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Elias Spirtounias
Executive Director
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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 Center, Hellenic Cosmos an innovative, based on new technologies, theme park. During his tenure, he contributed significantly to the expansion, development and operation of the Center and its establishment as one of the most known technology-driven cultural theme park in Greece and abroad.

From March 2009, he holds the position of Executive Director of the AmericanHellenic 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. He serves as Treasurer of the American Chambers in Europe (ACE) Executive Committee.

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Nikolaos Bakatselos President American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Nikolaos Bakatselos is the President & CEO of "Pyramis Metallourgia A.E." and "Pyramis Deutschland GmbH". 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 AEEX", 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.

Nikolaos 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 of Directors of SVE, Member of the Board of Directors of IOBE 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 AmChamGR and President of the Northern Greece Committee and since June 2019 he is the President of AmChamGR. Nikolaos Bakatselos is Founding Member and Member of the Board of Council of Competitiveness of Greece. From October 2019 until February 2022 he was elected as President of HEDNO by the General Assembly of HEDNO.

He 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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Labrina Barmpetaki
President
Pharmaceutical Companies
Committee
American-Hellenic Chamber
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Labrina Barmpetaki is an international executive, with extensive pharma, biotech and consulting experience. Labrina has had roles of increasing responsibility extending to more than twenty countries and a proven track record of working in both strategy and in field operations across therapy areas in affiliate, regional and global roles.

Labrina Barmpetaki holds a BSc in Pharmacy from the University of Patras, an executive Master's in Management from Athens School of Economics and Business (AUEB) and an MBA with specialization in Marketing from the University of Lancaster.

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Spyros Gkikas-Panousis
Member, Medical Devices
& Diagnostics Companies
Committee – On behalf of the
MD&D Committee President
American-Hellenic Chamber of
Commerce

He was born in 1969. He graduated from the Electrical and Computer Engineering School at the Democritus University of Thrace and he received his M.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering in 1996 from the University of Patras and National Technical University of Athens. In 2008 he received his MBA Executive from the University of Piraeus.

He worked at the University of Patras and the Institute of Biomedical Technology (INBIT) in European and national R&D projects in Health Sector as well as Clinical Engineering and Biomedical Technology Management projects.

From 2001 up to 2010 he has worked as Project Manager in Inso SpA for the project development and management of turn-key hospital projects in Greece and abroad. He joined GE Healthcare in 2011, where in 2012 he was appointed as Strategic Projects Sales Director, Eastern Europe, leading the development of technologyenabled solutions and strategy for large healthcare equipment projects. Since May 2018, he is the President BoD and General Manager, GE Healthcare for Greece and Cyprus.

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Michalis Chrysochoidis
Minister
Ministry of Health

Michalis Chrysochoidis has a rich and diverse experience in security policy, energy, infrastructure, markets and trade. He was elected and has served for several years as Member of the Greek Parliament. He has served as Minister for Citizen Protection, for Infrastructures, Transports and Networks, for Growth, Competitiveness and Shipping and as Deputy Minister for Growth and Trade.

He is the longest-serving Minister in charge of Internal Security. His terms have been marked by significant programs of modernization of Public Security and Services, organization of the Hellenic Police, fighting crime, reforming anti-terrorist policy, protecting the borders. The results of those policies were coupled with European and international collaborations, touching upon the implementation of education and training programs, exchange of information and technological support of the Hellenic Police.

Countering terrorism was the landmark of those policies, with the referral to trial and the final conviction of the members of the terrorist organization "Revolutionary Organization 17N". The dismantling of this organization has become an example of efficacy in modern counter-terrorism operations. The organization was bloodlessly disbanded, confirming commitment in the rule of law and proving the value of modern counter-terrorism approaches.

The Directorate for Financial Crime, the Cybercrime Directorate, the Police Patrol Teams on Two Wheels (DI.AS), the Directorate for Internal Affairs, as well as other modern services were established and operated during his terms. During his term and for the first time since the transition to democracy, the parliament has voted a bill that regulates the right of assembly, provided by Constitution. Finally, the electronic border surveillance system and the fence on the eastern border of the country with Turkey were constructed and put into operation.

In May 2023 elections, he was re-elected to the Hellenic Parliament, first in votes, with the party of New Democracy in the Western Sector of Athens. In the new government of June 2023, he was entrusted by the Prime Minister with the portfolio of the Ministry of Health.

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George J. Tsunis
U.S. Ambassador to the
Hellenic Republic

George James Tsunis presented his credentials to the President of the Hellenic Republic on May 10, 2022. He was nominated by President Biden and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 10, 2022.

Ambassador Tsunis is the proud Greek-American son of immigrants to the United States, with deep roots in the village of Platanos in the beautiful mountainous region of Nafpaktia. Growing up, his parents instilled in him the Hellenic ideals of καλοσύνη (goodness), αγάπη (love), and above all, φιλότιμο (the love of honor). He learned Greek as his first language. Deeply engaged with the Greek-American community, Ambassador Tsunis was a founding trustee of the Hellenic American Leadership Council, and is a trustee of the Hellenic Initiative among other roles.

Prior to his nomination, Ambassador Tsunis was the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Chartwell Hotels, LLC. He served as Chairman of Battery Park City Authority. He was also a Trustee for the New York City Convention Development Corporation and the New York City Convention Operating Corporation and helped manage a 1.5 million square foot expansion of the New York Convention Center, transforming it into one of the world's most modern and beautiful convention centers. Ambassador Tsunis served as the chairman of the Nassau University Medical Center, a large public safety net hospital with a focus on providing care to vulnerable communities. Previously, Ambassador Tsunis was a Counsel and Partner (Attorney of Law), at Rivkin Radler LLP, Uniondale, NY, and Legislative Attorney, New York City Council. He served as Counsel for Dix Hills Water District, Dix Hills, NY and Town of Huntington Committee on Open Space Preservation, Huntington, NY.

Ambassador Tsunis earned a B.A. from the New York University, New York, NY and a J.D. from St John's University of Law, Queens, NY. He was an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (Order of Saint Andrew), the highest ecclesiastical honor that can be bestowed upon a layman by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and is the recipient of numerous awards including the Harry Chapin Humanitarian Award for Long Island Cares and the lifetime achievement award for civic engagement for Long Island Business News. Ambassador Tsunis is married and has three children.

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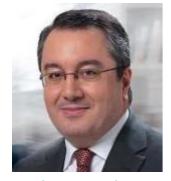












Elias Mossialos
Brian Abel-Smith Professor
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European Observatory on
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Elias Mossialos is Brian Abel-Smith Professor of Health Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Director of LSE Health and Co-Director of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. His research interests concentrate on health systems and policy, addressing questions related to financing health care, health care access and quality, regulation, pharmaceutical policies, AMR, cancer care and policy.

In 2010 he was awarded the Andrija Stampar Medal by the Association of Schools of Public Health in Europe, for outstanding contributions to public health. He received the Choice award by the Association of US College and Research Libraries for Outstanding Academic Title of 2021, the 2002 and 2007 Baxter Awards from the European Health Management Association for the best book in health policy and management in Europe and the 2022 Helen Clark Award for Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice Research. In 2009, under his directorship, LSE Health was honoured with the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher Education in the UK. He has received honorary doctorates from the Universities of Athens, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, University of Crete, University of Thessaly, and University of West Attica.

