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# 1 | INTRODUCTION



## 1.1. Message

from the CEO and President of the Council, Dr. Christoforos Hadjikyprianou,  
and the Rector, Prof. Kostas Gouliamos

The path to the modern digital age gives rise to the “knowledge economy”. In the era of internationalization and Global Learning, “knowledge economy” is an indispensable pillar to planning a sustainable future – economically, socially and culturally.

Within this context, education is the ultimate key to safeguarding the values of sustainable growth, innovation, inclusiveness, employability, social responsibility, and creative and critical thinking. This is the very foundation of our operation at European University Cyprus (EUC): a university that is a trusted leader in providing access to high quality, innovative programs and operations.

All of us – students, faculty, teaching and administrative personnel – are part of perhaps the most important institution of our Region. We are also aligned with the industry's and society's plan for growth, which demands educating and developing a skilled workforce and advancing students' strengths, particularly through innovation, to build this knowledge economy. As a university, we are also aligned with both the European Union's and the State's economic plan and inclusive innovation agenda.

In particular, given the economic imperative to innovate, while at the same time remaining competitive and diversified, the role of European University Cyprus in our country's economy is more important now than ever before. We continue to be a thriving and operationally excellent academic institution and one of the Region's top Universities with a robust core of teaching and research programs. We continue to attract top-tier students and internationally acclaimed faculty, as well as new research and industry opportunities.

Meanwhile, we have one of the broadest arrays of disciplines offered by any university in the Region, and this is a crucial advantage for our future. People want to come to a country that has an innovative university at its core, particularly a “Medical” university.

Whether for the development of academic programs or research projects, we engage teams of experts coming from different disciplines, scientific and academic fields, thus building and promoting cooperations of interdisciplinary nature, while also including partners from the industry, community and government agencies. With the operation of the Microsoft Innovation Center, we are creating start-ups and hubs of innovation built around several of our signature areas; these hubs are magnets for top talent. We enjoy an exceptional reputation internationally for the outstanding quality of our School of Medicine. This has been achieved through our own faculty's unique expertise in Medicine and Life and Health Sciences programs and by working collaboratively with prestigious universities and Hospitals.

We are generating distinctive ideas and are identifying new venues of collaboration and accelerating innovation by building bridges through which many of the Region's next generation of leaders will emerge.

This is the university whose present and future rest on its potential to inquire, to inform, to innovate, to produce and to transfer knowledge.

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**Dr. Christoforos Hadjikyprianou**  
*CEO, President of the Council*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Gouliamos'.

**Prof. Kostas Gouliamos**  
*Rector*



## 1.2. Senate Members 2016-2017

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Prof. Kostas Gouliamos, Rector

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Prof. Andreas Efstathiou, Vice-Rector of Research and External Relations

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Prof. Andreas Makris, Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs

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Dr. Christoforos Hadjikyriou, Managing Director

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Prof. Christos Kassimeris, Dean - School of Humanities and Social Sciences

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Prof. George Petrikos, Dean - School of Medicine

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Dr. George Boustras, Dean - School of Business Administration

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Dr. Loizos Symeou, Dean - School of Arts and Education Sciences

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Dr. Konstantinos Tsimaras, Dean - School of Law

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Dr. Christos Dimopoulos, Dean - School of Sciences

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Dr. Georgia Petroudi, Faculty Rep. - School of Arts and Education Sciences

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Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Faculty Rep. - School of Arts and Education Sciences

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Dr. Pieris Chourides, Faculty Rep. - School of Business Administration

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Dr. Mary Papamiltiades, Faculty Rep. - School of Business Administration

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Prof. Andreas G. Orphanides, Faculty Rep. - School of Humanities and Social Sciences

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Dr. Charis Xinari, Faculty Rep. - School of Humanities and Social Sciences

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Dr. Antigoni Alexandropoulou, Faculty Rep. - School of Law

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Dr. Stamatina Yannakourou, Faculty Rep. - School of Law

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Dr. Ioannis Patrikios, Faculty Rep. - School of Medicine

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Dr. Anastasis Stephanou, Faculty Rep. - School of Medicine

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Dr. Mary Eleftheriadou, Faculty Rep. - School of Sciences

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Dr. Chrysoula Thodi, Faculty Rep. - School of Sciences

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Ms. Kyproula Makri, STP Rep. - School of Arts and Education Sciences

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Ms. Maria Angeli, STP Rep. - School of Business Administration

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Ms. Monica Hadjichrysanthou, STP Rep. - School of Humanities and Social Sciences

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Mrs. Margarita Papantoniou, STP Rep. - School of Law

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Mr. Stephanos Leandrou, STP Rep. - School of Sciences

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## 2 | UNIVERSITY FACILITIES





## 2.1. Microsoft Innovation Center (MIC)

Microsoft Innovation Center Cyprus (MIC Cyprus) is a state-of-art technology facility focusing on the development and promotion of innovation, research and technology in Cyprus. It is a strategic collaboration between European University Cyprus and Microsoft. Its wider goal is to strengthen the local and regional economy, promote entrepreneurship at all stages of education, support innovative solutions, and implement unique and pioneering projects.

MIC's operation is a focal point in the development, support and promotion of innovative ideas and startups. More than 150 Cyprus-based startups are actively supported by MIC, through a series of custom-made specialized services and projects. Actions such as the creation of new jobs, support and promotion of innovative solutions, acquiring skills and continuous education are part of the Center's activities. The main targets are as follows:

- Empowering the local business environment
- Attracting dynamic and innovative businesses and initiatives
- Facilitating strategic partnerships between innovative public and/or private sector initiatives
- Operating as a Center for Best Practice implementation for optimizing innovative projects and methods
- Creating a focal point for all innovative initiatives as a service center and space for the exchange of ideas and technological solutions
- Creating technology exchange and implementation space
- Strengthening knowledge in technology, academically and professionally
- Establishing a specialized training center

MIC Cyprus, one of the 110 Innovation Centers globally, is supported by some of the greatest companies in the country: Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement, Cyprus Computer Society, CNP ΑΣΦΑΛΙΣΤΙΚΗ and CNP CYPRIALIFE, Cyta, Exxon Mobil, EY Cyprus, Gnomi Communication Consultants, Headcandy, IN Business magazine, Laureate International Universities, Logicom Solutions and NetU.



# 3

## DISTANCE EDUCATION UNIT



## 3.1. Message

from the Director of Distance Education Unit, Dr. Paraskevi Chatzipanagiotou

The Digital Education Unit, since its establishment in 2013, offers fully accredited e-learning programs leading to Bachelor and Master Degrees. The aim of the Unit is to offer quality programs of study to individuals who, due to personal, professional and/or geographical constraints, are unable to study or to continue their studies in Tertiary Education. In this way, European University Cyprus has succeeded in responding to the current and growing needs of modern society both in terms of learning and in promoting equal opportunities in the field of Education through alternative education programs with high demand in the labor market.

From a pedagogical perspective, the EUC Digital Education Unit, has a concrete education model, tailored to the needs of students and the special characteristics of e-learning (flexibility in time-management, differentiation in teaching). The student occupies a predominant position since the entire process aims to enhance his/her learning. In other words, the learning activity is the core of the model, which includes three fundamental elements, that all come together in the design of the activities: learning resources, collaboration and guidance from the teaching and administrative staff as well. Our programs are taught by the highly qualified faculty of European University Cyprus or external associates, specialists in their respective fields, with experience in Digital Education and in the use of the most advanced Information and Communication Technologies in teaching procedures.

For the academic year 2016-17, 4 Bachelor degrees and 11 Master Degrees based on e-Learning Methodology were awarded, all fully accredited by the Ministry of Education and Culture in Cyprus. Bachelor degrees have a duration of four years and are taught in Greek or/and English (Business Studies, Marketing, Communications and Social Media, English Language & Literature, Psychology). Postgraduate courses are offered for an 18-month duration and are taught in Greek or/and English (Business Administration, Public Health, English Language and Literature, Career Guidance & Counselling, Special (Inclusive) Education, Education Leadership, Early Childhood Education, Technologies of Learning & Communication, Information Systems, Music Education, Public Administration)

# 4

## INTERNAL PROCESSES AND QUALITY UNIT

### 4. Message

#### from the Head of Internal Processes and Quality, Dr Pieris Chourides

In order to achieve its vision, “Engage in Excellence”, European University Cyprus has established the Internal Processes and Quality Unit. The Internal Processes and Quality Unit, is an internal objective and consulting unit, designed to add value and to improve both academic and administrative operations of European University Cyprus. It helps the University to achieve its objectives by adopting a systematic and professional approach in order to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of, as well as, monitoring and assessing the University’s processes and quality system through application of quality control models such TQM, EFQM, IIP. Additionally, the Internal Processes and Quality Unit is responsible for providing data and information for accreditation and benchmarking purposes to all independent ranking and rating organisations.

Underlying these, a set of principles frame European University Cyprus’ approach. Such principles are:

- Assuring the quality of the total student experience
- Responsibility of all staff for quality
- Improving quality whenever possible
- Committing to the principle of external peer involvement in assuring quality
- Taking into account the views of our students and stakeholders

Clear understanding and acceptance of these principles by all staff will ensure that EUC quality assurance and enhancement framework works effectively. Therefore, the scope of the Internal Processes and Quality Unit is to:

- Produce and analyse data about the implementation of the university’s strategies and objectives
- Assist with creating shared procedures and common cultural practices for a learning-quality university, in addition to distributing the best practices
- Support the progress of core processes and the continuous improvement of research and learning outcomes
- Support the principles of responsibility, accountability, equality, and openness
- Communicate operational quality to the all staff, students, stakeholders and partners

The long-term aim of the unit is to identify and define key performance indicators that will enable more accurate performance evaluation and efficient operation

#### 4.1. U-Multirank Ranking

The new European Union funded multi-dimensional tool U-Multirank that ranks universities and colleges worldwide has granted European University Cyprus the highest ranking in two key strategic areas: Research, and International Orientation. In these two areas, European University Cyprus was assessed with top marks, among others, in Top Cited Publications, International Joint Publications, Art Related Output and Student Internships in the Region. U-Multirank is a unique new independent tool for comparing university performance and includes information on more than 1,300 higher education institutions, 3,250 faculties and 10,700 study programs

#### 4.2. UI GreenMetric World Ranking

European University Cyprus has been ranked among the top 100 universities in the world in terms of the “Energy and Climate Change” indicator ran by UI GreenMetric World Ranking Universities 2017. This is the seventh edition of the worldwide comparison of universities’ efforts toward campus sustainability and environment friendly university management. Specifically, European University Cyprus was ranked 43rd globally on the Energy and Climate Change indicator, marking the first time a university from the Republic of Cyprus has recorded such a significant environmental performance.



The European University of Cyprus Library has two primary objectives. The first objective is the continuous enrichment of the collection with quality educational materials (books, magazines, compact discs) with the condition to meet the needs of students, faculty, and the public. The second objective, recognizes user needs for instant access to information and aims to provide and maintain high quality services that will encourage the appropriate use of the Library by faculty and students.

### 5.1. Indicative activities

In 2016-2017, 2,503 library titles of books and other materials were catalogued (except periodicals), bringing the entire collection to 46,500 unique printed titles. The collection of electronic journals consists of 150,000 titles including 96,000 that provide access to the full text of the article. The collection of electronic books includes 150,000 titles through subscriptions with major vendors such as Springer, Oxford, IEEE, Sage, ACM, Cambridge and others.

The EUC library, as one of the founding members, actively participates in the informal Cyprus Academic Libraries Consortium (CALC), which aims at jointly securing cheaper information sources. In the academic year 2016-2017, the library signed new agreements with publishers of scientific information sources such as Elsevier.

The Library maintains a website, redesigned in 2016-2017, through which users can have access to all the databases available through subscriptions. In addition, users can have access to free resources offered as part of open access through a dedicated webpage offering links to the best free sites.

The library took part in the 2nd Book Festival (6&7/5/2017), which took place at the Acropolis Park in Nicosia. The Book Festival has established itself as an institution aiming to bring the Cypriot citizen back in touch with books and to highlight the work of Cypriot writers.

During the academic year 2016-2017, the library conducted a number of seminars in collaboration with teachers, in order to educate students about the proper way to use the library's facilities, raising awareness of what the library has to offer, particularly emphasizing its electronic resources.

The library staff attended training seminars such as:

- Assuring the quality of the total student experience
- Responsibility of all staff for quality
- Improving quality whenever possible





# 6

## RESEARCH AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



## 6.1. Message

from the Vice Rector of Research and External Affairs, Prof. Andreas Efstathiou

The research activity of European University Cyprus has continued to develop at an impressive rate in the current academic year. This development is mainly due to its expansion in the areas of Medicine, Health and Life Sciences but also due to the introduction of a number of strategic initiatives. The number of Scopus-indexed publications authored by faculty and researchers of the university has increased by about 30% compared with the previous academic year and total external research funding exceeded 700,000 EUR.

The University Research Office carried out an intensive campaign to promote funding opportunities from a number of sources, including the Research Promotion Foundation, which launched its RESTART 2016-2020 programme in the current academic year, Horizon 2020, Erasmus+ etc. It is noteworthy that the University secured a large proportion of its funding in the current academic year from the European Commission. According to official statistics by the Research Promotion Foundation, the University continues to rank as the most successful private university in Cyprus in securing funding from Horizon 2020.

A number of our faculty received important awards and international distinctions and a number of new promising scientists joined our faculty. In the 2017 U-Multirank ranking, European University Cyprus was also very highly ranked in the category of Art-related output.

The University also considerably expanded the network of international universities and local and international organizations with which it collaborates and a series of Memoranda of Understanding have been signed. Significant progress has also been made in extending the network of Universities in Europe with which we exchange students and faculty within the Erasmus+ program. This year the University also received its first grant for international mobility from Erasmus+ and implemented a number of mobility programs beyond Europe.



