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# Welcome Address

Dear Colleagues

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As the Commander of The National Health Operations Center (ekey) of the Hellenic Ministry of Health I have the great pleasure and honor to welcome you to the EU High Level Expert Meeting entitled: "Health Emergency Management in the EU - The role of National Health Operations Centers" which is organized for the first time in Athens, between 9 & 10 of May 2014, at Pentelikon Hotel.

The purpose of this meeting which is under the auspices of The Greek EU Presidency and the Hellenic Ministry of Health is not only discuss but proceed further to a fruitful exchange of scientific data, experiences and followed practices in the field of emergency management in the Health Sector among experts at an EU level.

We firmly believe that the recent health emergencies and challenges Europe has faced (Avian Influenza [H5N1], H1N1 virus, mers - co threat etc) in addition to the latest developments in the legislative area (EU Decision on cross-border threats) provide us a solid background and a splendid opportunity to develop through round tables, lectures and satellite symposiums the following main areas of discussion:

- National Health Operations Centers: Interoperability in the European Union and possible collaboration with similar structures at non - EU countries
- Acute Public Health Events. Operational Planning - Management in a Time of Crisis
- Health Stock Piles - Joint Procurement Agreement
- Health Emergency Management at non - EU countries
- Emergencies, Mass Casualties. Interoperability of the Health Sector in the European Union
- Health Management of Immigrants - Cross - border Health Threats
- Communicable diseases as Acute Public Health Events

As we are fully committed to this endeavor we have the highest hopes that your active participation to this meeting will lead to its success.

I warmly welcome you to our Meeting

With my best regards,

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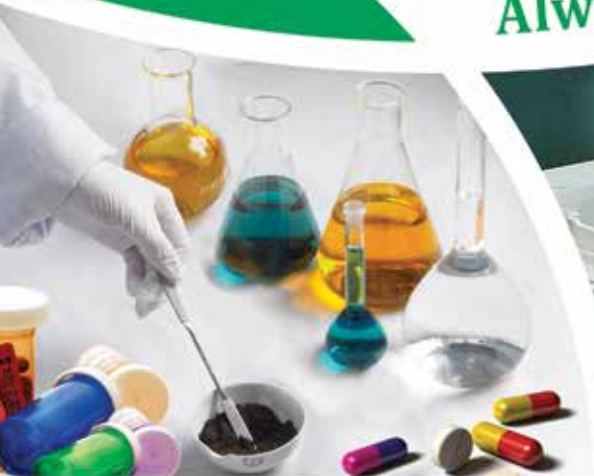




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# Scientific Programme

Friday, 9 May 2014

Ballroom Hall

08:30 **Registration**

09:00 - 10:00 **Welcome Addresses**

**Mr. Vlastarakos Michalis**, *President, Hellenic Medical Association*

**Mr. Adonis Georgiadis**, *Minister of Health*

**Opening Lectures:**

- *International Operational Actions of the Hellenic Ministry of Health*, **Papanoti V.**
- *The Longevity in the Global Context*, **Stefanadis Ch.**

10:00 - 12:30 **Round Table:**

**National Health Operations Centers: Interoperability in the European Union**

Chairmen: **Bonatsos G., Kostopoulos N., Michos N.**

- *National Health Operations Center: Structure, Operation & Mission*, **Efstathiou P.**
- *Civil Protection Operation Centre. Special Health Operations*, **Anastopoulos P.**
- *The Implementation of 1082/2013 EU Decision on Serious Cross - Border Threats to Health*, **Sion J. - L.**
- **EU Member - States Representatives**
  - *Structure and Organization of Health Security Services in Sweden*, **Wallensten A.**
  - *Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response in Belgium*, **Tsachoua L.**
  - *The Role of the Permanent Coordination Group at the National Institute of Public Health*, **Čakš Jager N.**
  - *Health Emergency Preparedness in Lithuania*, **Gailius V.**
  - *The Public Health Emergency Operations Centre in Portugal: from Early Detection to Response to National and International Threats*, **Santos C.**
  - *Strategy for the Development of the Emergency Aid in the Republic of Bulgaria 2014-2020*, **Dobrev D.**

12:30 - 12:45 **Break**



12:45 - 14:00 **Round Table:**

**Acute Public Health Events. Operational Planning - Management in a Time of Crisis**

Chairmen: Kourea - Kremastinou J., Vakalis N., Karageorgos G.