Professor Mossialos is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health and Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London and Edinburgh and Honorary NHS Consultant in Public Health. He has been profiled in both the Lancet and BMJ and chaired the Lancet Commission on the future of the UK NHS. In 2020-21 he was the Scientific Director of the Commission on Health and Sustainable Development, a group of leaders convened by the WHO, chaired by the former Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti, to rethink policy priorities in the light of pandemics. He has recently advised the World Health Organization on Covid-19 responses, the State Council in China on pharmaceutical policy reform, the Ministries of Health in Pakistan and Malaysia on expanding health coverage to poorer people, the Government of Sweden on AMR, and the Governments of Austria, Chile and Singapore on health care reform.

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Ioannis Boletis
Emeritus Professor
Internal Medicine-Nephrology,
Medical School
University of Athens
President of the Board
Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center

He graduated from the Medical School of the University of Athens, where he also completed his PhD thesis. After specializing in Internal Medicine and Nephrology at "Laiko" General Hospital, he gained experience in Renal Transplantation, kidney immune diseases and renal osteodystrophy at Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield, UK, through a scholarship of the European Union. He has served as the Director of the Department of Nephrology and Renal Transplantation at "Laiko" (2003-31/8/2022), as well as Chief Medical Officer (2005-2020).

He was appointed Professor of Internal Medicine and Nephrology of the Medical School of the University of Athens (2013), serving as Director of Internal Medicine Department (2017-2019). He is serving as President of the board of administration of Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center (2019-current).

He regularly participates in international working groups in the field of kidney transplantation and kidney immune diseases. With more than 200 peer-reviewed publications, he is a reviewer and member of editorial committees of Greek and International Nephrology journals. Recently, he has been elected member of the ESOT council and president of the ESOT Conference 2023, taking place in Athens.

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Eirini Agapidaki Alternate Minister Ministry of Health

Eirini Agapidaki is a Psychologist, with an MSc in Health Promotion and Education from the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; and a PhD in Health Psychology from the same university. She has also been specialized in matters of prevention of mental disorders and promotion of mental health. In addition, she has many years of teaching and research experience in the fields of public health policy, public health research methodology and mental health promotion – in the context of national, European and international research programs.

She has worked for many years as a research associate at the Department of Hygiene, Epidemiology and Medical Statistics, of the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. In the recent years she was elected and served as a Lecturer in Public Health, at the Medical School of the European University of Cyprus. She has written and published research papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals, while she has presented the results of her research papers at many national and international conferences.

In 2019, she resigned from her academic role in order to take up her duties as the Special Secretary for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors (at the Ministry of Migration and Asylum) where she remained until 2022. At the end of December 2022, she assumed her duties as Secretary General of Public Health, implementing, among other things: the pediatric digital child book, so that our country can finally have for the first time official and reliable data on the vaccination coverage of children; while at the same time extensive vaccinations were organized and implemented in vulnerable population groups. In addition, the new plan called "Spyros Doxiades" was developed for the prevention, protection and health promotion of the main chronic diseases – which includes over 20 actions of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention, with a budget of over 300 million euros. At the level of secondary prevention, the "Fofi Gennimata" program is already being implemented, thanks to which more than 120.000 digital mammograms have already been performed and more than 7.500 women have been identified in time with findings

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Theano Karpodini
Governor
National
Organization for the
Provision of Health
Services (EOPYY)

Theano Karpodini has studied Business Administration with a specialization in Accounting and Finance at the Athens University of Economics and Business. She holds a postgraduate degree in Business Administration.

She has seventeen years of management experience, both in the private sector as a high-ranking executive and in the public administration for the past ten years as a special advisor in the General Accounting Office of the Ministry of Finance.

Throughout her professional career, she has been involved in financial auditing of corporations, balance sheets and financial statements of public entities. She also had the responsibility of the Arrears Repayment Program for General Government Entities from 2012 to 2014 as a special advisor to the General Accounting Office.

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Dimitrios Filippou
President
National Organization for
Medicines (EOF)

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 in various faculties of the EKPA and since 2019 he is an Assistant Professor of Anatomy and Surgical Anatomy at the School of Medicine of the EKPA, teaching the undergraduate and postgraduate students of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy. He holds the position of the President of the National Medicines Organization (EOF). He was also the President of the Medicines Price Negotiation Committee from 2019 to 2022, Member of the Executive Committee as well as the plenary session of KESY, while from 2022 he is member of the EMA Management Board.

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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Elena Chouliara
President and
Managing Director
AstraZeneca Greece
& Cyprus

Elena Chouliara was born in Athens. She holds a degree in Law from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, as well as a Master in Business Administration (MBA) from the ALBA Graduate School.

Her career in the pharmaceutical industry spans 20 years and started at Novo Nordisk where she held positions of increasing responsibility, at regional and global level. She joined AstraZeneca Greece Senior Leadership team in 2011 and held senior commercial positions with responsibility in the strategic therapeutic areas of Cardiology, Diabetes, Respiratory and Oncology.

She was appointed President and Managing Director of AstraZeneca Greece & Cyprus in December 2016. Through her role, she participated in the national effort of dealing with the pandemic in Greece and supporting the national vaccination program.

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Christian Rodseth Managing Director Janssen Greece, Poland and Romania Christian has 22 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry. He is a member of the Janssen family, Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson since 2006, successfully assuming positions with increasing responsibility. Since 2019, Christian had the position of Global Commercial Strategy Leader, Hepatitis and HIV Therapeutics. Prior to this role, he was Managing Director of Janssen Romania. During his tenure in Romania, he served as the President of the Association of Innovative Pharmaceutical (ARPIM) Companies, representing 29 highly innovative companies and leading strategy to improve patients' access to innovative medicines.

Christian Rodseth holds a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) by the University of Witwatersrand Business School (WITS) South Africa, with international electives at Warwick Business School (UK), United Kingdom.

With a strong leadership profile and diverse business background, as well as years of experience in developing commercial strategies, Christian is proud to be leading Janssen's strategic evolution, carrying on the company's commitment to bring innovative treatments to patients.

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Yannis Tountas
Emeritus Professor 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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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 for Social and Regional Development (2016-2017). He is currently President of the Scientific Committee of the Greek Patient Association and member of the Steering Committee of PACT (The Patient Access Partnership on Equity of Access to Quality Healthcare - Brussels). 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 Organization 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 an Associate Director at the Medical Technology Research Group of the LSE Enterprise.

He has extensive research experience in Greece and abroad and he has published 32 books and more than 350 chapters in books and papers in peer reviewed journals on health policy and economics, health reforms, organization and administration of health services, health inequalities, patient empowerment etc.

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Nikolaos Papathanasis Alternate Minister Ministry of Economy and Finance

Nikos Papathanasis presently holds the office of the Alternate Minister at the Ministry of National Economy and Finance and he was also elected, at the 2023 elections, as a member of the Parliament in the district of Athens North. From August 2020 until May 2023 he held the office of Alternate Minister at the Ministry of Development and Investment with the responsibility of the portfolio of private and strategic investments, PPP's and the Just Transition Fund. Also from July 2019 until August 2020 he held the office of the Deputy Minister at the same ministry with the responsibility of the portfolio of Industry, Commerce and Consumer's Protection.