## 6.2. Faculty Distinctions and Achievements

- **The Professor of the School of Medicine Theodoros Xanthos** was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine in recognition of his track record in research, such as the number of publications and number of citations.
- **Professor Nicolas Christodoulou of the School of Sciences** was elected as an active member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (EASA). The official inauguration of Prof Christodoulou took place in Salzburg on 4 March 2017.
- **Dr. Mary Eleftheriadou, Associate Professor of Microbiology at the Department of Life Sciences of the School of Sciences,** was awarded (May 2017) a Fulbright Scholar grant administered by the American Embassy to carry out research in the United States. Dr Eleftheriadou was hosted by the School of Public Health of Harvard University.
- **The Dean of the School of Business Administration of European University Cyprus Professor George Boustras** was appointed Editor-in-Chief of the leading international scientific journal *Safety Science* published by Elsevier.
- **Professor of Histology and Embryology of the School of Medicine of European University Cyprus, Elpida-Niki Emmanouil-Nicoloussi** received a series of honors from the international scientific company Medichem. During the 44th International Medichem Conference held in Basel, Switzerland, she was awarded the Gold Medal of the Scientific Society for its valuable services as a member of the Board of Medichem.
- **Dr. Constandina Charalambous of the Department of Education Sciences** was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant administered by the American Embassy to carry out research in the United States. Dr Charalambous was hosted by City University of New York (CUNY).
- **Dr. Mary Charalambous-Papamiltiades of the School of Business Administration** was:
  - Elected President of the Cyprus Association for Sport Management
  - Appointed as a member of the Cooperation & Development Commission of the International Committee of the Mediterranean Games ICMG (appointed by the President Amar Addadi).
- **In September 2016, Lectures of the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics (Petros Alexandrou, Simona Mihai, Maria Angeli and Alexios Kythreotis)** became members of the Professional body CISI (Chartered Institute of Investments and Securities).
- **Venetia Argyropoulou of the School of Law** received the following honors:
  - 2017 - Winner of the 2017 Individual Tax Scholarship of the International Bar Association
  - 2017 - Selection as Best International Law Lawyer of 2016 in Cyprus from Global 100
  - 2017 - Selection as Best Lawyer of 2016 for International Law in Cyprus by International Advisory Experts
  - 2017 - Inclusion in the European Court of Auditors List of Experts in Financial Law
- **Dr. Stamatina Yannakourou, Assistant Professor of the School of Law,** participated as an external expert of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises at the International Symposium on "The Future of Work We Want: A Global Dialogue" held at the ILO Headquarters in Geneva on 6 & 7 April 2017.
- **Ms. Ilona-Eleftryja Lasica, PhD Student and Research Associate of the Department of Education Sciences, and Dr. Konstantinos Katzis, Associate Professor of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering,** have received (December 2016) the Laureate's Research Publication Award for the following publication:

Lasica, I. E., Katzis, K., Meletiou-Mavrotheris, M., & Dimopoulos, C. (2016). Research Challenges in future laboratory-based STEM Education. *Bulletin of the IEEE Technical Committee on Learning Technology*, 18(1), 2.

This award highlights the current research strength and the future research potential of European University Cyprus, as well as the benefits of the intra-school, intra-discipline research collaboration.

- **Dr. Louiza Voniati, Ph.D., MEd., SLT, Lecturer, Coordinator of the Speech and Therapy Program**, has been appointed (June 2017) by the Council of Ministers for a second consecutive year at the Cyprus Speech and Therapy Council. According to the Law on the Registration of Speech Therapists, Law 136 (I) of 2001, the Cyprus Speech and Therapy Registration Board is the competent authority for the registration and licensing of Speech Therapists in Cyprus.
- **The Cyprus Youth Organization has awarded (February 2017) the 'Science Prize' to Dr. Apostolos Zaravinos, Assistant Professor of Biology, Department of Life Sciences, for his research in the field of cancer.**
- **Dr. Ioannis Karis, Visiting Lecturer of the Department of Life Sciences of the European University Cyprus**, has been appointed (May 2017) as a member of the Council for the Registration of Food Scientists, Food Technologists and Dietitians, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Health. The appointment of Dr. Karis is a great honor for himself and for our University, and grants prestige to the Nutrition and Dietetics Program, of which Dr. Karis is an important academic member.
- **Professor Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheris (Department of Education Sciences): European University Cyprus participates** as a research partner in the Horizon 2020 project titled 'CENTRE FOR STEAM EDUCATION RESEARCH, SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND INNOVATION (CSRC)'. The project involves as partners all other universities in Cyprus, as well as University College London, University of Copenhagen, Kiel University, GrantXpert Consulting, Establishment Public Du Palais De La Decouverte et de la Cite Des Sciences et de L'Industrie in France, Fondazione DIS-Città della Scienza in Italy, and Foundation for Research & Technology in Greece. The project in its full implementation will have a total budget of around 45 million EUR over a 7-year period and EUC will receive a significant part of this budget. Three EUC Research Centers and Groups were involved in the bid, one of them being the Research Laboratory in ICT-Enhanced Education led by Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheris.
- **Dr Yiannis Miralis (Department of Arts)** was appointed Academic Member of the Examination Team for the new system for the hiring of secondary music teachers.
- **Dr. Anastasia Hadjiyiannakou (Department of Arts)** was appointed Academic Expertise in the Examination Team for the new system for hiring Special Education Teachers in the public sector & President of the Association of Special Education Teachers in Cyprus.
- **Tasos Anastasiades (Department of Arts)** was a Selected Participant at the 8th United Designs Biennial Exhibition, in Korea (2016).  
  
In 2017, he was selected by the Cyprus Embassy in Romania and the Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture to represent Cyprus at the 5th EUROPEAN COMICS FESTIVAL organized by the European Union National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC). His graphic novel 'Fascista' was displayed at the festival.
- **Yianna Christophorou (Department of Arts)** was appointed Member of the Evaluation Committee National Poster Competition organized by the Ministry of Education and I Love Graphics Network.

### 6.3. Participation in Funded Research Projects

European University Cyprus received during the academic year 2016-2017 research funding amounting to 596,435 EUR. A substantial portion of this amount has been awarded from EU programmes. A detailed table with all funded projects can be found below:

START DATE	END DATE	FUNDING PROGRAMME	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT TOTAL (EURO)	AMOUNT EUC (EURO)
01/09/2016	31/08/2018	Erasmus+	Green Entrepreneurship Training - Underpinning Prosperity (GET-UP)	294,855.25	29,040.00
01/09/2016	31/08/2019	Erasmus+	THE LIVING BOOK – Augmenting Reading For Life	373,855.00	84,422.00
01/09/2016	28/02/2019	Erasmus+	PLAY&LEARN DIGIMEDIA - Playful Learning Experience - Enhancing adult education and learning environments with digital media	247,545.00	42,285.00
01/09/2016	31/08/2018	Erasmus+	SHADOWS - Supporting Graduate Entrepreneurship in the Creative Sector	299,046.00	32,835.00
01/09/2016	31/01/2019	Erasmus+	Teaching European Sign Languages as a First Language - TESILALA1	262,570.00	30,065.00
01/10/2016	31/12/2018	Erasmus+	BONDS - Booster the emotional dimension of social inclusion for immigrant mothers and children	220,548.00	25,165.00
01/10/2016	30/09/2018	Erasmus+	Bright@ EU	176,240.00	31,453.00
01/10/2016	31/08/2018	Erasmus+	Heads UP - Heads using Professional Learning Communities	238,587.00	36,014.00
01/11/2016	31/10/2018	Erasmus+	Skills Up: Skilling up adults for today and tomorrow's labor market	139,602.00	30,170.00
01/02/2017	31/01/2019	DG European Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Operations	EPICURO - EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP FOR INNOVATIVE CITIES WITHIN AN URBAN RESILIENCE OUTLOOK	616,958.00	51,817.50
01/03/2017	28/02/2019	Erasmus+	SIDE – Supporting Innovative models for Deaf youth Empowerment	190,030.00	28,393.04
01/03/2017	31/08/2019	JPI URBAN EUROPE (ERA-NET)	Smart cities are walkable: SPN - a model to plan a pedestrian network and a pedestrian navigation system (Smart Pedestrian Net)	985,000.00	174,776.00
TOTAL				4,044,836.25	596,435.54

## 6.4. Participation in Other Research Projects

The University's research activity continued to grow at an impressive rate during the academic year 2016-2017. Faculty members of European University Cyprus participated in a number of projects of Basic and Applied research, which are carried out in collaboration with scientists from leading universities around the world (indicatively, Harvard, Oxford, Imperial College London, Cambridge, University College London, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens). During the academic year 2016-2017, faculty members of European University Cyprus published numerous articles in international Scopus-indexed journals in a very broad range of research areas: Computer Science, Physical Sciences and Engineering, Medicine, Health Sciences, Education Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Business Administration etc.

## 6.5. Research Centres

### 6.5.1. Assistive Technology Lab

The Assistive Technology Lab of European University Cyprus, was established during the years 2015-2016 and it is currently a collaboration between the Department of Education Sciences and the Department of Occupational Therapy. The Lab aims at the development and implementation of innovative and effective approaches to research, instruction, learning and rehabilitation with the use of assistive technology for people of all ages with disabilities.

The research and teaching activities of the Lab are focused on: (a) interdisciplinary approaches to Assistive Technology research (e.g. access and accessibility, communication, digital competencies for all, universal design, professional collaboration in rehabilitation and education of children with disabilities); (b) linking theoretical approaches to the implementation of assistive technology in authentic learning and everyday life environments; (c) teaching approaches that unify the various individual scientific disciplines of education, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and humanities for promoting the rights and life quality of people with disabilities.

The Lab is directed by Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Assistant Professor of Inclusive Education and Assistive Technology, at the Department of Education Science in collaboration with Dr. Pavlina Psychouli, Lecturer in Occupational Therapy, at the Department of Occupational Therapy. Other members of the Lab are Faculty members and Special Teaching Personnel of the two Departments and the Department of Speech and Language Therapy, as well as graduate students and external collaborators.

#### Teaching Infrastructure

The Lab has sufficient space and appropriate equipment for hosting classes of 25-30 students. Its equipment include low- and high-tech technology, such as augmentative and alternative communication devices, equipment for accessing digital technology, mobile devices, accessible educational software, high-tech applications such as eye-gaze and eye-control, programmable surfaces and interactive whiteboard. It also holds 25 desktop computers, a whiteboard, and an LCD projector with sound-system, which among others is used for commenting on video clips of the implementation of assistive technology for access, communication, learning and rehabilitation.

#### Research Infrastructure

The Lab owns mobile video equipment, equipment for managing, storing, and processing video clips, and software for editing (Adobe Premiere) and analysing (Transana) data, as well as other qualitative (Nvivo, ATLAS.ti) and quantitative data analysis (SPSS) resources. In addition, the assistive technology equipment is used in research programs for the development and implementation of innovative approaches (e.g. eye-gaze protocols for access and communication).

#### Other Activities

In addition to the above teaching and research activities, the Lab is also involved in activities open to the public such as training programs, awareness events, assessment and consultancy for the use of assistive technology. All of the activities of the Assistive Technology Lab are often combined with activities and additional equipment of the Occupational Therapy Lab, which is mostly specialized in mobility, sitting and position, robotics in rehabilitation and sensory integration.

See here an example of other activities of our Assistive Technology Lab:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/aacawarenessincyprus/home>

## Research

### ■ 2017-today: Gaze-based assistive technology in communication and education for children with complex needs

Supported by: Linköping University, Sweden

In Collaboration with: Stockholm University

Coordinator: Linköping University, Sweden

Funding: Resource based funding through MoU between EUC & Stockholm University

### ■ 2016: Researcher's Night 2016

Activity Presented: Technology for all! Take the challenge!

Interactive activities with assistive technology based on the idea of the ENTELIS project for bridging the digital divide for people with disabilities of all ages (Life Long Learning Program, duration 2014-2016 - KA3 ICT Multilateral Network)

### Other activities:

### ■ 2016: Students' Actions on AAC Awareness Month in Cyprus (<https://sites.google.com/site/aacawarenessincyprus/oktobrios-2016>)

### ■ 2017: Augmentative and Alternative Communication Awareness Days, 7 & 8 December 2017 (Cultural Center, European University Cyprus) (<https://sites.google.com/site/aacawarenessincyprus/2017>)

Dr. Katerina Mavrou (Director)

Assistant Professor, Department of Education Sciences

## 6.5.2. Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group



### STING Workshop January 2016

As part of the research project STING (STEM Teacher Training Innovation for Gender Balance, Erasmus+ 2014-1-ES01-KA201-003688), a one-day workshop entitled "Differentiation, Diversity and Gender: Contemporary Approaches in Teaching and Learning Science in Primary School" was organized on 23 January 2016 by the Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group. The objective of the workshop was the development and the improvement of teaching skills and experiences of teachers in science teaching ultimately seeking to promote positive learning attitudes of female students towards STEM education. More details about the workshop can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1054484717937513/>.

30 in-service upper-primary school science teachers from 18 different public schools attended the workshop. Teachers engaged in a number of theoretical and practical science activities, aiming at gaining rich experiences and conceptual background in issues related to gender balance in science education. Following this workshop, the STING program and European University Cyprus are supporting a number of schools participating in an innovative program of school visits related to STEM. School teachers who participated in the workshop had the opportunity for two months to accompany one of their school classes on an educational visit, where students took part in a series of specially designed activities in the area of robotics, engineering, physics, aerodynamics and biology with an emphasis on differentiation of teaching methods in science teaching, specifically in relation to students' gender.

### **Biodiversity Workshop in Paphos (May 2016)**

The Terra Cypria Foundation – Cyprus Environmental Study Center in corporation with the Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group organized a one day workshop on 23 May 2016. The workshop focused on the Biodiversity of Cyprus and took place at the District Administrator's Residence in Paphos.

### **Robotics Workshop 24-25 May 2016**

Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group participated in a workshop entitled "Robotics through the eyes of students in Cyprus: Games, competitions, creative activities", which was organized on 24 and 25 May 2016 at European University Cyprus. The workshop was organized as part of the Microsoft Innovation Center educational technology activities for students aged 10-14. The workshop was co-organized by the Microsoft Innovation Center, European University Cyprus, Microsoft Cyprus, the Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group, the Cyprus Computer Society, Engino, Grammar School, Creative Learning and Playing Center for Children and Keystone Conferences & Events. The objective of the workshop was to inform students aged 10-14 about the history and development of robotics, to familiarize them with contemporary robots and to practice basic programming and robotics principles through creative activities and games. More details can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1188945967804620/>

650 students from 17 different Primary and Lower Secondary schools attended the workshop. The students had the opportunity to take part in 7 different activities for 120 minutes, while working in small groups.

More specifically:

- Activity 1: Students are welcomed by a robot
- Activity 2: Solving riddles with the help of a robot
- Activity 3: Interactive robotic functions
- Activity 4: Building Robots. Students built their own robots using thousands of ENGINO bricks
- Activity 5: Programming Robots: Students programmed their ENGINO robots while developing simple basic programming skills
- Activity 6: How I imagine the robot of the future. Students designed their own future robots
- Activity 7: Students were familiarized with advanced robotics principles within the Microsoft Innovation Center, while interacting with virtual reality games.

### **"A day at the European University!"**

An innovative program for students aged 5-12 years old who participated in Summer Schools was organized by the Microsoft Innovation Center, the Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group and the Early Childhood and Education laboratory. The program was funded by the research project STING (Erasmus+ 2014-1-ES01-KA201-003688). The program aimed to familiarize summer school students with various professions, industries, technologies and areas of educational research through guided tours and creative activities at the following:

- School of Medicine
- School of Law and the Court room
- Department of Information Technology and the University wall with numbers
- School of Education Sciences and Early Childhood and Education laboratory
- Microsoft Innovation Center
- EUC Library
- School of Arts

More details can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/233625187019505/>

The organization, planning and teaching was conducted by the Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group. The program ran for six consecutive times during the period 22 June 2016 - 27 July 2016. Each session lasted three hours and the whole program hosted 300 students.



### Researchers' Night 2016

The Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group participated in the European Researchers' Night on 30 September 2016 with the activity: "The magical world of science: Activities for students aged 8-12". The workshop included a range of creative educational activities and contests for children 8-12 years old based on exploration and experimentation from the field of science education, including physics, chemistry, biology, engineering and astronomy. Through the activities, children, their teachers and their parents discovered the magic of science through experiments and competitions.

### 14th Pancyprian Conference of the Pedagogical Company of Cyprus

The Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group participated in the 14th Pancyprian Conference of the Pedagogical Company of Cyprus, which was organized on 21 and 22 October 2016 at the University of Cyprus (with two presentations, a workshop and a symposium).