- *Acute Public Health Events. The Hellenic Center for Disease Control and Prevention Experience*, Papadimitriou Th.
- *Travel Medicine - A Cross - Border Issue. Operational Planning & Response*, Rosenberg Th.
- *Poliomyelitis. A Forgotten Disease or an Emerging Threat?*, Karageorgou K.
- *Emergency Operation Centre of the Hellenic Center for Disease Control and Prevention: Structure, Operations & Actions*, Iliopoulos D.

14:00 - 14:20 **ICT Infrastructure & Services for Health**  
**Antonopoulos L.**

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14:20 - 15:15 **Break**

15:15 - 16:30 **Special Lectures:**

Chairmen: Machairas G., Gaga M., Vlachogianni G.

- *Passive Smoking and Human Rights*, Bechrakis P.
- *The Economic Impact of Accidents on Health Care Systems*, Sapkas G.
- *Sustainability of the Greek Health Care System*, Frouzis K.
- *VIP in Travel. Operational Planning of Medical Care*, Hatzigeorgiou D.
- *Team Approach in Disease Management*, Karabinis A.

16:30 - 18:00 **Round Table:**

**Health Emergency Management at non-EU countries**

Chairmen: Linou A., Raidou F., Moschovis S.

- *The Global Need for Health Care Networking*, Kotis T.
- *Developing Public Health Emergency Operations Network (EOC-NET)*, Li J.
- *Environmental Hazards - Public Health in Countries Outside the European Union. The Case of the Black Sea*, Dimadama Z.
- *Acute Public Health Events at non-EU Countries*, Gogossis K.
- **Non - EU Countries Representatives**
  - *Structure and Organization of Health Security Services in Albania*, Riepaj K.
  - *Structure and Organization of Health Security Services in the Republic of Srpska, Bosnia & Herzegovina*, Bogdanic D.

09:00 - 11:00 **Round Table:**

**Emergencies, Mass Casualties: Interoperability of the Health Sector in the European Union**

Chairmen: **Papaefstathiou N., Kokkalakis A., Salteri P.**

- *The WHO Europe EOC in the UN - city Copenhagen - a Regional Hub for Health Crisis Management*, **Rockenschaub G.**
- *Emergencies - Massive Casualties. General Secretariat for Civil Protection - Operational Planning*, **Patsioti N.**
- *Massive Casualties After Environmental Maritime Accident in the Mediterranean Sea Region. Operational Medical Planning*, **Karabinis A., Kyprianou Th.**
- *Operational Planning of Health Services, Olympic Games "Athens 2004"*, **Manolidou Z.**
- *Health Services Operational Planning of Special Olympics World Summer Games "Athens 2011"*, **Mandi P.**

11:00 - 11:30 **Break**

11:30 - 13:00 **Round Table:**

**Health Management of Immigrants - Cross-border Health Threats**

Chairmen: **Papadimitriou Th., Efstathiou P., Bebi M.**

- *Health Coverage of Detention Centers and Preliminary Reception Centers of Illegal Immigrants in Greece*, **Efstathiou P.**
- *Public Health Benefits of Screening for Infectious Diseases Among Newly Arrived Migrants in the EU/EEA. Preliminary Report of the Experts Meeting of the Hellenic Center for Disease Control and Prevention & ECDC*, **Baka A.**
- *Healthcare Management of Immigrants. Case Study: Malaria*, **Tseroni M.**
- *Illegal Immigrants. An Intercultural Phenomenon*, **Colombani J.-D.**
- *The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Experience*, **Samuilova M.**