During his thirty five year career, he served as a C-level executive for large corporations with a successful track record in developing business plans, reorganizing and streamlining operations that led to significant positive economic outcome. He received his B.A.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering and his M.A.Sc. in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Toronto, followed by a Masters in Management Science at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada.

He commenced his career at the DeHavilland Aircraft Company (Bombardier Aerospace) in Toronto while later he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Aerospace Industry (HAI) and executive Vice President of Olympic Aviation, a regional airline company. During his professional years, he worked mainly in the private sector while he reached high executive and C level managerial positions in companies in Greece and abroad.

He managed companies in the fields of construction, real estate development to public transportation as he served as CEO in the Athens Line 1 metro rail system and subsequently Chairman and CEO in the Athens Metro and Light rail system for a total of eight years. From 2008 to 2010 he served as a President elect of the Greek branch of the European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public Services (CEEP) which is a General Cross Industry social partner recognized by the EU Commission. From 2017 holds the Chair of the President of the Institute of Democracy "Konstantinos Karamanlis", a scientific non-profit organization. He served from 2016 until the national elections of 2019 as Director General of the presently governing political Party of "Nea Democratia"

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Tassos Giannitsis
Emeritus Professor of
Economics
University of Athens

Professor emeritus of Economics at the Kapodistrian University of Athens. He studied Law, Economics & Political Sciences in Athens and obtained his PhD in economics at the Free University of Berlin. He served at the Department of Economics from 1975 to 2011.

Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (2000-2001), Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Foreign Affairs (2001-2004) and Minister of Interior (2011-2012); Member of the Board of Trustees at CREF, Cyprus (2010-); Chairman of the Board (Hellenic Petroleum, 2009-2011, and Lamda Development, 2015-2023);

He has published many books and articles on economic, social and political issues. Recent publications: 'The pension system, growth and the macroeconomy: the nexus' (2020), 'Crisis management in Greece. The shaping of new economic and social balances' (Hans Boeckler Stiftung, with St. Zografakis, 2018), 'The pension system and the crisis' (2016), "Greece in Crisis" (2013). Recent articles: Reflections on Banking Union (2016), Fiskalkonsolidierung und Einkommensverteilung (2016), 'Industrial Policy in Times of Crisis: The Case of Greece' (with I. Kastelli, 2014). Fields of research: Development Economics, International Economics, European Integration, Economics of Technology and Technology policy, Industrial Development and industrial Policy.

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Ezat Azem General Manager Roche Hellas

Ezat Azem is the General Manager of Roche Hellas since May 2019. Ezat has more than 20 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry. His career in Roche began at the Roche Israel affiliate, where he held roles with increasing responsibility and impact, including Marketing Director and Business Unit Director. In 2015 he transitioned to Roche Romania, where he served as Commercial & Strategic Director, and in 2017 he took over the role of General Manager of Roche Slovenia. As of May 2023, he is also Treasurer of the BoD of the PhARMA Innovation Forum Greece.

Ezat holds academic degrees from the Hebrew University - Hadassa Medical School (Israel), and Recanniti Business School in Tel Aviv University (Israel). He has also attended special education programs at INSEAD Business School (France), and at London Business School (UK).

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Nikos Dedes
Chair, Greek Patients Association
Chair, "Positive Voice"
Greek Association of People living
with HIV

Nikos Dedes is Chair of Positive Voice, the Greek Association of People Living with HIV and Chair of the Greek Patients' Association. He has a longstanding involvement in European organisations and initiatives and is currently member of the Steering Committee of NEAT id (European Treatment Network of HIV, Hepatitis and Global Infectious Diseases). He is a member of the HIV Treatment Guidelines Panel of EACS (European AIDS Clinical Society), a member of the Steering Committee of the "HIV Outcomes" and "EuroTEST" initiatives and BoD Member of the European Patients' Forum (EPF).

He has been past chair of the European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG), past member of the Management Board of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and past member of the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee on HIV. Nikos advocates for universal access to evidence-based and cost-effective care and prevention services for all people as a moral imperative and pre-condition for a prosperous and fair society.

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George Veliotis
Director, Life & Health
Interamerican
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Insurance Europe Health
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Chairman
Eurapco Health Group

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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Economist,
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Kostas Athanasakis, an Economist by training (NKUA), is Assistant Professor in Health Economics and Health Technology Assessment at the Department of Public Health Policy of the University of West Attica (Greece) and a Member of the Laboratory for Health Technology Assessment (LabHTA).

His research and teaching efforts mainly focus on Health Technology Assessment, Economic Evaluation of Healthcare Interventions, the Economics of Pharmaceutical Markets, and Pharmaceutical Policy. Other areas of interest include Health Systems Financing, Sustainability and Resilience, the Economic Analysis of Healthcare Markets, and Public Finance. Kostas has authored/co-authored over 250 full text papers and abstracts as well as 14 books, in the field of health services research, economics and policy, during the last years. He is the country lead of the Greek PHSSR study.

Kostas is a Member of the Board Committee of the Central Health Council (KESY), a Member of the National Vaccinations Committee of Greece, and a Member of the Committee of Experts on Public Health. He has also served as Chairman of the 17th and the 18th Annual European Congress of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) and as Advisor to the World Bank and the European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (ECDC).

Kostas currently holds the position of Associate Editor of the International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care (IJTAHC) (Cambridge University Press).

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Panos Tsakloglou Deputy Minister Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs BA in Economics (University of Thessaloniki), MA and PhD in Economics (University of Warwick). Professor, 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). He has published over 100 books, scholarly articles and contributions to collective volumes, made over 200 presentations in conferences and workshops and participated in over 50 research and consultancy projects. His research focuses on Economics of Social Policy (inequality, poverty, social exclusion, redistributive role of the state) Labour and Education Economics (determinants of unemployment, returns to education).

Since August 2020, Deputy Minister of Labour in charge of Social Insurance. 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 Insurance (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).

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Nikos Vettas
Director General
Foundation for Economic
and Industrial Research
(IOBE)
Professor
Athens University of
Economics and Business

Nikos Vettas is the Director General of the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research - IOBE since 2013 and Professor of Economics at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) since 2003, where he has also served as the Chairman of the Economics Department and a member of the University Council. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, USA, and has been an Associate Professor at Duke University, USA, and a visiting Professor at INSEAD in France and Singapore.

He serves as Associate Editor of the International Journal of Industrial Organization, a Research Fellow at CEPR, UK, and a member of the Executive Committee of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics. He has served as an Associate Editor of the Journal of the European Economic Association and the Journal of Industrial Economics, a member of the Hellenic Competition Commission and the Economic Advisory Group for Competition Policy at the European Commission. He is a co-organizer of the annual Conference for Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics, since 2002.

His research has been published in leading journals such as the International Economic Review, European Economic Review, Rand Journal of Economics, and the Review of Economic Studies. Co-editor of *Beyond Austerity: Reforming the Greek Economy* (MIT Press, 2017). Vice-Chairman of the Growth Plan Committee of the Hellenic Republic for the Greek Economy, 2020.

