholarships Foundation to undertake postgraduate studies in Nottingham University-UK in Community Psychiatry. In 1986-1987 she served as a Consultant in World Health Organization, Division Mental Health Policy and Planning, Drug Abuse, Geneva, Switzerland. In 1989, she obtained her PhD at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The most important professional appointments and positions include:

- Lecturer (1995), Assistant (2000), Associate Professor (2010), Professor (2015) in Psychiatry at the A' University Department of Psychiatry-Eginition Hospital
- President of Organization against Drugs (OKANA) (1997-1999)
- Member of the European Parliament (1999-2004)
- Vice President of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) (2004-2008)
- Vice President of the Hellenic Center for Disease Control and Prevention (HCDCP) (2009-2010)
- President of Organization against Drugs (OKANA) (2010-2013)
- Member of the Management Board in the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (1993-today)

Her research activity is mainly concentrated on Social Psychiatry, Psychiatric Epidemiology, Addiction from substances and Gambling, Psychopharmacology and on the incidence of Infectious Diseases on drug users. She participated as a speaker in more than 400 Greek and International Scientific Congresses and She has more than 2.000 hours of teaching experience on undergraduate and postgraduate level. She contributed in 220 publications in medical scientific Journals (international 200, Greek 100) and 20 books. Her h-index is 22 and her citations are 1490.

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Katerina Gardikas is an historian. She was an associate professor of Modern Greek History at the Department of History and Archaeology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Her publications include: Protection and Guarantees: Stages and Myths of the Greek National Integration (1821-1920), Thessaloniki: Vaniias, 1999 [in Greek] and Landscapes of Disease: Malaria in Modern Greece, Budapest: Central European University Press, 2018.

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Associate Professor George Koulierakis obtained an undergraduate degree in Psychology (1987), a postgraduate diploma in Clinical Psychology (1990) and a Master of Science (1993) and a Ph.D. degree (2002) in Health Psychology. From 1994 to 2019 (May), he was a Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology of the National School of Public Health. Since May 7th 2019, he was appointed as an Associate Professor at the Department of Public Health Policy, of the University of West Attica. From September 2019, he has been appointed as Visiting Associate Professor at the Department of Urban-Global Public Health at Rutgers School of Public Health, USA. Overall, he has more than 25 years of teaching experience in Health Psychology and Research Methods on undergraduate and postgraduate programs, seminars and life-long learning programs. He has participated in more than 80 national and international conferences both as a member of the organizing and scientific committees and as a speaker. He has been the scientific leader of national and EU-funded projects, related to psychological dimensions of behaviours in prisons and contemporary problems, such as the refugees' crisis. He has written chapters in two (2) educational textbooks; chapters on six (6) textbooks; peer reviewed papers on national (21) and international (18) journals, and 13 project reports. He co-edited one book in Greek, regarding Health Psychology. His academic and research interests are focused on studying, understanding and interpreting - through psychological determinants - health and illness behaviours and their determinants; migration issues; health literacy and behavioural economics. He is Associate Editor to Behavioral Medicine. He is member of the Hellenic Psychological Society and the European Health Psychological Society (National Delegate, 2011-2015), President of the Executive Council of the Hellenic Society for Psychosocial Intervention in Disasters and Mass Emergencies (2013 - today) and member of the Counselling Committee of the Pan-Hellenic Federation of Voluntary Blood Donor Associations.

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Ray Pinto joins DIGITALEUROPE with over 20 years of government affairs and communications experience in Brussels and across the EMEA region. Ray is responsible for the digital transformation strategy providing policy recommendations to government stakeholders on the disruption being caused to European industries including manufacturing, healthcare, transport, and financial technologies. Ray leads the Digital Transformation Policy Group helping our members to advance important work on areas impacting vertical industries such as data, cybersecurity, data protection, international trade, emerging technologies (AI, blockchain, IoT, etc), and skills development. Previously, he worked at Microsoft responsible for socio-economic issues and strategies to improve relations with governments. Ray holds citizenship with both Canada and France and is a graduate of McGill University in Political Science.

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Dr Christos Dimas is the Deputy Minister for Development and Investments in charge of Research and Innovation. He is a lawyer and Member of the Hellenic Parliament representing New Democracy in the district of Korinthia. Before entering politics, he worked in the private sector as a business consultant for The Boston Consulting Group (BCG). He was born on the 29th of May 1980. He graduated from the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and Queen Mary University in London. He completed his Master Degree in Comparative Politics at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He then finished his PhD in European Political Economy from the LSE, with a scholarship from the Alexander Onassis Foundation. Parallel to his studies, he worked as a correspondent in London for Apogevmatini newspaper while also practicing journalism at the BBC. At the age of 25 he was a teaching assistant at the LSE while teaching at ICON College in the University of Leicester and was a research fellow at the Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence. He was elected as an MP in the district of Korinthia, with New Democracy in the May 2012 elections and has been re-elected ever since. In his spare time he enjoys playing football and basketball and reading history books. He is married to the lawyer Nicoleta Syrengela and they have one daughter and a son.

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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.