### Robotics Workshop 22 & 23 November 2016

As part of the Microsoft Innovation Center educational technology activities, a workshop entitled "Deconstructing Robots II" was organized on 22 and 23 November 2016 at European University Cyprus. The workshop was co-organized by the Microsoft Innovation Center, Bank of Cyprus, European University Cyprus, Microsoft Cyprus, the Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group, Engino, Grammar School, Creative Learning and Playing Center for Children. The workshop included creative activities and robotics competitions specifically designed for students aged 10-14. Activities and exhibits revolved around the history of robotics science, the development of robotics, as well as with gaining contact and acquaintance with today robots. Students experienced the Nao, a humanoid robot, while they also designed, programmed robots and developed simple basic programming skills. The event was held under the auspices of the Honorable Minister of Education and Culture, Dr. Costa Kadis. More details can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/323794144655509/permalink/333794420322148/>

Dr. Loucas T. Louca (Director)  
Associate Professor, Science Education  
Department of Education Sciences

### 6.5.3. Early Childhood Education Lab

The Early Childhood Education Lab (ECE Lab) functions in multiple and dynamic ways which have an undisputable immediate and positive effect on the further development of early childhood educators and particularly the students enrolled in the BA Early Childhood Education program of European University Cyprus. It also brings together the University with the broader educational community. More specifically, the ECE Lab:

- Is used for courses directly related with teaching and learning methodology in various ways. It supports the development and learning of ECE students through activities which foster project-based learning, hands-on-minds-on learning, real life experience learning. During the Academic Year 2016-2017 the Lab has been used repeatedly for this type of activities as part of the following courses:

EDG202 Fundamental Issues in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Chrystalla Papademetri  
EDG111 Methodological Approaches in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Chrystalla Papademetri  
EDG211 Communication Skills in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Nektarios Stellakis  
EDG213 Literacy in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Chrystalla Papademetri  
EDG270 Social Studies in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Nektarios Stellakis  
EDG213 Literacy in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Konstantina Rentzou  
EDG280 School Experience I, Instructor: Marianna Efstathiadou  
EDG142 Introduction to Mathematical Thinking, Instructor: Chrystalla Papademetri  
EDG390 School Experience II, Instructor: Marianna Efstathiadou  
EDG230 Mathematical Literacy in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Chrystalla Papademetri  
EDG405 School Experience III, Instructor: Marianna Efstathiadou  
EDG408 Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Marina Katsaris



- Is equipped with learning and pedagogical material that is widely used and supports many program courses.

During the Academic Year 2016-2017 the material and equipment of the Lab has been used to support all of the aforementioned courses. Additionally, it supported a research project aiming at developing the reflective skills of early childhood education students. The research project is part of the research conducted by Marianna Efstathiadou who is the coordinator of the school experience program as part of her PHD studies. The director of the lab, Chrystalla Papademetri is Mrs. Efstathiadou's supervisor.

- Accommodates groups of children through school visits organized by faculty. The faculty often invites preschools and primary schools throughout the year to visit European University Cyprus and participate in creative learning and play activities, in which students enrolled in different courses can observe and participate.

During S2017 as part of course EDG111 (Instructor: Chrystalla Papademetri), and course EDG280 School Experience I (Instructor: Marianna Efstathiadou) the private preschool Charoumena Paidakia was invited and participated in a creative story-telling activity and free play activities. The ECE students had the opportunity to observe their instructors implement activities based on contemporary approaches to learning.

- Runs as a curriculum resource, since the students can borrow children's books (the lab holds a very rich collection of children's books which is constantly enriched), handbooks concerning early childhood education practice, as well as teaching and pedagogical material.

During the Academic Year 2016-2017 the Lab's resources were enriched with new books and pedagogical material

- Participates and supports University events

During the Academic Year 2016-2017 the lab participated in the following events:

- Cultural month (October 2016) dedicated to Giorgos Seferis. The ECE lab organized an event for children aged 4-7 years. The event was based on a story for children that was written and illustrated by University Faculty and was based on a poem written by Seferis. Approximately 250 children in Nicosia participated in the event with their teachers or parents.

- European Researcher's Night (September 2016). The ECE Lab organized the workshop 'Having Fun with Math and Science'. The workshop included educational activities specifically designed for young children (4-12 years old). Through the activities, the children had the opportunity to engage in science and mathematics activities based on free play and experimentation. The range of the activities included experimentation with e.g. magnets, simple electric circuits, light and colors, plants, scales, shape activities (tangram, pattern block, pentominoes), building blocks and constructive materials, all designed specifically for young learners with the approach of free play. In this way, children had the opportunity to work as scientists in ways that are fun and enjoyable, which at the same time helped them develop understanding of the natural and mathematical world.

- Accommodates lectures, workshops and teacher training courses.

During November 2016, the lab accommodated a series of three workshops for teachers of young children organized by OMEP (World Organization for Early Childhood Education)-Cyprus. The director of the ECE Lab, Dr. Chrystalla Papademetri was at the time the chair of OMEP-Cyprus Committee (since 2011).

Chrystalla Papademetri-Kachrimani (Director)  
Assistant Professor, Early Childhood Mathematics Education  
Department of Education Sciences

#### 6.5.4. Center for Risk and Decision Sciences (CERIDES)



##### 1. Summary

The Center of Excellence in Risk & Decision Sciences (CERIDES) entered its second year of operation during the Academic period 2015-2016. A significant number of research activities were implemented by its researchers, producing a considerable volume of related artefacts. The following sections outline the main research output of the Laboratory during the previous academic year. (Further information: <http://cerides.euc.ac.cy>)

##### 2. Research Projects

- ANR (L'Agence Nationale de la Recherche) France – Projets Générique: Smart Planning - Intelligent Planning Of Goods Delivery Rounds (Total budget: 636.000 EUR)
- European Commission – Horizon 2020: EU-CIRCLE: A pan-European framework for strengthening Critical Infrastructure resilience to climate change (Total budget: 7.3 Million EUR)
- European Commission – Erasmus+: The Living Book - Augmenting Reading For Life (Total budget: 400.000 EUR)
- European Commission – FP7 Security: IMPRESS: Improving Preparedness and Response of Health Services in Major Crises (Total budget: 4.7 Million EUR)
- European Commission – Horizon 2020: MOCHA: Developing and comparing new models for safe and efficient, prevention oriented health and care systems (Total budget: 6.8 Million EUR)
- European Commission – Horizon 2020: SPARKS: Awareness-raising and engagement project to promote Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) across 29 European countries (Total budget: 3.5 Million EUR)
- European Commission – LLP: School On Cloud: Connecting Education to the Cloud for Digital Citizenship (Total budget: 600.000 EUR)
- European Commission – TEMPUS: NeReLa: Building Network of Remote Labs for Strengthening University-Vocational Schools Collaboration (Total budget: 800.000 EUR)
- European Commission – DG ECHO: CP4ALL - ECHO/SUB/2014/695754 “Civil Protection for All”- 2014 Call for Prep & Prev projects in civil protection and marine pollution, 479,763 EUR (3/15 – 3/17)
- European Commission – DG ECHO: MELOGIC - 2014/PREP/19 “An integrated methodological framework for emergency logistics”- 2014 Call for Prep & Prev projects in civil protection and marine pollution, 654,823 EUR (12/14 – 12/16) - Coordinator
- European Commission – DG HOME: 3CE - “Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence Management of Terrorism and Other Security related Risks (CIPS)” HOME/2013/CIPS/AG/4000005091/ISEC 2013 - Cybercrime targeted call (INT) - Cyprus Cyber Crime Center of Excellence for Training, Research and Education, 320,459,60 EUR (07/14 – 07/16)
- European Commission – DG HOME: EUSTO - “Prevention of and Fight against Crime” (ISEC) - INT Call for proposals 2013 – Action Grants HOME/2013/CIPS/AG - European Surface Transport Operators Forum, 399.657,33 EUR (07/14 – 07/16)
- European Commission – FP7: IMPRESS - Security Call 6 FP7-SEC-2013-1, IMproving Preparedness and Response of HHealth Services in major crises, 4,426,409 EUR (05/14 – 05/17)

##### 3. Journal Articles

- **Dimopoulos, C., Papageorgis, P., Efstathiades, C., Boustras, G.** (2017) “The Concept of Ageing in Evolutionary Algorithms: Discussion and Inspirations for Human Ageing”, *Mechanisms of Ageing and Development*, vol.163, pp.8-14,
- **Varianou Mikellidou C, Shakou LM, Boustras G, Dimopoulos C,** (2017), “Energy critical infrastructures at risk from climate change: A state of the art review”, *Safety Science*, ISSN 0925-7535, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssci.2017.12.022>
- **Boustras, G., Ronchi, E., Rein, G.** (2017) “Fires: Fund research for citizen safety”, *Nature* 551(7680), pp. 300
- **Boustras G, Guldenmund FW.,** (2017) “The effects of the global financial crisis on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH): Effects on the workforce and organizational safety systems”, *Safety Science*, Available online 1 December 2017, ISSN 0925-7535, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssci.2017.11.025>
- **Boustras, G., Rein, G.,** “Special Issue in Fire Hazards in Energy Systems”, (2016) *Fire Technology*, 52 (2), pp. 285-287.

#### 4. Book Chapters

- **Katzis, K., Efstathiades C.**, "Resource Management Supporting Big Data for real-time applications in the 5G era", Book Chapter to appear in: *Advances in Mobile Cloud Computing and Big Data in the 5G Era*, Springer publishing

#### 5. Books

- **Boustras Georgios, Guldenmund Fransiscus Wilhelmus**, 2017 *Handbook of Safety in SME's*, CRC Press (Taylor & Francis Group); September

#### 6. Scientific Conferences

- Zaravinos A, Roufas K, Efstathiades C, Dimopoulos C., "Immune cytolytic activity correlates with mutational burden and deregulated expression of inhibitory checkpoint molecules in colorectal cancer". The 3rd Cyprus Oncology Conference: New Frontiers in Cancer Prevention and Personalised Treatment. 27-29 October 2017. "Mediterranean" Beach Hotel. Limassol, Cyprus.
- Zaravinos A, Roufas K, Efstathiades C, Dimopoulos C., "Immune cytolytic activity across various cancer types". 22th World Congress on Advances in Oncology & 20th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine. 5-7 October 2017. Metropolitan Hotel, Athens, Greece. Publication of Abstract in: *Int J Mol Med* 2017;40 (suppl 1): s25.
- Zaravinos A, Roufas K, Efstathiades C, Dimopoulos C., "Immune cytolytic activity is correlated with distinct mutational events in colorectal cancer". 22th World Congress on Advances in Oncology & 20th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine. 5-7 October 2017. Metropolitan Hotel, Athens, Greece. Publication of Abstract in: *Int J Mol Med* 2017;40 (suppl 1): s25.
- Luković, V., Krneta, R., Vulovic, A., Damjanović, D., Peulic, A., Dimopoulos, C., Katzis, K., Meletiou-Mavrotheris, M., "Comparison of the effectiveness of Logisim software tool and remote experiments based on Nexys 2 FPGA platform in learning digital circuits design" in the 4th Experiment@ International Conference (exp.at'17), University of Algarve, Faro, Algarve, Portugal, 6-8 Jun, 2017.
- Psychouli, P., Cheng, P., Dimopoulos, C., "Development of a Robotic System for Enhancing Children's Motivation in Constraint Induced Movement Therapy (CIMT)", *Proceedings of the 14th European Conference on the Advancement of Assistive Technology, AAATE Conf. 2017*, Sheffield, UK, September 12-15, 2017. *Studies in Health Technology and Informatics* 242, IOS Press, 479-483.
- Lasica, I.-E., Katzis, K., Meletiou-Mavrotheris, M., Dimopoulos, C., "Augmented Reality in Laboratory-based Education", presented at the IEEE Global Engineering Education Conference, EDUCON 2017, Athens, Greece, 2017.
- Nicolaidou O, Varianou Mikellidou C, Boustras G, "The Future of Health and Safety Regulation & the Role of Different Stakeholders in Health and Safety Legislation", 9th International Conference on the Prevention of Accidents at Work – WOS2017, 3-6 October 2017, Prague, Czech Republic, pp. 235-243
- Varianou Mikellidou C, Nicolaidou O, Boustras G, "Healthy Workplaces for all Ages" - Age related changes and occupational health and safety", 9th International Conference on the Prevention of Accidents at Work – WOS2017, 3-6 October 2017, Prague, Czech Republic, pp. 371-379
- Sfetsos A, Katopodis T, Eleftheriadou A, Eftychidis G, Gkotsis I, Leventakis G, Hedel R, Hamman S, Shakou LM., Varianou Mikellidou C, Boustras G, Freissinet C, Lecroart J, Million M, Hisham T, Pathirage C, "How interconnected critical infrastructures can support societal resilience under future climate: The EU-CIRCLE approach", The 2nd International workshop on Modelling of Physical, Economic and Social Systems for Resilience Assessment, JRC Ispra, 14-16 December 2017
- Danidou Yianna, Mitrou Lilian, Markou Christiana, Shakou Louisa, Boustras George, Dimopoulos Christos, "OSH, Ethical, legal and data protection issues arising from a technology and development project to improve preparedness and response of health services in major crises", Next Generation Community Policing (NGCP) International Conference, 25 – 27 October 2017, Heraklion, Greece
- Katsaros E, Bachtsetzis CS, Boustras G, "CP4ALL – Civil Protection for All", Safe Evros 2016, 22 – 25 June 2016, Alexandroupolis, Greece
- Bachtsetzis CS, Katsaros E, Boustras G, "MELOGIC – Emergency Logistics", Safe Evros 2016, 22 – 25 June 2016, Alexandroupolis, Greece
- Danidou I, Dimopoulos C, Bachtsetzis CS, Shakou LM, Boustras G, "IMPRESS – Improving Preparedness and Response of Health Services in Major Crises", Safe Evros 2016, 22 – 25 June 2016, Alexandroupolis, Greece

Prof. George Boustras (Director) / [Dr. Christos Dimopoulos (Co-Director)]  
 Dean, School of Business Administration  
 Associate Professor in Risk Assessment

### 6.5.5. Cyprus Musculoskeletal and Sports Trauma Research Centre (CYMUSTREC)

During the academic year 2016-2017, the Cyprus Musculoskeletal and Sports Trauma Research Centre (CYMUSTREC), under the directorship and coordination of Dr. Dimitrios Stasinopoulos, produced the following activities:

- 11 published articles in cooperation with colleagues from abroad and from other departments of the EUC as well as, with students from the MSc degree in Sports Physiotherapy
- 9 published research articles
- 3 published research articles
- 2 published case studies
- 2 published articles in Greek journals
- 19 oral presentations in scientific conferences
- 1 MSc project

Dr. Dimitris Stasinopoulos (Director)  
Chairperson, Department of Health Sciences  
Associate Professor Physiotherapy

### 6.5.6. Interdisciplinary Communications Research Centre (iCRC)



iCRC's mission is to operate as a point of integration for a wide range of disciplines from the point of view of communications.

#### Activities Report

iCRC has contributed in numerous projects, events, conferences and has produced some interesting results. It has conducted significant research work in the area of Communications, Social Works, Psychology, and Education. We anticipate that iCRC will further expand into other disciplines as its interdisciplinary nature suggests.