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Marios Themistocleous Deputy Minister Ministry of Health

He graduated from the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and he has a Ph.D. at the Medical School of the University of Athens and a Master of Science in management of health units.

Marios served as the Secretary General of Primary Health Care from 2020 to 2023 and as the Coordinator of the Vaccination Program against Covid-19.

He has also served as the President of the National Central Health Procurement Authority, member of the Coordination and Monitoring Committee of the Government's Policy for the Covid-19 pandemic, the 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).

As a neurosurgeon, he has worked in hospitals in the United Kingdom, at "Evangelismos" General Hospital, and as a Registrar A at the Neurosurgical Clinic of "Agia Sofia" Children's Hospital.

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Olga Balaoura
President of the BoardCEO
General Oncology
Hospital Saint Savvas

Olga Balaoura is Saint Savvas' s Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and President of the Board. She is experienced Healthcare Specialist and her background concerns hospital and health care industry transformation. Olga is also designated by the Minister of Health as the country's representative for Comprehensive Cancer Centers in supranational or international organizations and collective bodies.

She has more than 15 years of experience in public health care sector. In the past (2010-2014) she carried out as CEO and President of the Board at Konstantopouleio General Hospital. She has been making systematic consulting since 2014 at the subject which concern National Health Care System Transformation.

She worked as an expert consultant of the World Health Organization and Giz (Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH) concerning the Reform and Support Programme for the National Health System of Greece.

Olga has 2 Masters Degrees. The first master concerns National and European Administration from Panteion University and the second one concerns Health Economics, Policy and Management from London School of Economics (Scholarship from the Onassis Foundation).

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Aris Apostolou
President
National Centralized
Health Procurement
Authority (EKAPY)

Aris Apostolou has graduated from Athens College. He holds a degree from the Department of Industrial Management and Technology of University of Piraeus and a master's degree in Business Administration - Total Quality Management (TQM) from the same University.

He has a 20-year working experience in private and public sector. During these years he held managerial positions in supply chain management as well as in finance. In private sector, he worked for the companies ANEK LINES, IKEA, Grigoris micro-geymata. From 2019 to 2021, he served as an Executive Manager to the Board of Directors of ELLINIKO SA, until the transferring of the shares and the initiation of the project from LAMDA Development SA. In the past he was placed as a senior advisor to Ministers of Health, and he was mainly responsible for reducing the arrears of both the Hospitals and the National Organization of Health Services. Also, he was preoccupied with the reorganization of the supply chain and more. Furthermore, he was appointed as a Deputy Governor of the 1st Health Region and a member of the Board of Directors of IDIKA SA representing the Ministry of Health.

Since May 2022, he is the President of the National Centralized Health Procurement Authority.

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Dimitris Nikas
President
Association of
Health-Research and
Biotechnology
Industry (SEIV)

He 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 23 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.

In December 2020 he was elected president of the Association of Health- Research & Biotechnology Industry (SEIV)

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Professor Sotirios A. Tsaftaris, or Sotos, (https://vios.science), is Chair (Full Professor) in Machine Learning and Computer Vision at the University of Edinburgh (UK) and Royal Academy of Engineering Research Chair in Healthcare AI.

He is an ELLIS Fellow (European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems) and was a Turing Fellow (Alan Turing Institute, UK) between 2017-2023. He is also a visiting researcher with ARCHIMEDES RC, Greece.

He is widely known for contributions in developing Al-based solutions for healthcare applications particularly in the radiology domain. He has authored >200 scientific publications and holds 5 patents.

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Canon Medical/Royal Academy
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Ray Pinto
Senior Director for Digital
Transformation Policy
DIGITALEUROPE

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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Charalambos Tsekeris is Vice Chair of the Greek National Commission for Bioethics & Technoethics; Full Member of the Greek National Commission for Human Rights; and Senior Research Fellow in Digital Sociology at the National Centre for Social Research (Athens, Greece).

He is also Visiting Professor at the University of Athens; Principal Investigator & Coordinator of the World Internet Project-Greece; Professor Extraordinary at the School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University; and Academic Associate at the Anti-Corruption Centre for Education and Research, Stellenbosch University.

Charalambos Tsekeris
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Maria Gazouli
Biologist
Professor of
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Medicine
University of Athens

Maria Gazouli, Biologist, is Professor of Biology/Genetics – Nanomedicine at the Laboratory of Biology at National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), School of Medicine.

She performed her postdoctoral work in the USA at Cell Biology and Pharmacology Department, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington DC. She was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for Development of nanotechnology-based biosensor arrays for detection of Circulating Cancer Cells at the University of Maryland, CollegePark, MD, USA.

Prof Gazouli work refers mainly to genetic and molecular basis of diseases mainly autoimmune diseases and cancer. Additionally Prof Gazouli involved in the incorporation of nanotechnology to targeted cancer detection, imaging and drug delivery. Prof Gazouli work is reflected in >250 publications that have received >13400 citations and h-index=59. She owns 1 granted International Patent and 3 European Patents. She has given more than 50 invited lectures at international/national conferences, and universities and has trained several junior scientists. She has served as ad hoc reviewer for various scientific journals and as an expert evaluator for the National and International Research Grant Funding Agencies.

Prof Gazouli teaches Biology, Genetics and Nanomedicine to undergraduate and post graduate medical students in NKUA, and other national and international universities. She is coordinator of National and International Research grants (ie Joint Actions, Horizon etc). Currently she is National Representative at the Committee of Advanced Therapies (CAT) of the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

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Sandra Gallina
Director General for
Health & Food Safety
European Commission

Sandra Gallina joined the European Commission in 1988. She is today Director General for HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY. Before joining DG SANTE, between 2018 and 2020 she was Deputy Director General for TRADE.

Between 2014 and 2018 she was Director for DG TRADE Directorate D "Sustainable Development; Economic Partnership Agreements - African, Caribbean and Pacific; Agri-food and Fisheries".

Sandra Gallina was also the EU chief negotiator for the EU-MERCOSUR Free Trade Agreement. Between 2001 and 2009 she was the EU Lead Negotiator for Non-Agricultural Market Access in the WTO Doha Round and in that capacity, she defined and presented EU policy for the Doha Development Agenda on non-agricultural market access negotiations. Before joining DG TRADE, she worked in the Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union (DG TAXUD) at the end of the 1990s

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Oliver Bisazza
Chief Executive Officer
MedTech Europe

Oliver Bisazza joined MedTech Europe in 2017, originally heading the department which supports members in implementing new and changing EU regulatory requirements affecting the medical technology industry. In January 2023, Oliver assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer, responsible for the association's overall management and strategy and reporting to the Board of Directors.

Oliver's passion is to see the value of medical technology innovation fully recognised as a source of solutions to the many challenges facing healthcare systems, economies and societies, both in Europe and around the world. Prior to joining MedTech Europe, he worked at Medtronic as Director of Regulatory Policy for EMEA.

In addition to this company experience, Oliver had various 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). Oliver is a native speaker of English, and a dual national of Australia and Malta. When not working, he enjoys travel, spending time with his family, and rock-climbing.