13:00 - 13:30 **Lecture**

*Haemoglobinopathies on the Move: Is Europe ready?*  
**Eleftheriou A.**

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13:30 - 14:30 **Break**

14:30 - 15:30 **Round Table:**

**Acute Public Health Events: Economic and Social Proportions**

Chairmen: **Hatzakis A., Avgerinos A., Leptokaridou G.**

- *Successful Implementation of the Program to Control HIV/AIDS in Intravenous Drug Users in Athens: "ARISTOTEL Program", Hatzakis A.*
- *The Economics of Prevention and Policies Against Communicable Diseases, Yfantopoulos J.*
- *The Need for Redefining Healthcare Systems: the Role of Innovative Medicine, Alexandrakis E.*

15:30 - 17:00 **Round Table:**

**Health Stock Piles**

Chairmen: **Tountas I., Kalokairinou A., Thireos E.**

- *Health Stock Piles. National Central Planning, Kyrlisi A.*
- *Immediate Supply of Pharmaceuticals in Emergency Situations. Operational Planning, Tsagkari E.*
- *Joint Procurement Agreement for Medical Countermeasures. State of Play, Sion J. - L.*
- *The Greek Pharmaceutical Industry in a European Context, Katsos V.*
- *Globalization and Pharmaceutical Production, Pentafragas V.*

17:00 - 18:00 **Special Lectures**

Chairmen: **Efstathiou P., Kouroupaki E., Papageorgiou N.**

- *Health's Sector Development Opportunities for Greek Economy. An Input - Output Analysis, Melachrinou P., Lorentzos A.*
- *The Significance of the Commander's Post in a Healthcare Unit Under the Light of the Current Economic, Social and Legislative Conjuncture, Striberis A.*

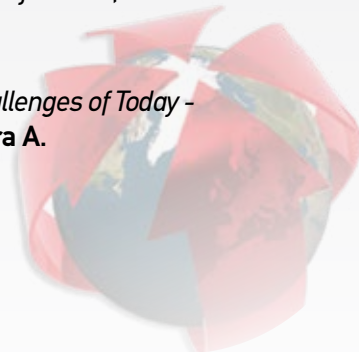
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**Remarks - Conclusions**

- *Health Emergency Management in the EU. Challenges of Today - Pathways of Tomorrow, Efstathiou P., Tsekoura A.*

**Closing Ceremony**

**Mrs Makri Zeta**, Deputy Minister of Health





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## ΟΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΕΣ ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΟΝΙΚΕΣ ΑΝΑΚΑΛΥΨΕΙΣ ΕΞΕΛΙΣΣΟΝΤΑΙ ΣΤΑ ΕΡΓΑΣΤΗΡΙΑ ΓΕΝΝΙΟΥΝΤΑΙ ΟΜΩΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΨΥΧΗ ΜΑΣ

Εδώ και 150 χρόνια, οι άνθρωποι της MSD μοιραζόμαστε το ίδιο πάθος. Στόχος μας είναι να αναπτύσσουμε καινοτόμα φαρμακευτικά και καταναλωτικά προϊόντα, εμβόλια και κτηνιατρικά φάρμακα που βελτιώνουν τις ζωές εκατομμυρίων ανθρώπων και ζώων.

Γνωρίζουμε πολύ καλά πως έχουμε ακόμα πολλά να προσφέρουμε. Εργαζόμαστε εντατικά, προσηλωμένοι στη μακροχρόνια δέσμευσή μας για συνεχή έρευνα και ανάπτυξη νέων προϊόντων.

Βασικό μας μέλημα είναι να επεκτείνουμε την πρόσβαση των ανθρώπων σε προϊόντα και υπηρεσίες υγείας και συνεργαζόμαστε στενά με όλους όσους μοιράζονται το πάθος μας για έναν υγιέστερο κόσμο. Μια πρόκληση που μαζί μπορούμε να επιτύχουμε. Με όλη μας την ψυχή.

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