#### 1. Ongoing Work (Since 2015)

IEEE1900.6 Standard in Collaboration with Kings College London and Research Organisation CSIR (South Africa) and Fraunhofer FOKUS (Germany)

Presentations / Research Publications:

O. Holand, B. Shaw, K.Katzis, "Spectrum Sensing Infrastructure Support for IEEE 1900.6b Sensing-Assisted Spectrum Databases", IEEE CSCN 2016, 31 October – 2 November 2016, Berlin, Germany.

O. Holand, B. Shaw, K.Katzis, "IEEE 1900.6b: Sensing Support for Spectrum Databases", IEEE CSCN 2015, 28-30 October 2015, Tokyo, Japan.

Erasmus Visit of Dr. K.Katzis at Kings College London in 2017: Worked on Delivering Broadband Services using TVWS Spectrum from Aerial Platforms.

#### 2. International Network for Frontier Research on Earthquake Precursors - INFREP.

Presentations / Research Publications:

Pre-seismic radio anomalies observed on the occasion of the Mw=6.7 and Mw=5.0 earthquakes occurred offshore near the southwest coast of Turkey on July-August, 2017 by Pier Francesco Biagi et al., EGU2018-1349. Possible pre-seismic radio anomalies observed on the occasion of the Mw=5.9 and Mw=6.5 earthquakes occurred in Central Italy at the end of October 2016 by Pier Francesco Biagi et al., EGU2018-1018

T. Maggipinto, P.F. Biagi, R. Colella, L. Schiavulli, T. Ligonzo, A. Ermini, G. Martinelli, I. Moldovan, H. Silva, M. Contadakis, C. Skeberis, Z. Zaharis, E. Scordilis, K. Katzis, A. Buyuksarac and S. D'Amico, "A LF radio anomaly observed before the Mw=6.5 earthquake occurred in Crete on October 12, 2013", Article in Physics and Chemistry of Earth (Elsevier), October 2015

**3.** Collaboration between iCRC and Cyprus Musculoskeletal and Sports Trauma Research Centre (CYMUSTREC) here at EUC was initiated in 2015 with a substantial number of projects some of which are still ongoing:

- A. Patellar Tendon Rehabilitation Device (2017)
- B. Feedback mechanism for Patellar Tendon Rehabilitation Device (2017).
- C. Head Posture Goniometer (2016)
- D. Achillometer
- E. "Sensoria Walk" Performance Evaluation and Development

**Presentations / Research Publications:**

K.Katzis, D. Stasinopoulos and G. Despotou, Patellar Tendinopathy Rehabilitation – Wearable Device Feedback Mechanism, West Midlands Health Informatics Network Annual Conference 2017, University of Warwick (UK), January 2017.

K.Katzis and D. Stasinopoulos, Patellar Tendinopathy Rehabilitation Device - Have fun with Serious Games, International Journal of Engineering Science and Innovative Technology (IJESIT) Volume 4, Issue 2, March 2015.

**4.** Collaboration with Warwick Manufacturing Group (WMG) University of Warwick (2015 - today): Medical related applications based on communications, hardware development and regulations.

**Presentations / Research Publications:**

K.Katzis, R. W. Jone and G. Despotou, The challenges of balancing safety and security in implantable medical devices, Unifying the applications and foundations of biomedical and health informatics, IOS Press, 2016.

K. Katzis, R. W. Jones and G. Despotou, Totally connected healthcare with TV white spaces. In: Mantas, John and Hasman, Arie and Gallos, Parisi and Househ, Mowafa S., (eds.) Informatics Empowers Healthcare Transformation. Studies in Health Technology and Informatics, June 2017, 238. IOS Press, pp. 68-71, ISBN 9781614997801

R. W. Jones and K. Katzis, Cybersecurity and the Medical Device Product Development Lifecycle, In: Mantas, John and Hasman, Arie and Gallos, Parisi and Househ, Mowafa S., (eds.) Informatics Empowers Healthcare Transformation. Studies in Health Technology and Informatics, June 2017, 238. IOS Press, pp. 76-79. ISBN 9781614997801

G. Despotou, R. W. Jones, K. Katzis, E. Bilici, L. Zhao, S. N. Lim Choi Keung, and T. Arvanitis, Implications and modelling of data quality on confidence of clinical decision support: a conceptual framework. In: 15th International Conference on Informatics, Management and Technology in Healthcare, Athens, Greece, 07-09 Jul 2017. Published in: Studies in Health Technology and Informatics, June 2017, 238 (46847). pp. 140-143, SBN 9781614997801

V. Fragkos, K. Katzis and G. Despotou, Creating XML/PHP interface for BAN interoperability, In: Informatics Empowers Healthcare Transformation. Studies in Health Technology and Informatics, June 2017, 238. IOS Press, pp. 96-99. ISBN 9781614997801 (BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD)

Jones R. W., Gianni f., Despotou G. and Katzis K., The artificial pancreas : reducing safety risk via intra-peritoneal insulin delivery. In: Informatics Empowers Healthcare Transformation. Studies in Health Technology and Informatics, 238. IOS Press, pp. 56-59, June 2017, ISBN 9781614997801, (BEST PAPER AWARD)

**5.** Collaboration between iCRC and EmbioDiagnostics  
Submitted two proposals to the Research Promotion Foundation (1 reserve list, 1 result pending). Internship project.

**6.** Collaboration between iCRC Hellas and OneNet  
Internship Project  
Hellas Sat Supports our work with INFREP Network  
ESA Proposal (to be submitted)  
Hellas Sat Engineers to teach at our MSc Telecommunications Engineering Program.

**7. iCRC Internships with students from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and local companies**

- A. Hellas Sat (Fall 2017) Mr. Christos Stavrou F20131896
- B. Embiodiagnositcs (S2016/F2016) Mr Henry Ewurum F20132138
- C. CyRIC (Fall 2017) (Mr. Spyros Theodorou F20141129
- D. iCRC Jonathan Udi working on WBAN
- E. CSIR (South Africa) Mr. Yiannis Papas (MSc CS), working on delivering TVWS broadband services from Aerial Platforms.

**8. Books and Chapters related to iCRC activities:**

K.Katzis, C. Efstathiades, Chapter Title: Resource Management Supporting Big Data for real-time applications in the 5G era, Book Title: "Advances in Mobile Cloud Computing and Big Data under the 5G era", Springer International Publishing, Expected to be published at the end of 2016.

K.Katzis, H. Ahmadi, Chapter Title: Challenges Implementing Internet of Things (IoT) using Cognitive Radio Capabilities in 5G Mobile Networks, Book Title: Internet of Things (IoT) in 5G Mobile Technologies", Springer International Publishing, 2016.

**9. MSc in Telecommunications Engineering**

Our new Master Degree program in Telecommunications Engineering is now available. We anticipate that this program will attract postgraduate students who will support the activities of iCRC.

Dr. Konstantinos Katzis (Director)

Assistant Professor of Computer Science,  
Department of Computer Science & Engineering

## 6.6. International Relations:

### 6.6.1. Collaboration with Foreign Universities/Organizations

In the Academic year 2016-2017, the University signed Memoranda of Understanding or other agreements with the following universities/organizations with the aim to exchange knowhow, design and offer joint programs of study, as well as enriching the University's research activity and internship opportunities for our students:

- "Hope for Children" UNCRC Policy Center
- "Ithaki"
- "Archangel Michael" (SEKAM)
- Costa Navarino
- German Oncology Center
- Golestan University of Medical Science, Iran
- Melathron Agoniston EOKA
- MMAP Health Care Staffing GmbH
- National Pedagogical Dragomanov University, Kiev, Ukraine
- Prevention at Sea Ltd
- Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata", Rome, Italy
- University of Western Macedonia, Greece
- Limassol Municipality
- Hellenic Management Association
- Hellenic Association of Dieticians and Nutritionists
- Κέντρο Αποκατάστασης Αδελφοί Λάκης και Αντρέας Δρουσιώτης Λτδ Lakis and Andreas Drousiotis Bros Ltd Rehabilitation Center
- Κέντρο Αποκατάστασης Ηροδότειον Αναρρωτήριο Λτδ Herodotion Ltd Rehabilitation Center
- Community Outreach Center
- "Materia" Care and Rehabilitation Unit
- Materia Group
- Cyprus Employers and Industrialists Federation
- Pancyprian Association of Rare Genetic Diseases "Monadika Hamogela" ("Unique Smiles")
- Multipurpose Nicosia Municipal Center
- Model Retirement Home – Infirmary "Ayios Ioannis Lambadistis Ltd"
- Model Center for Behavioural Therapies "Analysis"
- Kaimakli Retirement Home
- Star TV Greece
- Charity Support Association for People with Dementia



### 6.6.2. Erasmus +

In the academic year 2016-2017, the ERASMUS Office of European University Cyprus managed a budget of 313.642 EUR, which was funded by the Cyprus National Agency (IDEP).

During the academic year, 45 students carried out mobility for studies within the Erasmus+ program with a total budget of 159.238 EUR. The Universities that hosted EUC students for a study period are listed below:

- Democritus University of Thrace
- European University of Madrid
- Harokopio University
- Leiden University
- National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Panteion University
- Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
- Rzeszow University of Technology
- TEI Alexander Thessalonikis
- TEI of Athens
- Tomas Bata University
- University of Applied Science-Munchen
- University of Macedonia
- University of Rzeszow
- University of Salford

Furthermore, 42 undergraduate and postgraduate students of EUC carried out mobility for training with a total budget of 100.583 EUR. The students participated in the following programs:

- Physiotherapy
- Law
- Radiodiagnostics – Radiotherapy
- Career Guidance and Counseling (Master)
- Special (Inclusive) Education (Master)
- Business Administration
- Psychology
- Mass Media and Communication
- Hotel, Tourism and Event Management

The students carried out their training mainly in cities in Austria, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Luxembourg, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, and the UK.

During 2016-2017, fourteen members of academic and administrative staff carried out mobility for the purpose of teaching and training in the context of Erasmus+ with a total budget of 6.148 EUR and 4.045 EUR respectively.

This academic year, European University Cyprus signed or renewed inter-institutional agreements within ERASMUS+ with the following universities:

- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Catholic University of Applied Sciences Freiburg
- Conservatorio di Musica "Alfredo Casella"
- Conservatorio Statale Di Musica <<C. Pollini>> Padova
- Conservatorio di Musica di Trento F. A. Bonporti-Music
- Copenhagen Business Academy
- DAUNBE UNIVERSITY KREMS
- Eotvos Lorand University (ELTE)
- European University Lisbon
- Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz University Hannover
- Haute Ecole EPHEC
- International Business School (IBS)
- LCC International University
- Seinajoki University of Applied Sciences
- Technological Educational Institute of Peloponnese
- TEI Epirou
- University of West Attica (Previous TEI of Athens)
- The Queen's University of Belfast
- Universidad de Granada
- UNIVERSIDAD DEL PAÍS VASCO/ EUSKAL HERRIKO UNIBERTSITATEA (UPV/EHU)
- Universitat Degli Studi Di Roma Tor Vergata
- Universitatea Babes-Boyai
- Universitatea de Arte "George Enescu" din Iasi
- Universite de Toulouse - Jean Jaures
- University of Crete
- University of Ioannina
- University of Ljubljana
- University of Maribor
- University of Peloponnese
- University of Pitesti
- University of Thessaly
- Vasil Levski National Military University
- University of Ljubljana
- Catholic University of Applied Sciences Freiburg
- Universitat Autònoma De Barcelona
- BTK - University for Art & Design
- Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre

For the period 2016-2018, EUC requested and was approved funding for managing the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Program. The amount granted was 11.272 EUR and concerned the mobility activities indicated below. The project will run for 26 months starting on 1 June 2017 and finishing on 31 July 2019.

For the teaching mobility to Malaysia, Dr. Pavlina Psychouli (Lecturer, Occupational Therapy, Department of Health Sciences, School of Sciences) is expected to realize the activity during 2018. The budget for the Teaching Mobility activity for the USA was shared between Dr. Maria Christopoulou, (Assistant Professor, Leadership & Management In Education, Department of Health Sciences, School of Sciences) and Dr. Costas Constantopoulos, (Assistant Professor, Speech Language Pathology, Department of Health Sciences, School of Sciences). The incoming student mobility from Serbia is in cooperation with Novi Sad University. The budget of this mobility will be shared between two students of Novi Sad University, carrying out a study mobility at EUC during different semesters.

During this academic year, ninety-four incoming students were accepted at EUC for an Erasmus+ Study Mobility period, as illustrated below.

2016-2017	Country	Sending University	Total
	Belgium	EPHEC University College	6
		Haute Ecole Albert Jacquard	2
		HELMo University College	5
		Karel de Grote Hogeschool	2
		UC Leuven-Limburg	3
	Czech Republic	Masaryk University	2
		Metropolitan University Prague	2
		Tomas Bata University	3
	Denmark	Business Academy Aarhus	2
		University College Nordjylland	3
		Lillebaelt Academy University of Applied Sciences	1
	France	La Roche-sur-Yon Université de Nantes	8
		Université de Bretagne-Sud	1
		Universite Toulouse Jean Jaures	3
	Germany	BITS-Business and Information Technology School	3
		European University of Applied Sciences	2
		Munich University of Applied Sciences	2
		Technische Universität Chemnitz	1
	Greece	DEMOCRITUS UNIVERSITY OF THRACE	1
		National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	3
		PANTEION UNIVERSITY	1
		TEI of Sterea Ellada	1
		TEI of Western Macedonia	3
		TEI of Epirus	1
	Hungary	University of Szeged	1
	Italy	Universita' degli Studi di Torino	2
	Latvia	BA School of Business and Finance	1
	Lithuania	Vilnius University	4
		Vytautas Magnus University (VMU)	4
	Poland	Kazimierz Wielki University	1
		The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin	2
		Warsaw University of Life Sciences	2
		WSB University in Gdansk	3
		Akademia Wychowania Fizycznego we Wroclawiu	2
		Rzeszow University of Technology	2
		University of Lodz	1
	Portugal	European University Lisboa	2
	Slovakia	Comenius University	2
	The Netherlands	Radboud University	2
		Leiden University	1
	UK	Robert Gordon University	1
	<b>Total</b>		<b>94</b>

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## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS



## 7.1. School of Humanities and Social Sciences

### 7.1.1. Message from the Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Christos Kassimeris

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences played a special role in the cultural activities of our University and of the wider society, as it hosted the Cultural Month devoted to the work and personality of acclaimed Greek poet Giorgos Seferis. During the “Cultural Month”, cinematic projections, interactive events, and workshops were hosted at various venues, including Leventis Art Gallery, Artos Foundation and European University Cyprus. It should be emphasized here that the contribution of Professor Kostas Gouliamos, Rector of European University of Cyprus, was particularly important for the effective organization of the events.

During the academic year, the School submitted proposals for new postgraduate programs in the fields of Public Administration, Gerontology and Digital Media. The external evaluation of the programs is certainly positive, particularly the one related to the postgraduate program in Public Administration (MPA).

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences continued its active work in research. The participation of the academic and research staff of the School in conferences, seminars, and research projects was remarkable, maintaining a focus on the education and information of both our academic community and society.

University, our students are supported to the maximum degree to achieve the highest academic and professional standards. The quality education and the all-rounded experience our students gain within our School prepare them for their future roles as professionals: artists, educators, psychologists, linguists, social workers, and researchers in their fields. The long-term and strong connection our students maintain with us even after they graduate is telling of how much they value their experience at our School.