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Konstantinos Skrekas Minister Ministry of Development

Konstantinos Skrekas comes from Megarhi, Administrative District of Trikala, he is married and the father of two children. He holds a Degree in Civil Engineering from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (Civil Engineering Department, Faculty of Technology), and an M.Sc. in Construction Management from the University of Birmingham, UK. After completing his studies, he worked in the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods sector in managerial positions. He is the co-founder of a company operating in the FMCG sector and held the position of CEO for 15 years.

In the Greek General Elections of May the 6th 2012 he was elected Member of the Hellenic Parliament (MP) for the Constituency of Trikala with the New Democracy Party. He was re-elected on June 17th of the same year. On the 25th of January 2015 he was elected Member of the Hellenic Parliament (MP), receiving the largest number of electoral votes among candidates from all political parties in the Constituency of Trikala. He was re-elected in the elections on the 20th September of the same year. In the General Elections of July 7th 2019, he was elected Member of the Hellenic Parliament for the Constituency of Trikala.

He was appointed Minister of Development and Competitiveness from October 2014 until February 2015. On the 9 th July 2019, he was appointed Deputy Minister of Rural Development and Food, with the specific responsibility for the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), until January 4th, 2021. On the 5 th January 2021, he was appointed Minister of Environment and Energy until May 25th, 2023.

In the national elections of 25th May 2023, he received the largest number of electoral votes among candidates from all political parties in the Constituency of Trikala. Since the 27th June 2023, Kostas Skrekas has assumed the duties of Minister of Development. He speaks English and French

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Konstantinos Kyranakis
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Digital
Governance

Konstantinos Kyranakis (born 19/4/1987) is a graduate of the Law School of the University of Athens with postgraduate studies in Strategic Communication at the American College of Athens.

He has worked as a freelancer in the field of digital marketing, creating websites and applications. He was a co-founder of the BrainGain initiative for the return of young people to Greece.

He was elected president of the Youth of the European People's Party, from May 2013 to May 2017. In January 2017, the international magazine "Forbes" selected him among the 30 most influential young people under 30 in Europe, in the Law & Policy category.

In the National elections of 2019, he was elected for the first time as a Member of Parliament in the South Sector of Athens, where he was re-elected in the elections of June 25, 2023 and on June 27 he was sworn in as Deputy Minister of Digital Governance.

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Lilian Vildiridi Secretary General for Health Services Ministry of Health

Η Λίλιαν Βενετία Βιλδιρίδη είναι Οικονομολόγος με εξειδίκευση στα θέματα πολιτικής, σχεδιασμού και χρηματοδότησης της Υγείας. Απόφοιτη του London School of Economics and Political Science (BSc in Social Policy and Economics) και κάτοχος μεταπτυχιακού τίτλου σπουδών (MSc in Health Policy, Planning and Financing) από το London School of Economics and Political Science και το London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, είναι υποψήφια διδάκτωρ της Σχολής Επιστημών Υγείας του Εθνικού και Καποδιστριακού Πανεπιστημίου Αθηνών.

Διετέλεσε Διευθύντρια του ιδιαίτερου γραφείου της Αναπληρώτριας Υπουργού Υγείας Ασημίνας Γκάγκα (Φεβρουάριος 2022 - Μάιος 2023) και της υπηρεσιακής Υπουργού Υγείας Αναστασίας Κοτανίδου (Ιούνιος 2023), σύμβουλος της Αναπληρώτριας Υπουργού Υγείας Ασημίνας Γκάγκα (Σεπτέμβριος 2021 - Ιανουάριος 2022), καθώς και σύμβουλος του Αναπληρωτή Υπουργού Υγείας Βασίλη Κοντοζαμάνη (Ιούλιος 2019 – Αύγουστος 2021).

Έχει διατελέσει επίσης Συντονίστρια του φορέα για την παρακολούθηση και επιτάχυνση της υλοποίησης των δράσεων και έργων του Ταμείου Ανάκαμψης και Ανθεκτικότητας, που εμπίπτουν στην αρμοδιότητα του Υπουργείου Υγείας, και Πρόεδρος της Επιτροπής Παρακολούθησης για την υλοποίηση του έργου «Ανακαινίσεις και Εκσυγχρονισμός Νοσοκομείων σε ολόκληρη την Ελλάδα» του Ταμείου Ανάκαμψης και Ανθεκτικότητας. Το 2020 ορίστηκε εκπρόσωπος της Ελλάδας στο Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο της Ευρωπαϊκής Επιτροπής για την κοινή προμήθεια εμβολίων και θεραπειών κατά της νόσου COVID-19.

Έχει εργαστεί ως επιστημονική συνεργάτης στο LSE Health and Social Care Research Centre - London School of Economics and Political Science. Τα ερευνητικά της ενδιαφέροντα επικεντρώνονται, μεταξύ άλλων, στην πολιτική Υγείας που σχετίζεται με τα συστήματα υγειονομικής περίθαλψης, με ιδιαίτερη έμφαση στην αξιολόγηση της απόδοσης τους (HSPA), στην ανάπτυξη εργαλείων για την εκτέλεση του σχεδιασμού και της διαχείρισης του ανθρώπινου δυναμικού στην Υγεία (Health Workforce), στη διαμόρφωση δεικτών για τη μέτρηση των αποτελεσμάτων και εμπειριών των ασθενών από την λήψη υπηρεσιών υγείας, καθώς και στις πολιτικές που διασφαλίζουν την ισότιμη πρόσβαση στις υπηρεσίες υγειονομικής περίθαλψης. Έχει δημοσιεύσει ερευνητικά άρθρα σε διεθνή περιοδικά.

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Athanasios Kyriazis
Secretary General
for Research and
Innovation
Ministry of Development

Athanasios Kyriazis is a Professor at the Department of Statistics and Insurance Sciences at the University of Piraeus in the field of Applied Mathematics and New Technologies.

He has been a visiting researcher in Universities and Research Centers in the U.S.A. and Europe. He has taught a significant number of courses at the undergraduate and postgraduate level, as well as in training programs. He has supervised Doctoral Dissertations and Master's theses, and has participated in several research programs as the Project Leader.

He has participated in Ministerial Councils, meetings, official visits and international collaborations. He has served for several years as General Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs as well as Special Secretary for Higher Education at the same Ministry.

His current position is General Secretary for Research and Innovation and President of "Elevate Greece S.A.".

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Zachary Ragousis
Member
Pharmaceutical
Companies Committee
AmchamGR
President & Managing
Director
Pfizer Hellas

Zachary Ragousis is President & Managing Director of Pfizer of Greece, Cyprus & Malta. He has been working in the pharmaceutical industry for 35 years and has gained experience serving the industry from various positions.

He is Vice President at SFEE's BoD and responsible for HTA and Reimbursement. He is a member of the BoD at the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce.

He joined Pfizer Hellas in 2003 following a merger with Pharmacia and held the positions of Product Manager, Marketing Manager, Sales Manager & BU Manager. He is a member of the local board of directors of Pfizer Hellas since 2012 & holds the position of President since 2017.

Zachary holds a Degree in Veterinary Medicine from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He is married and has a child.