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Dr. Flora Bacopoulou is Associate Professor of Pediatrics-Adolescent Medicine and head of the Center for Adolescent Medicine, First Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece. She holds a Pharmacy Degree (1992), a Medical Degree (1998) and a PhD degree in Biopharmaceutics/Pharmacokinetics (2009), awarded by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. She specialized in Pediatrics (2001-2004) in the United Kingdom and further subspecialized for 5 years in Adolescent Medicine, in the scientific fields of General Adolescent Medicine, Pediatric-Adolescent Endocrinology, Pediatric-Adolescent Gynecology, Pediatric-Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychology. She has completed an International Visiting Scholar Program in Adolescent Medicine at the Michigan State University in USA (2008) as well as the International Fellowship of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (IFEPAG) (2006-2008), under the auspices of the Fédération Internationale de Gynecologie Infantile et Juvenile (FIGIJ). She has been a Guest Researcher (2015) and Visiting Clinical Professor (2017) in Developmental Endocrinology and Genetics at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, Bethesda, USA and a Special Volunteer (2015) and Visiting Professor (2017) in the 'Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Program' at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington DC in USA. Dr. Bacopoulou has been taking keen interest in promoting UNESCO's actions and programmatic work. Since 2010, the "Center for Adolescent Medicine" which she directs, hosts the UNESCO Chair in Adolescent Health Care. She has published 120 research papers in international peer-reviewed journals, has co-authored 12 chapters and has participated in the editing of 3 books and in conferences/meetings with 154 presentations. She is member of many National/International scientific societies, and she is the Greek delegate within the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) Multidisciplinary Joint Committee for Adolescent Medicine. Since January 2020, Dr. Flora Bacopoulou heads the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Committee of the Hellenic Ministry of Health.

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Elpida Pavi, born in Athens, Greece, studied Dentistry at the University of Athens. She holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Economics, University of York, England, a Master of Public Health and a PhD both pursued at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. Her PhD concerned social inequalities in health and health care within the wider fields of Epidemiology and Health Services Research. She has worked at the University of Glasgow and the University of Dundee in Scotland, and, in Greece, at the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, the Hellenic Ministry of Health, and, from 2003, at the National School of Public Health until 2019 when the School was merged with the University of West Attica as the Department of Public Health Policy. She has been teaching, carrying out research and has published in the fields of social inequalities and health economics. Currently, she holds the post of Professor in health economics with emphasis on social inequalities in public health and is the Dean of the School of Public Health, University of West Attica.

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Margarita Antonaki is a mathematician-actuary with master studies on Business research and Computer science and long experience in the Private Insurance sector. From 1995 she holds the position of the Director General of the Hellenic Association of Insurance Companies. She has served as a scientific associate in the University of Athens, as head of Financial and Audit of Insurance Companies in the Ministry of Commerce (prior Supervisory Authority for insurance companies) and also worked as the General Manager of the Commercial Union Life Company. In the past she has been elected as a member of the BoD of the Greek Actuarial Association and the Private Insurance Supervisory Committee, participated in a number of law preparatory committees and represented Greece in many conferences and meetings of the European Committee and the European Insurance and Reinsurance Federation (Insurance Europe). She is also Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Greek Institute for Insurance Education, Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Occupational Fund of Private Insurance (TEA-EAPAE) and a member of the Insurance Europe's Executive Committee. She is also a lecturer to the Greek Institute for Insurance Education.

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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 Masters 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.

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Emmanuel Tripodianos was born in Crete in 1976. He holds a degree in Medical Device Technology Engineer, and a postgraduate degree in Business Administration. He started his professional career 21 years ago, and specifically in 1999 in the company AMVIS HELLAS SA. as a product specialist. In 2003 he went to the company ALCON LABORATORIES HELLAS SA, as sales representative and in the period until 2015 he was active in the positions of product specialist, product manager, and for the last year and a half as Surgical Product Manager & Brand Manager. In 2015, in the company BARD HELLAS he took the position of Sales Manager Surgery, Access & WH, while from 2019 until today he holds the position of President & CEO of BDI HELLAS SA.

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Dr. Messaropoulos graduated from “École Franco-Hellénique du Pirée Saint Paul”, he studied Medicine at the University of Rome, “Universita di Tor Vergata” where he graduated with honors. He majored in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the General Hospital "TZANIO". He has a Master's Degree in Pregnancy Pathology and is a PhD candidate at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He was a Research Fellow at the 2nd University Clinic of Gynecology, Private Obstetrics clinics and Hospitals, Scientific Director at private Polyclinic, as well as an Academic Fellow at the 3rd University Clinic of "Attikon" Hospital. He is a lecturer in the Postgraduate Program "Pathology of Pregnancy" of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and has a constant presence in Scientific Conferences and has published numerous articles in Scientific journals. Furthermore Dr. Messaropoulos has been in charge of Medical Information and Drug Safety at the Pharmacovigilance Department of the Greek Pharmaceutical Industry with significant experience in Risk Management Plans preparation and Periodic Safety Reports. He has a rich voluntary activity with several speeches collaborating with the Volunteers Organization against Cancer "AgkaliaZo" as well as the program "Health for all". As a Scientific Advisor for “Venizelos Foundation for Welfare and Education”, he dealt with issues such as Health and Wellbeing of Island Habitats and Patients Airtransport.

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