All the aforementioned actions of our faculty staff, and students strongly manifest the School’s continuous efforts and outstanding output in all its scientific fields, both within the university, the local community, and internationally.



### 7.1.2. Visiting Professors

- **Dr. Theodoros Roussopoulos**, Visiting Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Theodoros Roussopoulos has a noted career in the field of media and communication, and a significant relevant teaching experience at colleges and universities in Greece and the USA. Among others, he is a teaching associate in the online, distance learning graduate program at Pepperdine University of California, offering lectures on the subject of "Greece, the EU and the Financial Crisis: Returning to the European principles and values". Although he is a noted journalist, he has extensive experience in the field of politics and political communication, having served among others, as Minister of State and Government Spokesperson in Greece during the period 2004-2008.

### 7.1.3. Events

#### 7.1.3.1. Department of Humanities

- **"March Poetry Month: A gathering of 26 Greek and Turkish Cypriot poets"**

Organisation: Grammar School Nicosia and Literary Society of European University Cyprus.

Coordinators: Dr. Stavros Stavrou Karayanni and Mrs. Evridiki Pericleous Papadopoulou

Venue: Omega Room, European University Cyprus

Date: 2 March 2016

The second poets' gathering took place at European University Cyprus on 2 March, 2016. It was organized by Grammar School Nicosia and the Literary Society of EUC in honour of Greek Nobel Laureate George Seferis, on his 45th death anniversary. Dr. Nadia Stylianou, Senior Officer, addressed the gathering on behalf of the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture. Stavros Karayanni, Associate Professor of Literature at EUC and Managing Editor of the literary journal *Cadences* gave a short welcome speech. Dr. Karayanni also presented the first CD, funded by the Cultural Series in 2014, that featured 24 poets. Mrs Evridiki Pericleous Papadopoulou, Assistant Headmistress at the Grammar School, spoke on behalf of her School. Mrs. Papadopoulou was the main organizer and coordinator of this event and saw the CD through all its production stages. The event included poetry readings in Greek, Turkish and English, and concluded with a reception.

- **Cadences Literary Event: "In the Footsteps of Mnemosyne: Language, Memory, Poesis"**

Organization: Literary Society, European University Cyprus

Coordinator: Stavros Stavrou Karayanni, Managing Editor of *Cadences*

Venue: Zaatar-Food and Arts Project, 61-63 Aeschylus Street, Old Nicosia

Date: 3 February 2017

The event opened with a welcome greeting Dr. Stavros Karayanni, Managing Editor of *Cadences: A Journal of Literature and the Arts in Cyprus*. The first part of the event was entitled "Cypriot Poets & Writers on Remembering" and it featured local poets from the Greek and Turkish Cypriot community as well as EUC English Language and Literature undergraduate students. The EUC students were Annetta Benzar and Christiana Nicolaides and the local poets were Costantia Soteriou, Gürgeç Korkmaz, Maria Shiakalli, and Nafia Akdeniz. The second part of this event featured short stories by Yiorgos Philippou Pierides, a Cypriot writer of the diaspora. Selections from his work were performed by Stockton University students, Stephanie Maniaci who performed "How Kyrios Stavros Saw the War from His Store," and Megan Coates who performed "The Death of Yiannakos." Pierides' stories were translated and adapted by David Roessel. In the final part of the program, entitled "Memory and Language", Najasia Thomas read C. M. Woodhouse and Ellada Evangelou and Stavros Karayanni read contemporary Cypriot poets.

- **Organisation of Lecture Series in Linguistics**

Lecture topic: "Negotiating the place of Turkish in Greek-Cypriot education: policies and practices"

Speaker: Dr Constadina Charalampous, Assistant Professor, European University Cyprus

Venue: European University Cyprus

Date: 6 December 2016



Foreign language learning is considered one of the key school subjects for developing intercultural understanding, and the Council of Europe (2007) has made efforts to promote multilingualism through the teaching of two modern foreign languages in secondary schools. But what happens when a language is associated with the enemy in a conflict-troubled context? This paper focuses on the introduction of the Turkish language as a Modern Foreign Language (MFL) in the Greek-Cypriot secondary education, taking into account the long history of the conflict between the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities. Drawing on two linguistic ethnographic projects in two different points in time (2006-2007 and 2012-2013), the presentation aims to uncover the different representations and meanings that have been attached to Turkish language learning during the past 10 years and to highlight the subtle shifts that have taken place in processes of negotiating the language's ideological load in a predominantly Hellenocentric education system.

■ **Reflections on how IT developments influence current trends in the use of ICT in education in general and in Modern Language Education in particular**

Speaker: Ton Koenraad, (MA, M.Ed.) – TELLConsult

Venue: European University Cyprus

Date: 17 December 2016

A number of annual studies published by (inter)national organizations such as the EduCause (USA), SURF (NL) and OU (UK) report on trends in IT developments and their impact on education. In this presentation, we took the shared conclusions drawn in these publications as a starting point to reflect on how the major trends in the use of ICT observed in general education manifest themselves in Modern Language Education. The presentation ended by reflecting on the role of teacher education and continuing professional development on the uptake of ICT-mediated innovations across educational sectors.

■ **When in classroom: How to do the basics**

Speaker: Constantina Fotiou, PhD Sociolinguistics, University of Essex; CELTA.

Date: 4 April 2017

An English language teacher, like all language teachers, needs to acquire and develop a variety of skills in order to become an inspiring and effective educator. This workshop concentrated on some of the key skills teachers should develop to ensure that students are motivated and active during the lesson, they know what they are doing, and they receive the feedback they require in a suitable way. Focus was also placed on a) how to give instructions and b) error correction techniques.

■ **Cultural Month 2016, dedicated to Giorgos Seferis**

Organisation: School of Humanities and Social Sciences (in collaboration with the Rector's office)

Coordinators: Dr Charis Xinari and Mrs Maria Christodoulou

Dates: 7 - 30 October 2016

The Cultural Month 2016, an annual series of cultural events organised for the second consecutive year by the European University Cyprus, was dedicated to the Nobel Laureate poet Giorgos Seferis. To celebrate the man and his work, a series of events took place during October, highlighting the impact of his poetry and contribution to world literature via a variety of activities, such as concerts, exhibitions, academic symposium, screenings of documentaries dedicated to his work and storytelling inspired by his poetry. In particular, the symposium included presentations by well-known scholars of the poet's life and work such as Mr. Dimitris Daskalopoulos, Dr. Giorgos Georgis, Mrs. Maria Stasinopoulou and others. The multimedia exhibition included material such as photographs, documentaries and other material from various sources, and ran for two weeks at the Artos Cultural Foundation. Moreover, the annual edition of the literary journal *Cadences*, was dedicated to Giorgos Seferis and was presented to the public by the editor of the journal, Dr. Stavros Stavrou Karayanni. This presentation was followed by a screening of the documentary by award-winning director Stelios Charalampopoulos dedicated to Seferis' life and work, who came to Cyprus especially for the screening and the ensuing discussion. The students of the Graphic Design Program, along with their instructors presented an exhibition of paintings and other artefacts inspired by Seferis' work. A fairy tale, inspired by one of Seferis' poems was written especially for the Cultural Month and was presented to groups of children who also had the opportunity to take part in various activities related to the story and its characters. The Cultural Month concluded with a concert of poetry set to music by great Greek composers.



### 7.1.3.2. Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences

#### ■ Two-Day Conference: Applied Cognitive Behavioural Therapy: Insights and Applications

Organisation: Department of social and behavioural sciences, M.Sc. Clinical/Counselling Psychology in collaboration with the Cyprus Association of Cognitive and Behavioural Psychotherapists (C.A.C.B.P.)

Coordinator: Dr. Panagiotis Parpottas

Speakers: Dr. Panagiotis Parpottas - European University Cyprus, Mr. Giorgos Pepetsios - C.A.C.B.P., Dr Thomas Kalpakoglou European Association Behavioural Cognitive Therapies, Ms. Andronika Italou - C.A.C.B.P., Ms. Ioulia Maimari - C.A.C.B.P., Ms. Fani Kleanthous - C.A.C.B.P., Dr. Georgios Tsitsas - Harokopio University, Ms. Marina Giangkou - C.A.C.B.P.

Venue: Rooms 200 and 202, European University Cyprus

Date: 24 and 25 February 2017

Under the scope of Continuing Education for prospective mental health professionals, the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, M.Sc. Clinical/Counselling Psychology in collaboration with the Cyprus Association of Cognitive and Behavioural Psychotherapists (C.A.C.B.P.), organised on 24 and 25 February 2017 a two-day Conference titled «Applied Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: Insights and Applications». For the first time, the applied M.Sc. Clinical/Counselling Psychology of European University Cyprus invited C.A.C.B.P., to jointly offer this conference to prospective professionals. The conference introduced participants to the theoretical aspects of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy and trained them on special topics of applied Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy. The participants had the opportunity to actively engage in discussions as well as experiential groups.

#### ■ Training/workshop: "Psychosocial assessment of children and adolescents"

Organisation: Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences (M.Sc. Clinical/Counselling Psychology)

Coordinator: Dr. Panagiotis Parpottas

Speakers: Ms. Pavlina Zenonos, Registered Counselling Psychologist in Private Practice

Venue: Room 113, European University Cyprus

Date: 06 March 2017

For the continuing education and development of M.Sc. Clinical/Counselling Psychology Students, the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, M.Sc. Clinical/Counselling Psychology, in collaboration with Ms. Pavlina Zenonos, organised on 6 March 2017 a training/workshop titled «Psychosocial assessment of children and adolescents». The workshop aimed to introduce students to theoretical and applied topics in the psychological assessment of children and adolescents.

#### ■ Let's Talk About Sex

Organizer: Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (in cooperation with the Cyprus Family Planning Association)

Coordinator: Ms. Petra Daniel

Workshop facilitators: CFPA trainers: Patricia Phaedonos, Margarita Kapsou, Dora Georgiou and Georgia Charalambous. Information booth: Maria Epaminonda

Venue: Conference Room Omega, EUC

Dates: 17 November 2016 (in English) and 24 November 2016 (in Greek)

Scope: The two three-hour workshops were conducted to raise awareness among students on matters of safe sex, embedded in the more specific topics of sexual rights, free and informed consent and healthy vs unhealthy relationships. It also aimed to inform students of the advisory services of the Cyprus Family Planning Association, for which purpose an information booth was set up in the university cafeteria.

Content: A three-minute video on the violation of sexual rights was shown, followed by an in-depth discussion of the content of sexual rights. Information was given on what free and informed consent means, which was then applied to case scenarios in small-group work. The concluding activity of the day was a small-group activity identifying the features of healthy vs. unhealthy relationships.



## 7.2. School of Business Administration

### 7.2.1. Message from the Dean of the School of Business Administration, Dr. George Boustras

The European University Cyprus School of Business Administration "Ioannis Gregoriou" continued its consolidation, while it also proceeded further in its reorientation. The year 2016-2017 was marked by successes on multiple levels.

Academically, it further developed and recorded an increase in student admissions. The School now has a new MSc in Maritime and Maritime Studies. A new program that is in line with the policies for the development of shipping promoted by the Republic of Cyprus.

The development of the Center for Excellence in Risk and Decision Sciences (CERIDES) further continued and now involves 5 faculty members, 5 researchers and 4 PhD students. This development gives further impetus to the research effort of the School, creates conditions of excellence and interdisciplinarity.

At the social level, the School hosted, organized and participated in several events. The School is linked to international movements in the field of entrepreneurship. The School hosts and supports events organized by Industry Disruptors, which is linked to the Global Entrepreneurship Week and Start Europe Week, which is the official week of promoting entrepreneurship in the European Union.

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Το Ευρωπαϊκό Πανεπιστήμιο Κύπρου φιλοξενεί την έκθεση του ερευνητικού προγράμματος Sparks με θέμα:

**Πέρα από το εργαστήριο: Η επανάσταση της επιστήμης 'Κάνε το μόνος σου'**

Τα εγκαίνια θα τελέσει ο κ. Χρήστος Στυλιανίδης, Επίτροπος Ανθρωπιστικής Βοήθειας και Διαχείρισης Κρίσεων της ΕΕ και θα εκφωνήσει ομιλία με τίτλο: "Προκλήσεις και Προτεραιότητες για την Ανθρωπιστική Δράση της ΕΕ το 2017"

Η έκθεση αυτή παρουσιάζει πως η κοινωνία των πολιτών συμμετέχει στην επιστημονική έρευνα και έχει οργανωθεί από το Science Museum του Ηνωμένου Βασιλείου.

Η έκθεση θα περιδείξει σε 29 διαφορετικά μουσεία, επιστημονικά κέντρα, πανεπιστήμια και ερευνητικούς οργανισμούς σε όλη την Ευρώπη από το 2016 μέχρι το 2018.

Διάρκεια έκθεσης: 11 Ιανουαρίου - 11 Μαρτίου 2017  
Ώρες λειτουργίας: 9.00 π.μ. - 5.30 μ.μ. (Δευτέρα - Παρασκευή)  
Χώρος: Φυσική Πολυτεχνική Κέντρο, Ευρωπαϊκού Πανεπιστημίου Κύπρου

Κατά την διάρκεια της έκθεσης θα γίνουν οντογενείς παρουσιάσεις από ειδικούς επιστήμονες και από οργανώσεις της Κοινωνίας των Πολιτών, με στόχο την παρουσίαση τεχνολογιών θεμάτων στον τομέα της υγείας και της φαρμακευτικής.

**Εγκαίνια:**

- Παρασκευή, 27 Ιανουαρίου 2017
- 18:30
- Πολιτιστικό Κέντρο, Ευρωπαϊκού Πανεπιστημίου Κύπρου

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### 7.2.2. Visiting Professors

#### ■ Dr. Panayiotis Polychroniou

Assistant Professor, Organizational Behavior & Human Resource Management, University of Patras, School of Business Administration/ Department of Management and Marketing

#### ■ Dr. Christos Staikouras

Assistant Professor of Economics, Athens University of Economics and Business  
School of Business Administration/ Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance  
Dr. Christos Staikouras is Former Deputy Minister of Finance.  
Research Collaboration

### 7.2.3. Events

#### 7.2.3.1. Department of Management and Marketing

##### ■ Workshop on “Reviving the aging population

Coordinator: Prof. Andreas Efstathiades

Venue: Cultural Center

Date: 7 December 2016

A workshop on “Reviving the aging population” took place at the Cultural Center of European University of Cyprus. This is the Reversed Science Café of the SPARKS research project, Rethinking Innovation Together, funded by the European Commission under the Horizon 2020 (Grant agreement No. 665825). The SPARKS program aims to raise awareness and encourage citizens. It urges them to share their knowledge and experience with the aim of enriching research in the field of medicine and health.

The workshop was attended by retirees, employees working in Rehabilitation and Retirement Houses, academics, representatives of the Ministry of Health and other bodies. During the workshop, the experiences and ideas from political and social actors involved in Healthy Practices, Policies and Initiatives on the health of older people were recorded.