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Aris Angelis Secretary General of Strategic Planning Ministry of Health

Πρωτού αναλάβει την νέα Γενική Γραμματεία Στρατηγικού Σχεδιασμού, ο Δρ. Άρης Αγγελής ήταν Επίκουρος Καθηγητής στα Οικονομικά της Υγείας στο Τμήμα Έρευνας και Πολιτικής Υπηρεσιών Υγείας στο London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). Από τη θέση αυτή, μεταξύ άλλων, είχε αναλάβει την ανάπτυξη ερευνητικού προγράμματος με στόχο την αξιολόγηση νέων ογκολογικών προϊόντων σε πρώιμο στάδιο χρησιμοποιώντας τεχνικές φαρμακο-οικονομικών και ανάλυσης αποφάσεων, με την υποστήριξη του αγγλικού οργανισμού Αξιολόγησης Τεχνολογιών Υγείας (Health Technology Assessment, HTA), National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

Πριν από την ένταξή του στο LSHTM, εργάστηκε ως ερευνητής και επισκέπτης καθηγητής στο Τμήμα Πολιτικής Υγείας στο London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), όπου και παραμένει μέχρι σήμερα επισκέπτης ερευνητής. Στο LSE, πιο πρόσφατα συμμετείχε στο χρηματοδοτούμενο από την Ευρωπαϊκή Επιτροπή πρόγραμμα Impact-HTA, στο οποίο κατηύθυνε τις ερευνητικές δραστηριότητες ενός πακέτου εργασίας σε μεθόδους Πολυκριτήριας Ανάλυσης Αποφάσεων (Multiple Criteria Decision Analysis) στο πλαίσιο της αξιολόγησης φαρμάκων σε συνεργασία με εθνικούς φορείς HTA. Επίσης κατηύθυνε ερευνητικό πρόγραμμα της Ευρωπαϊκής Εταιρείας Ιατρικής Ογκολογίας (European Society for Medical Oncology) για την ανάπτυξη πλαισίου αξιολόγησης αντικαρκινικών φαρμάκων.

Ο Δρ. Αγγελής είναι κάτοχος Διδακτορικού (PhD) στα Οικονομικά και Πολιτική Υγείας από το LSE. Επίσης, είναι κάτοχος MSc στη Διεθνή Πολιτική Υγείας από το LSE, MSc στη Βιοφαρμακευτική από το King's College London και BSc στη Βιοχημεία από το Imperial College London.

Μέχρι σήμερα έχει διατελέσει ως ερευνητής, σύμβουλος και εκπαιδευτής σε πληθώρα ερευνητικών προγραμμάτων της Ευρωπαϊκής Επιτροπής, του Παγκόσμιου Οργανισμού Υγείας και διαφόρων εθνικών Υπουργείων Υγείας. Έχει δημοσιεύσει πλήθος ερευνητικών άρθρων και μελετών σε κορυφαία διεθνή επιστημονικά περιοδικά.

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Olympios Papadimitriou President Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (SFEE)

Olympios Papadimitriou is in the position of General Manager at Novo Nordisk Hellas LTD for the last 18 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 29 years. He has served as a BoD member of SFEE since 2013, while he holds the President's position since 2018.

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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Vassilis Pentafragas Executive Consultant Panhellenic Union of Pharmaceutical Industries (PEF) With more than 35 years of experience in the Greek Pharmaceutical industry holding various positions of increased responsibilities in Sales, Marketing and Management he is currently the Head of Public and Regulatory Affairs of Elpen Pharmaceutical Co Inc, one of the leading Greek Pharma Companies.

Having graduated from the Economic High School of Piraeus and holding a degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences from IMF Cluj-Napoca, Romania, he is particularly interested and skilled in the Field of Public Health having participated in multiple cross-sectional forums and State driven Public Health related Committees

Concomitantly, he participates at the Board of Directors in the Hellenic Pharmaceutical Industries Society where he serves as Executive Consultant of the Institution.

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Vassilis Kontozamanis Special Advisor to the Prime Minister, f. Alternate Minister of Health Vassilis Kontozamanis, former Alternate Minister of Health, is the Advisor to the Prime Minister of Greece for health affairs. He represents Greece at the Management Board of the European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA).

He embraces a profound record in the fields of international healthcare environment, policy and management, human resources, economics, strategic planning, financing and outcomes measurement.

From July 2019 until September 2021, with the oversight of the health care system as Deputy and Alternate Minister, he played a catalytic role in successfully managing the pandemic crisis in the country. He led the way in the design and implementation of structural reforms, while addressing the challenges of a modern and resilient healthcare system.

Vassilis has managed the pharmaceutical sector as Executive Vice President and President of the National Medicines Organization (EOF) and as member of the Management Board of the European Medicines Agency (EMA). Also, he served as Chief Executive Officer of the 1st Regional Health Authority (Attica) and as Secretary General of the Ministry of Health.

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Nathalie Moll
Director General
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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.

EFPIA was named <u>Best Business EU Trade Association in Brussels in 2022</u>. 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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Vlad Olteanu
Healthcare Public Affairs
Director
EuropaBio
(European Association for
Bioindustries)

Vlad leads a Brussels-based team of four professionals and represents the interests of healthcare biotechnological companies of all sizes (from SME to large multinationals).

Prior to joining EuropaBio, Vlad worked as of 1999 with top-tier law firms, global corporations and consultancies delivering legal advice, public affairs strategy and its implementation for actors in public (including the European Commission, the World Bank, EU Member States) and private sector.

Vlad is a Belgian and Romanian national who studied mathematics, economics, law and political sciences in Romania, Belgium, France and the United Kingdom. Apart from his native Romanian, he speaks English, French and Italian. Vlad likes photography, reading (fan of behavioral science, strategy, game theories, history and literature), theatre and chess.

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Elizabeth Prodromou General Manager Bristol-Myers Squibb

Elizabeth Prodromou has been serving Bristol Myers Squibb Greece as General Manager for six years, having followed a long journey in diverse positions since 2008 at the company, such as Regulatory, Market Access and Business Unit Director in Oncology and Hematology, by undertaking assignments that have allowed her to grow her understanding and experience in different aspects and areas of pharma business. She is driven by the vision to create the foundation for an external environment that supports universal access, quality services and equity for patients in Greece.

Lisa is a graduate of the Chemistry Department of the University of Athens, holds a specialization in Strategic Leadership and Business Administration from Columbia Business School and the Global Executive Education Club and started her career in pharmaceutical sector working for Pharmathen, Unipharma and Abbott.

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Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos Secretary General for Information Systems and Digital Governance Ministry of Digital Governance Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos is a Professor in the <u>Department of Informatics and Telematics</u> in the area of Information Systems and Simulation.

From August 2019, he serves as Secretary General for Information Systems of Public Administration of the Ministry of Digital Governance. He served as a Rector of Harokopio University (9/2011 - 1/2016). Since 1/2016 he is elected as a Dean of Faculty of Digital Technology. He was elected Co-Chair of the Greek Rectors' Conference (2013-2014). He was representative of the Greek Rectors' Conference in the joint committee with the German Rectors' Conference (GRK). He is a visiting Professor at Sussex University, UK. He is an Associate Editor of Requirements Engineering (Springer). He served as the National Representative of Greece for ICT in Horizon 2020 (2014-2015).

He has also served as Secretary General for Information Systems of the Greek Ministry of Finance and Economics (2004 - 2009). During his service, the following Information Systems were developed: Real Estate Data Base and ETAK systems, ELENXIS, new TAXISnet, ICISnet, State General Laboratory Information System, Pensioners' e-Services system and m-TAXIS (mobile TAXIS). From 2008 to 2009, he was member of the Board of Directors of Athens Water Supply and Sewage Company (EYDAP SA).

His research interests include eGovernment, Information Systems, Semantic Web and Web Services, Modelling and Simulation Methodologies and Applications (networks, transportation systems) and Business Process Modelling.

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Zoi Kolitsi
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Zoi Kolitsi, PhD Med. Phys., leads digital health policy and strategy work at the European Institute for Innovation through Health Data (i~HD). Digital Health governance, health data interoperability and secondary use, business modeling in the FAIR data economy and multistakeholder consultation, including on the EHDS, are the main focus of her work. She is well versed in cross sectorial e-GOV topics related to digital health, and she also maintains activities in cross border e-Justice.

Zoi has a long history of eHealth policy and strategy support including a decade in the Greek Public Health Administration as a senior policy advisor. Over the last 20 years, she has led work nationally and in EU Digital Health projects. Notably she has coordinated the CALLIOPE thematic network that delivered the European eHealth Interoperability RoadMap and has lead the legal and regulatory work stream in the epSOS pilot and their follow up projects, eHGI and EXPAND. More recently, she has led the eHealth pillar in the national health care reform programme and actively supported the national Greek deployment of cross border myHEALTH@EU services.

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Elpida Fotiadou
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Elpida Fotiadou is a graduate of the Chemistry Department of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens and holds a Master's degree in Information Systems (Msc).

She has been working at IDIKA SA since 1988 and since 2014 she is the Head of the Sub-Directorate of Special Applications of the Applications Operation & Support Directorate. She has the responsibility of eHealth Systems and the Greek Social Security Number National Register (AMKA). She has gained great experience in analysis, design and implementation of information systems, participating in many projects and initiatives of national scope, as a key member, from the initial stages of such projects, including the AMKA-EMAES National Registry and the Electronic Prescribing System. She has also participated and contributed to European electronic health projects such as SOHealth, NCPeHealth, HealthelD, EuroCAS, UNICOM and elDAS).

She is an elected member of the HL7 Hellas Steering Committee.

She participates in the eHealthDSI Member State Expert Group (eHMSEG) as representative of Greece.

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Julia Pournara
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Julia Pournara is a Legal Counsel, Partner with "Platis-Anastassiadis and Associates", associated with Ernst & Young. She studied Law at the University of Athens (LLB) and at Bristol University Law School, UK (LLM). She specializes in Business Law, M&As and Healthcare Law. Julia combines deep regulatory knowledge and an analytical understanding of strategy and business in the life sciences sector. In a career of over 25 years she has assisted numerous renowned multinational healthcare companies to manage the full spectrum range of legal challenges they faced. Her portfolio includes assistance on a range of regulatory matters, pricing and reimbursement, clawback and rebates, commercial contractual arrangements and health policy challenges.

She also has significant experience in Mergers and Acquisitions, as well as restructurings of corporate and business models and advises clients through all aspects and stages of such transactions with a high degree of individualistic attention. Julia's expertise further includes assistance on compliance obligations stemming from corporate regulation and competition law provisions. In this framework, she has supported numerous corporations in internal audits and external dawn raids performed by the Hellenic Competition Commission and other supervisory administrative authorities and regularly advises and trains clients on regulatory compliance matters and policies.

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George Mitropoulos Health Sciences Sector Leader EY Greece

George Mitropoulos is the leader for the Health Sciences Sector in EY Greece, he is also the Head of Business Development for EY in Southeastern Europe.

He started his career in UK more than 25 years ago, as a business & technology consultant. He has since succeeded in leadership roles in business consulting, technology implementation and go-to-market strategy development, in several geographies in Europe, Middle East & Africa.

Although he has experience in several industry sectors, during the last few years George has focused in the Health Sciences sector, working with private & public Health Organisations on healthcare services & policy, patient & HCP experience, transactions, as well as on technology as a transformation enabler for the sector.

His academic background includes 2 bachelor's and 2 master's degrees around Technology, Business & Economics. George continues his education with several instances of professional training from leading European universities (Oxford, INSEAD, Imperial) focusing on leadership & digital health.

George is enjoying creating value ecosystems and giving back to the community; he is an active mentor & coach, for both startups & professionals. For more details, feel free to contact him through his LinkedIn profile: https://www.linkedin.com/in/mitropoulos

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Dr. Rifat Atun
Professor of Global Health
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Innovation Lab Harvard
University

Dr. Rifat Atun is Professor of Global Health Systems, and the Director of Health Systems Innovation Lab at Harvard University. In 2016-2022 he served as the Faculty Chair of the Harvard Ministerial Leadership Program. In 2008-12 he was a member of the Executive Management at the Global Fund as Director of Strategy, Performance and Evaluation. His research extends globally and focuses on health system performance, health system transformation and innovation. He has published more than 450 papers in leading journals, including NEJM, Nature Medicine, Lancet, Lancet Oncology, JAMA, and Academy of Management Journal, and in 2020, 2021 and 2022 was recognized as one of the World's Most Highly Cited Researchers.

Dr Atun has advised many governments around the world on health system reforms and acts as a consultant/advisor to the World Bank WHO, and leading health and technology companies. In 2019-20 Professor Atun was a senior advisor to the G20 Presidency and in 2021-22 was the co-chair of the G20 T20 Task Force on Global Health Security and COVID-19 for the G20 Indonesian Presidency. He was a member of the U.S. National Academy of Medicine Committee on Health Systems, and the Advisory Boards of WHO Research Centre for Health Development in Japan the Norwegian Research Council's Programme for Global Health Research and the UK Medical Research Council's Global Health Group.

He is a member of the Longitude Prize Committee, and the founder and board chair of Movement Health 2030, a Swiss Foundation that supports innovations aimed at solving major global health challenges. He is the Founding President of the Global Surgery Foundation based in Geneva.

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George Kalamitsis
Secretary
Greek Patients' Association
Chair
Hellenic Liver Patient
Association "Prometheus"

George Kalamitsis is the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Liver Patients' Association "Prometheus" since 2012, Secretary of the Greek Patients' Association and President of the Monitoring Committee for the Protection of the Rights of Health Care Recipients since 2017.

He is also a member of the Monitoring and Implementation Committee of the National Action Plan for the Eradication of Viral of hepatitis C in Greece, and a member of the Hepatitis B & C Public Policy Association. In the years 2015 and 2016 he was a member of the Board of Directors of the World Hepatitis Alliance.

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Miltos Krokidis
Vascular and Interventional
Radiologist,
Assoc. Professor
University of Athens
Assoc. General Secretary,
Health Division
PASOK

Miltiadis Krokidis Associate Professor in Radiology of the School of Medicine of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens based at the 1st Department of Radiology in Areteion Hospital since November 2019.

Dr. Krokidis received his Radiology training in Greece and the UK and worked as Consultant Radiologist at Cambridge University Hospitals in Cambridge, UK for the period 2012-2019 and as Senior Clinical Tutor of the Clinical School of Cambridge University for the period 2014-2019. He is a Visiting Professor at the Medical School, University of Bern, Switzerland since 2014 and he is appointed as an Honorary Professor at the University of East Anglia, UK in 2020.