The following topics were discussed:

- Ways of restoring the elderly through interactive entertaining technology
- Quality of Life - Recreation in the Third Age
- Using technology to support the aging population
- Muscular atrophy, aging and related conditions
- Diet and Elderly

##### ■ Symposium “Energy Critical Infrastructure Protection Symposium (ECIP) - Challenges of Energy Critical Infrastructure Protection: Current situation and future research work”

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Cyprus and European University Cyprus, co-organized the “Energy Critical Infrastructure Protection Symposium (ECIP) - Challenges of Energy Critical Infrastructure Protection: Current situation and future research work”. The Symposium was conducted on the sidelines of the 3rd meeting of the Protection of Critical Energy Infrastructure Experts Group of the European Defence Agency (EDA). The ECIP Symposium aimed to present:

- The Critical Infrastructure (CI) operator’s view on the Critical Infrastructure Protection,
- The challenges pertaining to the protection of the CI with a focus on Energy related ones and,
- An overview of the research work that has been done so far in order to identify the capability gaps and way ahead with the aim to ensure the CI’s resilience.

Organizers: The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Cyprus and European University Cyprus

Coordinator: Prof. George Boustras

Speakers:

- Mr. Christoforos Fokaides, Minister of Defence
- Prof. Kostas Gouliamos, Rector of EUC
- Mr. George Papanastasiou, Managing Director VTT Vasiliko.
- Mr. Michalis Papamichael, Security Manager, NOBLE ENERGY, Cyprus
- Dr. Jaroslav Hajek Subject Matter Expert, NATO Energy Security Center of Excellence.
- Dr. Georgios Leventakis- Senior Advisor, Center for Security Studies, Hellenic Ministry of Interior.
- Dr. Naouma Kourti, Join Research Center, European Commission.
- Dr. Athanasios Sfetsos, ERL, Institute of Nuclear & Radiological Sciences & Technology, Energy & Safety, National Centre for Scientific Research "Demokritos", Greece
- Mr. Adam Slolyak- DG Energy, European Commission.

Venue: University's premises

Date: 26 January 2017

■ **Exhibition Beyond the Lab**

The international exhibition «Beyond the Lab» was inaugurated by European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Mr. Christos Stylianides at European University Cyprus on 27 January. The exhibition, which remained open until 11 March, was organized by the London Science Museum and is scheduled to tour 29 European countries until the end of 2018. It is part of the European Union funded SPARKS project in which European University Cyprus and the Science Museum are key partners.

SPARKS aims to promote excellence in European research linked to Responsible Research and Innovation. Its unique touring exhibition features innovative case studies and includes participatory activities that constitute a model of citizens' engagement in science, research and innovation in Europe. The exhibition seeks to explore the visitor's relationship with technology in healthcare and medicine and shows citizens how to actively contribute to research processes ultimately helping scientists to better align their own work with citizen needs and expectations.

During the exhibition, specialists and civil society organizations presented technology issues, generally in the health sector and in particular in the field of pharmacy.

Coordinator: Prof. Andreas Efstathiades

Venue: Cultural Center

Date: 27 January 2017

■ **Job Forum**

European University Cyprus organized on Friday 17 March, a seminar day aiming at connecting students with executives of the tourism and hotel industry of Cyprus. The seminar day supported one of the most important strategic pillars of European University Cyprus, the link of our graduates with the tourism industry. The seminar day aimed to increase students' employability with the tourism and hotel industry. The day was implemented under the auspices of the BA in Hotel, Tourism & Event Management of the Business School, and the tourism/hotel professional world of the island. A necessary objective of the Hotel, Tourism and Event Management Program is the placement of students to tourism and hotel units, and in expansion the hospitality sector of the island for gaining valuable experience, something that usually leads to a permanent professional career in the long-term.

Coordinators: Dr. Nikolaos Boukas & Dr. Christakis Sourouklis

Participating Companies: Hilton Cyprus, Nicosia; Four Seasons Hotel, Limassol; Adams Beach Hotel, Ayia Napa; Tofinis Hotel, Ayia Napa; New Famagusta Hotel, Ayia Napa; Evalena Hotel, Protaras; Faros Hotel, Ayia Napa; Yianna Marie Hotels, Protaras; Christofinia Hotel, Ayia Napa; Piere-Anne Hotel, Ayia Napa; Napa Mermaid Hotel & Suites, Ayia Napa; and Zorbas Bakeries, entire Cyprus.

Place: Omega Conference Room, European University Cyprus

Date: 17 March 2017

■ **Workshop Social Media Marketing: From theory to practice**

The event's focus was primarily on the practical side of social media and some industry experts were hosted to share with us their experiences and knowledge.

Coordinators: Dr. Myria Ioannou and Dr. Lycourgos Hadjiphanis

Speakers: Mr. Andrew Michael, General Manager, AdJelly and Mr. Marios Ioannou, General Manager, Gnomi

Venue: 208

Date: 26 April 2017

■ **'ICT Entrepreneur: Developing Young Entrepreneurs'**

A pan-European Entrepreneurship Academy and Business Competition was organised for young people with ICT entrepreneurship ideas from five different European countries, as part of the Erasmus Plus funded project 'ICT ENTREPRENEUR: A European University-Business Alliance aiming to foster the entrepreneurial spirit of ICT students'.

Coordinators: Dr. Simona Mihai, Dr. Despina Marouchou and Dr. Elmos Konis

Guest Speaker: Mr. Moyses Moyseos, Operations Manager of Gravity Ventures Incubator

Venue: room 208

Date: 12 July 2017

**7.2.3.2. Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance**

■ **Workshop on Intrapreneurship with cooperation with CYTA and Microsoft Innovation Centre of the EUC**

Dr. Simona Mihai, Dr. Alexander Apostolides and Dr. Despina Marouchou organised a day workshop on the subject of on intrapreneurship, in cooperation with CYTA and Microsoft Innovation Centre. The aim was the understanding of the concept and the practical application of intrapreneurship from Cypriot companies. The day workshop was attended by managers of Nicosia-based companies.

Organizer: School of Business Administration

Coordinators: Dr. Simona Mihai, Dr. Alexander Apostolides and Dr. Despina Marouchou

Date: 21 of September 2016

■ **Event Cyprus participation of the Worldwide Startup Europe Universities Network (SEUN)**

The School of Business Administration organized a series of events during the Entrepreneurship week launched by the Worldwide Startup Europe Universities Network initiative. This enabled Cyprus to be on the map during the global action to increase entrepreneurship. The Event culminated in business competition awards given to the winners. Over 140 persons participated in the event.

Venue: AUD

Date: 21 October 2016



■ **5th Co-organized Workshop on Economic History of Cyprus of Bank of Cyprus Historical**

**“Cyprus during 20th century: State, society and economy”**

Organizers: Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics, European University Cyprus in collaboration with the University of Cyprus and the Bank of Cyprus Cultural foundation.

Speakers from European University Cyprus: Dr. Alexandros Apostolides and Dr. Alexios Kythreotis

Place: Bank of Cyprus Cultural foundation

Date: 5 November 2016

Page: <https://www.boccf.org/events/Events-2016/Fifth-Workshop-of-the-Bank-of-Cyprus-Historical-Archive/>

In order to promote the history of the Cyprus Economy through research, the fifth workshop of Cyprus Historical Archives of Economic History brought together graduate students and available financial and banking archives, notably the Historical Archive of Bank of Cyprus. The workshop was divided into two parts:

The first part included introductory announcements on the economic history and content of the Historical Archive of Bank of Cyprus. In the second part, the participants were divided into small groups, to which copies of documents from the sections of the Historical Archive of the Bank were distributed. In teamwork and with the help and guidance of the organizers, the students commented on the material and prepared a 5-minute group presentation.

■ **Co-organized Lecture with CISI (Chartered Institute of Investments and Securities) on the topic “Integrity at work”**

Coordinator: Dr. Simona Mihai

Speaker: Mr. Petros Florides, President of CISI members Cyprus. Mr. Florides emphasised the increased demands on issues of morality and integrity expected from the post-crisis financial professional.

Venue: 107

Date: 12 May 2017

## 7.3. School of Sciences

### 7.3.1. Message from the Dean of the School of Sciences, Dr. Christos Dimopoulos

During the academic year 2016-2017, the School of Sciences has designed and implemented a significant number of organizational, educational, research, and societal activities. In particular:

On the organizational level, the School continued to cooperate with the Ministries of Health and Education and with local professional organizations in order to develop schemes that will allow the efficient implementation of Clinical Practices for its students currently enrolled in Health & Life Science programs. Also, as in previous years, faculty members from the School of Sciences excelled in the implementation of major organizational activities and projects managed by the University and the Laureate International Universities parent organization.

In the area of education, the School welcomed its first students in the programs of 'Biomedical Sciences' (BSc), and 'Gerontology' (MSc). A significant agreement with Microsoft was finalized for the branding of the existing Program 'Web & Information Technologies' as 'Microsoft® Web & Information Technologies' (BSc). Finally, the School continued to actively participate in the design and implementation of courses offered in hybrid teaching mode, as part of the respective project which is being implemented by the University.

The School of Sciences further improved its already substantial research activities. School researchers produced a large number of new publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals, and have significantly increased their participation in international-funded research programs. The Doctoral School programs continue to attract a significant number of students. Academic members from the School of Sciences played a key role in the operation of the 'Centre of Excellence in Risk & Decision Sciences' (CERIDES), and the 'ICT-Enhanced Education Laboratory (ICTEE), which generated the bulk of research funding for European University Cyprus, as a whole.

The social contribution of the School is, as always, versatile and comprehensive. An extremely large number of educational, training and solidarity activities were implemented during the past academic year. At the same time, the School of Sciences has continued to enhance its cooperation with scientific, industrial and societal organizations. Typical examples of such activities include the continued implementation of the 'Health & Prevention' program in cooperation with ExxonMobil, and the implementation of a series of events in the field of Educational Robotics.

The key objectives of the School of Sciences for the Academic Year 2017-2018 include further strengthening its scientific pool of faculty, the acquisition of additional research funding, and the design of activities that will increase the employability of its graduates.



### 7.3.2. Events

#### 7.3.2.1. Department of Computer Science and Engineering

■ **Colloquium' Talk: "Biometric Identification and Control Systems using the activation of Brain Centers"**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Professor Roman Jasek, Department of Informatics and Artificial Intelligence, Tomas Bata University in Zlin, Czech Republic

Venue: Room 208, European University Cyprus

Date: 13 October 2016

The talk introduced the biometric identification method using EEG signals and method of system control using the activation brain centers. On several schemes and diagrams, the talk introduced the possibility of using artificial intelligence algorithms in biometric identification and control systems.

■ **Workshop: "1st IEEE Teacher-In-Service Program (TISP)"**

Coordinator: Dr. Katerina Papanikolaou, Associate Professor, Computer Science and Engineering, European University Cyprus

Venue: Room 206, European University Cyprus

Date: 15 October 2016

The first IEEE TISP Workshop was hosted by our University on 15 October, 2016. The Teacher In-Service Program has been developed by IEEE professionals and academics and aims at making STEM subjects more attracting to students. The program has created pedagogical resources for Computer Science and Engineering demonstrating in an experimental and fun form basic principles of the perspective disciplines. The workshop had been approved by the Ministry of Education and Culture and thirty secondary education teachers of the above disciplines from all over Cyprus have participated.

■ **Colloquium' Talk: "Integrable Reductions of the BOGOYAVLENSKIJ - ITOH LOTKA - VOLTERRA Systems"**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Dr. Charalambos Evripidou, Special Scientist at UCY and Scientific Collaborator at EUC

Venue: Room 206, European University Cyprus

Date: 28 November 2016

A class of Lotka-Volterra systems was constructed and studied, which proved that they are Liouville and non-commutative integrable. These Lotka-Volterra systems turned out to be reductions of a class of well-known Lotka-Volterra systems, whose Liouville integrability was shown by Bogoyavlenskij and Itoh.

■ **Colloquium' Talk: " $2^n$  Rational Maps"**

Coordinator: Dr. Ioannis Michos, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Dr. Pavlos Kassotakis, Special Scientist at UCY

Venue: Room 206, European University Cyprus

Date: 5 December 2016

In this talk, a natural extension to arbitrary dimensions of quadrirational maps was presented. This new rich family of extended maps, which will be referred to as  $2^n$ -rational maps, consists of involutions and highly symmetric maps in the sense together with their inverse maps have the same functional form. For  $n = 2$  the quadrirational case is recaptured and certain known lists of Yang-Baxter maps are reconstructed, whereas for  $n=3$  a new octorational map associated to a discrete A-KP is obtained.

■ **Symposium: "Energy Critical Infrastructure Protection Symposium"**

Coordinator: Dr. George Boustras, Professor, Occupational Health and Safety, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Mr. Michalis Papamichael, Security Manager, NOBLE Energy, Mr. George PAPANASTASIOU, General Manager VTTV Vasiliko, Dr. Jaroslav HAJEK, NATO ENSEC COE, Mr. Adam SZOLYAK, European Commission, Dr. Naouma KOURTI, Joint Research Centre, European Commission, Dr. Thanasis SFETSOS, Environmental Research Laboratory, NCSR “Demokritos”, Dr. Georgios LEVENTAKIS, Center for Security Studies, HMol,

Venue: Auditorium D, European University Cyprus

Date: 26 January 2017

The theme of the symposium was about the Challenges of Energy Critical Infrastructure Protection. Current situation and future research work. The symposium was co-organized by the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Cyprus and European University Cyprus.

■ **Lecture: “Calculus Ratiocinator: Mathematics in the literature of delinquency”**

Coordinator: Dr. Ioannis Michos, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Dr. Tefkros Michaelides, Mathematics, College of Athens

Venue: Room 208, European University Cyprus

Date: 24 February 2017

Although its prehistory cannot be accurately traced, most researchers agree that the history of crime fiction began in the 19th century with the work of Edgar Allan Poe. He and his successors like Arthur Conan Doyle invariably invoked mathematics as a presumption of validity, method, objectivity and order – virtues that render an attempt to detect a crime, reliable. It is indeed interesting that Poe chose to name crime fiction, the new literature genre he created, as Tales of Ratiocination, a term that was originally used by Leibnitz two centuries before, when he was in turn attempting to think about the foundations of mathematical logic. However, up to the beginning of the 90's the connection between mathematics and crime fiction was limited. With the blossoming of the so-called mathematical literature the connection between those two narrative genres acquired a new, much more interesting, dimension. In this talk, after a short retrospection of the history of both mathematical literature and crime fiction, the speaker analyzed their fertile interaction, which in his opinion enriches both the benefit and satisfaction of the reader.

■ **Colloquium' Talk: “NCR a Global Tech Company”**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Dr. Aristotelis Dosis, Software Engineering Manager of NCR in Cyprus

Venue: Room 209, European University Cyprus

Date: 28 March 2017

NCR is a global tech company and runs the everyday transactions that make your life easier. They are the world leader in consumer transaction technologies, turning everyday interactions with businesses into exceptional experiences. With their software, hardware and portfolio of services, they make nearly 650 million transactions possible every day. They are helping their customers respond to the demand for fast, easy and convenient transactions with intuitive self-service and assisted-service options. But what they do goes beyond niche technologies or markets. Their solutions help businesses around the world increase revenue, build loyalty, reach new customers and lower their costs of operations. By continually learning about - and pioneering - how the world interacts and transacts, they are helping companies not only reach their goals, but also change the way all of us shop, eat, travel, bank and connect

■ **Colloquium' Talk: “Optical-Radio cross correlation weak gravitational lensing studies”**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, European University Cyprus

Host: Dr. Andreas Efstathiou, Professor, Vice-Rector of Research and External Affairs,  
European University Cyprus

Speaker: Dr. Constantinos Demetroullas, Cyprus Institute

Venue: Room 207, European University Cyprus

Date: 4 April 2017

Weak gravitational lensing (WGL) has developed to be one of astronomers' most powerful tools in studying the dark sector in the Universe. The phenomenon can be used to measure (dark) matter and dark energy distribution in the Universe and even to test Einstein's theory of General Relativity. With WGL one can also probe different size objects, from galaxies and galaxy clusters, to the large scale structure. The main caveats in this type of studies are measurement uncertainties caused by the galaxies' intrinsic sizes and the measurement biasing due to telescope systematics. Measurement noise can be reduced by increasing the galaxy numbers used in the study and biasing can be removed if the telescope's point spread function (PSF) is known sufficient well. Currently optical studies can deliver >1 order of magnitude more sources over the same area of sky and observation time, compared to similar studies conducted in the radio. Radio telescopes, on the other hand, contrary to the optical ones, have a well known and determinist PSF. Therefore, by combining the information gathered in the optical and radio one could benefit from the advantages of both studies.

■ **Colloquium' Talk: "Data Simulations for Paleoclimate"**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Dr. Anastasios Matsikaris, University of Cyprus

Venue: Room 205, European University Cyprus

Date: 4 May 2017

Data assimilation (DA) is an emerging research area in palaeoclimatology and one of the key challenges in this field. Different ensemble-based DA approaches have recently been undertaken and shown that DA has the potential to provide improved reconstructions for the climate of the past, and increase our understanding of climate variability. However, no systematic comparison among them has so far been attempted, and large knowledge gaps remain regarding the ideal characteristics for providing the best climate state estimates. Here, ensemble-based DA schemes are implemented and evaluated for the reconstruction of the climate of some of the key periods from the past millennium. The study is among the first to employ a General Circulation Model for palaeoclimate DA.

■ **Colloquium' Talk: "The Research of Socio-Economic Development in the European Union Countries (Introduction Part) Technical part: Goodness of Fit and the Simple Regression Model"**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, European University Cyprus

Host: Dr. George Stylianou, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, European University Cyprus – Erasmus coordinator

Speaker: Aldona Migąła-Warchoł, Ph.D., University of Technology, Rzeszów, Poland

Venue: Room 205, European University Cyprus

Date: 4 May 2017

The talk investigated the situation in Europe regarding the EU Commission proposing five measurable targets for 2020 that will steer the process and be translated into national targets: for employment; for research and innovation; for climate change and energy; for education; and for combating poverty. The talk presented findings of a study on this topic showing that most analyzed Northern and Western European countries perform better at socio-economic development compared to other European neighbors. It is particularly visible in case of two determinants, Science and Technology' and Education', that is why it is so significant to invest time and money to improve these areas of socio-economic development.

■ **Colloquium' Talk: "Machine Learning and Neural Networks"**

Coordinator: Dr. George Stylianou, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Dr. Katerina Georgouli, T.E.I. Athens

Venue: Room 120, European University Cyprus

Date: 26 June 2017

Machine Learning (ML) is a type of artificial intelligence (AI) that provides computer programs with the ability to change when exposed to new data without being explicitly programmed. It is the field that concentrates on induction algorithms and on algorithms that can be said to "learn" using available data to detect patterns in them and adjust program actions accordingly. In this context, one of the most well-known systems that "learn" how to detect patterns are artificial neural networks (ANNs). ANNs are characterized by parallel processing speeds, fault tolerance, graceful degradation, ability to

generalize and ability to learn by experiencing the world. ANNs can be classified according to their architecture (feed forward and recurrent NNs) and according to their learning situations (supervised and unsupervised learning). ANNs have been successfully used in a wide range of ML applications.

### 7.3.2.2. Department of Life Sciences

#### ■ Scientific Conference: “Health - Robustness - Performance: Horizons of Athletic Science”

Coordinator: Dr. George Panayiotou, Assistant Professor, Sport & Exercise Physiology,

European University Cyprus

Venue: Auditorium B, European University Cyprus

Date: 9 September 2016

The aim of the conference was to highlight the latest research findings of Sports Science on the role of physical activity and exercise in Health, Performance and Quality of Life. The participants had the opportunity to interact with the speakers and to discuss issues related to science trends and practical applications in health and exercise. The program included six (6) Thematic Sessions, twenty (20) Suggestions, four (4) Experimental Workshops and two (2) Keynote Speeches presented by 23 distinguished speakers

#### ■ Lecture: “Hereditary Metabolic Diseases - Clinical and Nutritional Support for Patients for a Better Life”

Coordinators: Christiana Philippou-Charidimou, MS, RDN, DProf., Clinical Dietitian, Nutritionist, Lecturer of Nutrition & Dietetics Program, European University Cyprus, Michalis Anastadiadis, MD, Pediatrician Secretary of the Pediatric Society of Cyprus, Violetta Christofidou Anastassiadou, MD, PhD, Paediatrician / Genetician Director of the Department of Clinical Genetics, Hospital Archbishop Makarios III & Institute of Neurology and Genetics of Cyprus, Assistant Professor, School of Molecular Medicine of Cyprus, Stato Papoutsou, PhD, Clinical Dietitian, Nutritionist, Scientific Associate of Research and Teaching, Institute of Child Health Diet and Dietetics Associate, European University Cyprus, Georgia Tsiappa, BSc (Hons), PGDipDiet, RD, Clinical Pediatric Dietitian, Hospital Archbishop Makarios III, Center for Preventive Pediatrics

Speakers: Professor Peter T Clayton, Professional Research Associate Center for Translational Omics, Genetics and Genomic Medicine Program, UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, London, Anthi Drousiotou, PhD, Biochemical Genetician, Director of the Department of Biochemical Genetics, Institute of Neurology and Genetics of Cyprus, Assoc. Professor, School of Molecular Medicine, Cyprus, Marios Vakanas, MSc, President of the Association “Shield of Life”, Astrinia Skarpalezou RD, MSc, Clinical Nutritionist - Dietitian, In. Metabolic Diseases, Children’s Health Institute - Children’s Hospital “Agia Sophia”, Athens Evita Katsimcha, MA, MPhil, Registered School / Educational Psychologist, Coordinator of Graduate, School Counseling and Guidance, Department of Psychology, University of Cyprus

Venue: Auditorium Delta, European University Cyprus

Date: 22 October 2016

The Nutrition & Dietetics and Pharmacy Programs of the Department of Life Sciences of the School of Sciences of European University of Cyprus in collaboration with the Institute of Neurology and Genetics of Cyprus and the Society of Hereditary Metabolic Diseases “ASPIDA ZOIS” organized the workshop, which was under the auspices of the Minister of Health.



■ **Colloquium: “Current Advances in Cancer Research”**

Coordinator: Dr. Mary Eleftheriadou, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences Program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Dr. Panos Papageorgis, Assistant Professor, European University Cyprus, Dr. Apostolos Zaravinos, Assistant Professor, European University Cyprus, Dr. Constantia Pantelidou, Research Scientist, Barts Cancer Institute, Dr. Richard Panayiotou, Research Scientist, Francis Crick Institute

Venue: Auditorium Delta, European University Cyprus

Date: 14 December 2016

During this colloquium, four distinguished cancer researchers from European University Cyprus, the Barts Cancer Institute and the Francis Crick Institute, UK, had the opportunity to present their research work on the latest trends in cancer research and therapy. These hot topics included the molecular mechanisms of cancer metastasis, genomic and transcriptomic abnormalities in B-cell lymphoma and methods for adenovirus-mediated pancreatic cancer therapy.

■ **Lecture: “The well-being of children in the field of Sport ”**

Coordinator: Dr. Anastasios Theodorou, Lecturer, Exercise Biology, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Maria Constantinidou, Instructor, “Healthier Sport”, Dr. Antonis Alexopoulos, Instructor of Sport Sociology, Scientific Collaborator, European University Cyprus, Director of “Healthier Sport”, Dr. Maria Papaefstathiou, Instructor of Sport Sociology, “Healthier Sport”

Date: 6 March 2017

The seminar was devoted to analyzing the importance of the protection and well-being of children in sports, as well as the role parents should have in this and their ethical obligations in the sport socialization of children.

■ **Seminar: “Obesity ... from Treatment to Conservation”**

Coordinator: Dr. Stavrie Chrysostomou, Lecturer, Nutrition and Dietetics, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Dr. Mary Giannakoulia, Associate Professor of Nutrition and Dietary Behavior, Harokopio University of Athens, Dr. Giagkos Lavranos, Assistant Professor, Public Health, European University Cyprus, Dr. Christina Koni, Dietitian-Nutritionist, Scientific Collaborator, European University Cyprus

Venue: Room 208, European University Cyprus

Date: 13 July 2017

The aim of this seminar was to inform participants about the best nutritional and non-nutritional strategies to maintain weight loss, the so-called successful bodyweight reduction, based on the most recent research findings.

■ **Seminar: “Nutrition, Athletic Nutrition, Clinical Dietetics and CySPEN Seminar”**

Coordinator: Dr. Stavrie Chrysostomou, Lecturer, Nutrition and Dietetics, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Dr Sotiris Michaleas, Pharmacist MSc, PhD, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy, Chair of the Life Sciences Department, European University Cyprus, Dr Helen Andreou, Rdn, Clinical Dietitian, President of Association of Dietitians and Nutritionists of Cyprus, Dr Christiana Philippou, Clinical Dietitian - Athletic Nutritionist, Lecturer, European University Cyprus, Dr Stavri Chrysostomou, Lecturer, Nutrition and Dietetics, European University Cyprus, Dr Irene Tzanetakou, Lecturer of Research & Epidemiology, European University Cyprus, Dr Tasos Theodorou, Lecturer in Biology of Exercise, European University Cyprus  
Trainers: Elsa Ioannou, MSc SRD, Clinical Nutrition Nutritionist, General Hospital of Limassol, Secretary of the Cyprus Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism (CySPEN)

Dr Giagkos Lavranos, Assistant Professor, Public Health, European University Cyprus

Chrystalla Kountouri, RD, Clinical Dietitian Famagusta General Hospital / Bank of Cyprus Oncology Center, Assistant Secretary of the Cyprus Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism (CySPEN)

Venue: Auditorium B, European University Cyprus

Date: 18 July 2017

The aim of this seminar was to inform participants about the most recent scientific findings related to the different aspects of Nutrition Science, such as Clinical Nutrition, Sport Nutrition and Nutrition in Community.

### 7.3.2.3. Department of Health Sciences

#### ■ Seminar: Scientific Seminar of Radiologists/Radiotherapists “Early Detection Saves Life”

Coordinator: Thasos Athanasiou, MSc, Technologist Radiologist, Nicosia General Hospital, Scientific Collaborator, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Dr. Stala Koupi, Coordinator of Breast Population and Mammography test, Ministry of Health, Dr. Christos Nicolaou, Medical Assessment of Mammography, Radiology Doctor, Nicosia General Hospital, Ms. Eleni Georgiadou, Technologist Radiologist, “LITO” Maternity Hospital, Athens, Dr. Stephani Christodoulidou, Psychologist, Europa Donna, Dr. Yiola Markou, Pathologist-Oncologist, Bank of Cyprus Oncology Center, Dr. Charalambos Charalambous, General Surgeon, Nicosia General Hospital, Mr. Kyriacos Psillos, Technologist Radiologist, Bank of Cyprus Oncology Center

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 10 September 2016

The following topics were discussed at the seminar: Breast Population and Mammography in Cyprus, patients’ personal experiences, breast biopsy, woman’s psychology following diagnosis, modern and new treatments for systemic breast cancer treatment, breast surgery, postoperative breast radiotherapy, information on the profession of technician-radiologist and technician-radiotherapist and employment prospects.

#### ■ Seminar: “4th Public Health Seminar” Topic: “Current Diseases and Challenges in Public Health”

Coordinator: Dr. Demetris Lamnisis, Assistant Professor, Statistics, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Prof. Emmanouel Nikoloussi Elpida-Niki, Professor of Histology and Embryology, European University of Cyprus, Chrysostomou Stavrie, Lecturer in Nutrition and Dietetics, European University of Cyprus, Papoutsou Stalo, Clinical Dietitian, Koutras Giannis, Clinical Dietitian, Polycarpou Irene, Lecturer in Medical Physics, European University of Cyprus, Aroditis Konstantinos, Cardiologist, Scientific Associate A.Π.Θ, Lamprinou Ekaterini, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Cyprus University of Technology, Eftychiou Christos, First Class Medical Officer, Scientific Associate of the Medical School, Eleftheriadou Mary, Professor of Microbiology, European University of Cyprus, Nikolopoulos Georgios, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, Medical School, University of Cyprus, Lavranos Yiagkos, Assistant Professor of Public Health, European University of Cyprus, Pafitou Niki, Lemologist - Intensive Physician, Intensive Care Unit, Nicosia General Hospital

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 7 October 2016

The topic of the conference was “Current Diseases and Challenges in Public Health” and selected academic speakers as well as scientists presented the development of the subject and its dimensions from the clinical field, both from Cyprus and abroad. Participation was free of charge and the Pancyprian Medical Association, the Pancyprian Association of Nurses and Midwives and the Association of Dietitians and Nutritionists of Cyprus awarded credits of Continued Training.

#### ■ Seminars:

**Topic 1: “ESPEN LLL: Nutrition in Disease”**

**Topic 2: “Introduction to aggregated data analysis and Repetitive measurements over time using a PC”**

Coordinator: Dr. Demetris Lamnisis, Assistant Professor, Statistics, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Dr. Giannos Lavranos, Assistant Professor of Public Health, European University Cyprus, Elina Ioannou, Nutritionist – Dietitian, Dr. Menelaos Pavlou, Research Associate, University College London, Dr. Demetris Lamnisis, Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, European University Cyprus

Venue: Auditorium A, European University Cyprus

Date: 8 October 2016

Following the 4th Public Health Seminar, a satellite event was held in the same venue, where participants were able to attend one of the 2 certified seminars organized: 1) ESPEN LLL - nutrition for disease prevention and 2) Analysis of grouped data using PC.

Practical application of the methods to real-world data was performed in a computer laboratory using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). The seminar was addressed to PhD and postgraduate students and researchers in Health Sciences in the field of Statistics.

■ **Seminar: “Reasoning and prevention of injury to the anterior cruciate ligament”**

Coordinator: Dr. Sofia Xergia, Lecturer, Physiotherapy Program, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Dr. Evaggelos Pappa, Associate Professor of Physiotherapy, University of Sydney

Venue: Auditorium A, European University Cyprus

Date: 12 October 2016

The seminar was organized by the Department of Health Sciences (postgraduate program of Sports Physiotherapy, undergraduate Physiotherapy program) of European University Cyprus and was intended to inform the participants on the latest findings of the international scientific community with regard to the causes and the injury prevention programs of the anterior cruciate ligament.