He is a board-certified practitioner of Vascular and Interventional Radiology (EBIREuropean Board of Interventional Radiology). He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists (FRCR), a Fellow of the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe (FCIRSE), a Fellow of the Society of Interventional Radiology (FSIR) and of the European Society of Abdominal and Gastrointestinal Radiology (FESGAR). He has served in various committees in most of the major international Radiological societies (CIRSE, ESGAR, ESOI) and as President of the Hellenic Medical Society UK for the period 2018-2020.

Dr. Krokidis has served as Principal Investigator in several studies and as reviewer for several grant applications. He has served as editor of several international peer-review journals in the field of Radiology. He has authored and co-authored >100 published articles in peer review journals. He is the editor of a book in the field of Radiology and contributed to several textbooks. So far, he has delivered >100 invited lectures in international meetings and symposia.

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Stamatis Vardaros Senior Consultant Health Policy SYRIZA

Stamatis Vardaros is a political scientist, specializing in social policy. He has served as Secretary General of the Ministry of Health, responsible for Primary Health Care, Addiction Treatment and co-financed programs of the Ministry of Health. He is the health policy's senior consultant of SYRIZA-P.S.'s President Alexis Tsipras and Head for the Strategic Planning of Small Enterprises' Institute of the General Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen, Merchants of Greece (IME GSEVEE).

He has been a member of the Board of Directors of EOPYY for five years, as well as a scientific associate in the Hellenic Parliament and in the Economic and Social Committee of Greece (OKE), while he has worked for several years in the NGO PRAKSIS and KETHEA. He has participated in projects of the WHO and the EU

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Nikos Polyzos
Professor of Health Service
Management, Department of
Social Work
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Nikolaos Polyzos is Professor of Health Service Management at Department of Social Work of Democritus University of Thrace (DUTH). He teaches undergraduate courses on Social Service Management, Health Policy, Health Service Management, Economic Evaluation of social programs based in health and postgraduate courses on Health Service Management and Health Policy in the joint MSc with Medical Department of Aristotelian University. Health Service Management, Health Policy and Health Economics are among the fields of his research interests. For his contribution to the field, he was awarded from Health Care Business Awards, in 2018.

He has a 25 years' experience teaching in the academic field (18 last years as permanent staff of Greek Universities). He has undertaken and integrated 15 scientific projects, 14 of them as scientific coordinator, last 15 years. Currently he was scientific collaborator and advisor to a HORIZON 2020 program (heart failure and real big data).

He has participated in important scientific projects indicatively in the organization and financing of National Unified Sickness Fund (EOPYY), PHC, Drugs' Evaluation, Human Resources in Health, Hospitals' Planning and Efficiency Measurement, etc. He finalized research on hospitals' medicines and the e-prescription out hospital drugs the recent decade. He published books 3 (monographs) and 10+ (edited books), 70+ papers in scientific journals with peer review process, etc. on the field of Management, Policy and Economics of Health and Health Services (10 during last 3 years).

He worked in health services for 25 years (among them as CEO of Hospitals) concluding his carrier as Secretary General of Greek Ministry of Health and CEO of the Organization of State Health Services of Cyprus. He has been scientific advisor to WHO and EU Committee and Parliament, as well as reviewer to international journals (recently BMC Health Journals). Also, he is currently a member of Greek National Committee of Public Health.

He studied Political Sciences and Public Administration at National Capodestrian University of Athens (NCUA), MSc in Health Planning and Financing at LSE, and he received a PhD on Management and Economics (Hospitals' Efficiency) from NCUA.

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Anargyros Mariolis General Practitioner, Director of the Areopolis Health Center, Mani President Hellenic Academy of General Practice/Family Medicine & PHC 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.

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Christos Lionis
Emeritus Professor
of General Practice and
Primary Health Care, Faculty
of Medicine
University of Crete

Christos Lionis is a medical doctor and Professor with a strong interest in primary care and public health education, practice, and research. Christos has served the Clinic of Social and Family Medicine (CSFM) at the School of Medicine, University since 1995 (March) as a Professor of General Practice and Primary Health Care and CFSM Director until August 2022. In January 2023, Christos was appointed Professor Emeritus of the University of Crete. He is also designated as a Guest Professor of General Practice at the Institute of Health and Medicine at the University of Linkoping, Sweden (2018), a position that he continues to hold today. As part of his work with the CFSM, Christos has been involved as PI and collaborator in multiple large European and international research collaboratives and research proposals funded by the EU and international agencies. His work has focused on capacity building of primary health care and public health in Greece and internationally.

Christos has a passion for education and has played a vital role in developing medical training, continuing medical education, and quality standards in primary care and public health nationally. Christos is also involved in an editorial and advisory capacity with several international journals. He also is a member of the Executive Board of various professional organisations including that of WONCA Working Party on Mental Health, where he is currently serving as Chair. He has been awarded as an Honorary Fellow for the Royal College of General Practitioners (2009), the World Organization of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations of General Practitioners/Family Physicians (WONCA) (2016), and the European Society of Cardiology (2017).

Christos has published 444 papers in international journals that they cited in PubMed with a h-index of 61, a total i10 index of 330, and a total citation of 38023 (AD Scientific Index 5 September 2023). Between 2019 and 2022, Christos has served as a member of the European Commission Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health, while he serves the Specific Advisory Group of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) until today. He is also a member of the National Committee for Mental Health Reform and Bioethics and Biotechnology since 2022.

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Memi Tsekoura
Board Member
Greek Patients' Association
President
The Butterfly Bone Health
Society

Memi Tsekoura is the President of the Butterfly Bone Health Society and BoD Member of the Greek Patients' Association. She has worked in the field of Health for over 30 years. She started her social work at the Hellenic Association for the Support of Patients with Osteoporosis as a member of the Board and from 2002 until today she serves as the President of the Butterfly Bone Health Society.

She has extensive experience in the management of patients with chronic musculoskeletal diseases and has managed to bring together the scientific community and patients through the various programs she has implemented as a Patients' Association. Under her Presidency, the Butterfly Bone Health Society has twice won global awards, ranking first among 285 countries for its action.

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Charalambos A Gogos was born in Patras, he is Professor of Medicine and currently chairs the department of Medicine – Infectious Diseases of Metropolitan General Hospital in Athens, where he also directs the Infection Control Committee and joins the Scientific Committee of the Hospital.

He has been Chairman of the Dpt of Medicine and Infectious Diseases section of Patras University Medical School, Dean of of Patras University Medical School, Deputy President of the Board of Directors in Patras University and he is currently President of the Hellenic Society for the study of Sepsis, Vice President of the Hellenic Society of Internal Medicine, Vice President of the Hellenic Society for the Study of AIDS and Member of the Board of the Hellenic Society for Infectious Diseases and the Hellenic Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy. He is primary investigator in a great number of clinical trials concerning antimicrobial agents, HIV and sepsis and his research activities are focused on immunology of sepsis, HIV and COVID-19.

He has more than 200 publications in PubMed and 11.500 citations in google scholar with an h-index of 50. He is Member of the Hellenic National Committee for Covid-19 and consultant for the Hellenic Agency for Quality Assurance in Health S.A.

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