■ **Lecture: “What Parents should know about Dysphagia: Principles of Clinical Assessment and Decision-Making”**

Coordinators: Dr. Chrysoula Thodi, CCC-A, FAAA, Associate Professor, Coordinator, Speech and Language Therapy Program, Speech Pathology Graduate Program, European University Cyprus, Dr. Louiza Voniati, Coordinator, Speech and Language Therapy Program

Speaker: Dr. Joan Arvedson, (USA), CCC-SLP, BC-NCD, BRS, ASHA Fellow

Venue: Classroom 129, European University Cyprus

Date: 20 October 2016

Dr. Joan Arvedson is an internationally recognized logopathologist and a professor specializing in dysphagia (feeding and swallowing) in infants and children. A debate with questions from the public followed.

■ **Seminar: Pressure Ulcers as a Quality of Health Care Indicator - “The Role of Health Professionals in the Prevention, Evaluation and Management of Pressures”**

Coordinators: Prof. Stavroulla Apostolidou-Andrea, Coordinator of the Master in Nursing Program, European University Cyprus, Dr. Marios Vasileiou, Scientific Collaborator, Nursing Program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Dr. Giangos Lavranos, Assistant Professor, Public Health, Vice-President of Health Department, European University Cyprus, Dr. Stavroulla Apostolidou, Professor, Nursing, European University Cyprus, Dr. Marios Vassiliou, Scientific Collaborator, Nursing, European University Cyprus, Dr. Charalambos Agathaggelou, Medical Gerontology, Pgs Skin integrity and wound management, Valentina Nicolaou-Lazanioti, Physiotherapist, Dr. Stavrie Chrysostomou, Lecturer, Nutrition and Dietetics, European University Cyprus, Dr. Michalis Papageorgiou, General Surgeon, Scientific Collaborator, European University Cyprus, Christos Hapeshis, Nursing Administrator.

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus Date: 2 February 2017

The incidence of pressure ulcers, despite the advancement of health science and modern means of handling remains a major problem today. Epidemiological data shows an increase in frequency, due to aging population and changes in the types of different diseases. Pressure ulcers are the most costly chronic trauma to the health system. The high frequency of the phenomenon and the serious social and economic consequences, require continuous and adequate information, as well as the activation of healthcare professionals to prevent and appropriate treat the pressure ulcers in elderly, comatose and paraplegic patients. The basic prerequisite is that health professionals and in particular nurses, be aware of the risk factors for the prevention and recognition of high-risk patients. The necessity of renewing and enhancing knowledge, especially for measures and means of preventing pressure ulcers, is an important parameter in facing the problem.

■ **Seminar: "Traumatic brain injury"**

Coordinator: Dr. Demetris Stasinopoulos, Associate Professor, Physiotherapy, Chair of the Department of Health Sciences, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Ms. Emanuella Ioannou, Scientific Collaborator, Physiotherapy Program, European University Cyprus, Mr. Stephanos Leandrou, Instructor, Radiology Technology, Radiology-Radiotherapy Program, European University Cyprus, Dr. Pavlina Psychouli, Lecturer, Occupational Therapy Program, European University Cyprus, Dr. Kostas Konstantopoulos, Assistant Professor, Speech and Language Therapy Program, European University Cyprus, Dr. Stavroulla Apostolidou, Professor, Coordinator of the Master in Nursing Program, European University Cyprus

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 16 February 2017

The purpose of the seminar was to inform on how the various health professions treat the patient with a traumatic brain injury.

■ **Presentation: Presentation of the results of the Pilot Prevention Program "TKNS"**

School of Sciences / Department of Health Sciences / Cyprus Anti-Drugs Council, KOA

Coordinator: Dr. Maria Prodromou, Lecturer, Coordinator of the Nursing Program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Maria Matthaïou, Cypriot Anti-Drug Council, Dr. Maria Prodromou, Scientific Coordinator Responsible for the "tkns Preventive Program", Coordinator of the Nursing Program, Lecturer, European University Cyprus, Dr. Gerasimos Papanastasatos, Criminologist, Sociologist

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 22 February 2017

The "tkns" prevention program was aimed at children aged 8-15 who are living with parents who have a substance abuse problem, have a psychiatric problem, or are imprisoned, and was meant to address how these children react and behave.

■ **Lecture: "Counselling the Geriatric Patient and Family"**

School of Sciences / Department of Health Sciences

Coordinator: Dr. Chrysoula Thodi, CCC-A, FAAA, Associate Professor, Coordinator, Speech and Language Therapy Program, Speech Pathology Graduate Program, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Dr. Ines Himmelsbach, Social Work, Nursing and Special Education, Catholic University of Freiburg

Venue: Classroom 01, European University Cyprus

Date: 7 March 2017

The lecture pointed out some principles, essentials and theories of current gerontological and geriatric research and then focused on the work with families and older patients in the community, taking as examples the current research projects at the Catholic University of Applied Sciences in Freiburg.

■ **Workshop: "Qualitative Research Workshop"**

School of Sciences / Department of Health Sciences

Coordinator: Dr. Chrysoula Thodi, CCC-A, FAAA, Associate Professor, Coordinator Speech and Language Therapy Program, MSc in Speech Pathology program, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Dr. Ines Himmelsbach, Catholic University of Freiburg

Venue: Classroom 014, European University Cyprus

Date: 10 March 2017

This workshop introduced the principles and essentials of qualitative research methods and an overview of the research process was given. In the workshop, different methodological approaches for interpreting data within the qualitative research paradigm were shown. Participants were, in a second step, encouraged to try out some interpretation techniques with given interview material.

■ **Training Seminar: “Taking care of myself”**

School of Sciences / Department of Health Sciences

Coordinator: Panagiotis Rentzias, Clinical Trainer, Laboratory Associate,  
Physiotherapy Program, European University of Cyprus

Speakers: Dr. Sophia Xergia, Lecturer, Physiotherapy, European University of Cyprus, Dr. Andreas Avgerinos, Assistant Professor, Physical Education Pedagogy, European University Cyprus, Anastasia Koukiadaki, Vana Giagou, Maria Katsiari

Venue: Cultural Center, European University of Cyprus

Date: 4 May 2017

This workshop aimed at presenting the results of a 3-month action that took place at Ag. Maronas primary school in Anthoupoli and was organized exclusively by Mr. Panagiotis Rentzias and a team of students from the 3rd year of Physiotherapy program. The action included ergonomic training for students; addition of activity breaks during the students' lessons 3 times a week and additionally the execution of an exercise program on Fridays by students of Physiotherapy to fellow students, with the main aim of empowering all body parts and coordination in execution.

Finally, teamwork was a key component of the exercises. Besides the presentation of the results, the following topics were presented: The General Meeting of Ergonomics (Sofia Xergia), Exercise (Avgerinos Andreas) and Nutrition (Anastasia Koukiadaki, Vana Giagou, Maria Katsiari). Following the presentations, the exercises taught at the school were joined by other students who attended, as well as by parents and teachers.

■ **Conference: “3rd Student Conference, Radiology - Radiotherapy”, Subject: “Developments in Radiodiagnostics”**

School of Sciences / Department of Health Sciences

Coordinators: Dr. Irene Polycarpou, Lecturer, Medical Physics, Program Coordinator of Radiology - Radiotherapy, European University Cyprus, Mr. Stephanos Leandrou, Instructor, Radiology Technology, European University Cyprus

Speakers: students of BSc in Radiology - Radiotherapy program

Kallona Antigoni, Michael Eleonora, Allagiotou Elli, Andreou Maria, Gharrip Eleana, Moosavey Seyedeh Hadis, Adamantia Ernantez Mavri, Antoniou Neoptolemos, Polymerou Irene, Ktoridou Elena, Xanthou Rafaelia

Venue: Auditorium A, European University Cyprus

Date: 4 May 2017

During the 3rd Student Conference of Radiology-Radiotherapy Program titled “Developments in Radiodiagnostics”, the students presented papers in the form of a scientific poster and oral presentation.

## 7.4. School of Medicine

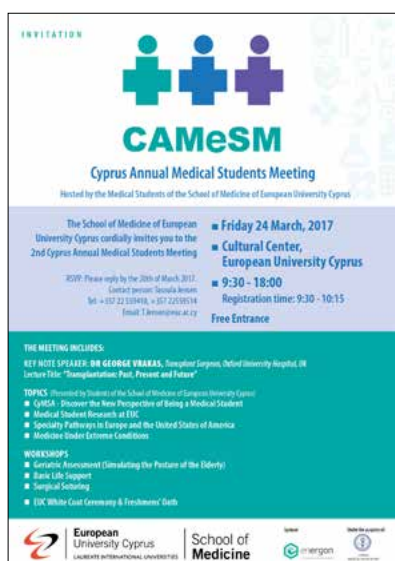
### 7.4.1. Message from the Acting Dean of the School of Medicine, Prof. Georgios Petrikkos

Five years since its inauguration, the School of Medicine of EUC has been established as a leading educational institution in the region. High standard students, from Europe and around the world entrust us their education and are becoming members of our international student family. The use of high quality educational medical infrastructure and state of the art laboratories, along with our innovative curriculum consisting of student-focused training methods and our problem-based intensive study program, offer to our students the opportunity to study medicine in the most productive way. The high standard academic staff, with international scientific experience, including Nobel laureates and other highly awarded scientists, are dedicated to the education of medical doctors of the future.

Our students have the opportunity to be oriented and trained in real medical environments from the early years of their studies, by rotating in the best and most prominent public and private medical centers. Highly experienced clinicians, experts in their respective field, are members of the clinical educational team and offer their mentoring services to students, cultivating appropriate skills and critical abilities. A network of diverse hospital and community-based training sites expose students to the healthcare community, pioneering development of effective clinical and communication skills.

During the past year, the School of Medicine has concluded agreements with globally renowned medical and research centers for student training over and above their curriculum. Such a successful collaboration was initiated with Henry Dunant Hospital in Athens, where students visited and were trained in various clinical departments the last year. In addition, EUC has reached an important agreement with the IASO medical group, whereas students of medicine have also trained in clinical and research centers of the UK and US, having received positive feedback and having achieved successes in research projects.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that as of September 2017, the first School of Dentistry in Cyprus started operating in EUC, welcoming its first students in its new modern premises, which are fully equipped with special laboratories, simulators and virtual reality technology.



**INVITATION**

**CAMESM**  
Cyprus Annual Medical Students Meeting

Hosted by the Medical Students of the School of Medicine of European University Cyprus

The School of Medicine of European University Cyprus cordially invites you to the 2nd Cyprus Annual Medical Students Meeting

**Friday 24 March, 2017**  
**Cultural Center, European University Cyprus**  
**9:30 - 18:00**  
Registration time: 9:30 - 10:15  
**Free Entrance**

RSVP: Please reply by the 20th of March 2017  
Contact person: Tereza Brankovic  
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**THE MEETING INCLUDES:**

**KEY NOTE SPEAKER: DR GEORGE VIKARIAS**, Transplant Surgeon, Oxford University Hospital, UK  
Lecture Title: "Transplantation: Past, Present and Future"

**TOPICS:** (Presented by Students of the School of Medicine of European University Cyprus)

- Q&A - Discover the New Perspective of Being a Medical Student
- Medical Student Research at EUC
- Specialty Pathways in Europe and the United States of America
- Medicine Under Extreme Conditions

**WORKSHOPS:**

- Genetic Assessment (Calculating the Probable of the Elderly)
- Basic Life Support
- Surgical Suturing
- EUC White Coat Ceremony & Testimonials' Booth

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**Infection Prevention & Control**  
Challenges & Trends

The School of Medicine, European University Cyprus, the Cyprus Society of Chemotherapy and Infections, the Cyprus National Committee of the European Committee on Infection Control (EUKC) the Mediterranean Institute of research and education on prevention and treatment of infectious diseases and CyNIMA-Branch of Infection Control Nurses invite you to the 1st Educational Seminar:

**Infection prevention and control: challenges and trends**  
With international participation.

**5-6 May 2017**  
**Cultural Center, European University Cyprus**

An international educational event for Doctors, Nurses and Students.

The event will receive 8 (eight) Continuous Medical Education (CME) credits by the Cyprus Medical Association.

The event will receive Continuous Nursing Education (CNE) Credits by the Cyprus Nurses and Midwives Association.

**FREE ENTRANCE**

**Additional information:**  
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Dr. Constantinos Tsionidis, Lecturer of Internal Medicine, European University Cyprus  
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**Invitation**

The School of Medicine of European University Cyprus cordially invites you to a conference:

**"Antibiotic resistance: Post-antibiotic era?"**

**Monday, 18 December 2017**  
**12:00 - 14:00**  
**Cultural Center European University Cyprus**

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Nobel Laureate, Professor Dr Ada Yonath**  
Weizmann Institute of Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem,  
Honorary Professor of European University Cyprus  
Title: "Next Generation Eco Friendly Antibiotics"

**Plenary Speaker**  
**Professor Dr Theoklis Elias Ziaoutis**  
Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania  
Title: "Bad Bugs, No Drugs: The Antibiotic Resistance Threat"

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### 7.4.2. Nominations

#### ■ Prof. Tomas Lindahl

Nobel Prize Winner Tomas Lindahl member of the Medical School faculty.

During the 4th Multithematic International Bio-medical Congress organized by the School of Medicine, Rector Kostas Gouliamos welcomed the 2015 Nobel Prize Winner in Chemistry, Tomas Lindahl as a member of the Medical School Faculty. The Swedish Nobel Laureate was the keynote speaker at the conference.

Venue: EUC Cultural Center

Date: 5 November 2016



### 7.4.3. Events

#### ■ Researcher's Night 2016

European University Cyprus was once again a proud supporter of the "Researcher's Night", an event organized by the Research Promotion Foundation (RPF) in collaboration with academic and research institutions, as well as other stakeholders in Cyprus.

The event is an initiative of the European Commission and takes place simultaneously in almost all European countries. We are proud to have won 1st prize for this effort.

Title: Exploring the Brain

Participants: The School of Medicine presented a joint project organized by the Anatomy and Histology labs in collaboration with the Neurosurgical Institute of Ioannina.

Venue: Filoxenia Conference Center, Nicosia

Date: 30 September 2016

#### ■ 4th International Multithematic Scientific Bio-Medical Congress

Topic: "Biomedical Scientific Cyprus"

European University Cyprus is reinforcing its Medical School with globally acclaimed professors, granting particular focus on innovation and high quality, to the benefit of its students, the Cyprus medical community and, by extension, the Cyprus society as a whole.

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Dr. Tomas Lindahl (Nobel Prize for Chemistry 2015)

Coordinator: Dr. Ioannis Patrikios, Professor in Immunology/Lipidology, Medical Biochemistry, School of Medicine, European University Cyprus

Co-organizer: Dr. Anastasis Stephanou, Professor of Cellular Biology & Genetics

Speakers: Prof. Dr. Tomas Lindahl, Prof. Dr. Philip Calder, Ass. Prof. Dr. Marios Pantzaris, Prof. Dr. Nikos Gregoriades, Prof. Dr. Theodoros Kyriakides, Prof. Dr. Leonidas Phylactou, Prof. Dr. Kyriakos Kyriakou, Dr. Andreas Lysandropoulos, Prof. Dr. Gerry Melino, Prof. Dr. Anastasis Stephanou, Asst Prof. Dr. Antonis Kirmizis, Prof. Dr. Theodoros Xanthos, Prof. Dr. Constantinos Deltas

Venue: EUC Cultural Center

Date: 4-5 November 2016

#### ■ **Antibiotics Awareness Day**

The Medical School held a conference, on the problem of antimicrobial resistance.

At the same time, throughout the week, various posters were displayed and leaflets were distributed by staff and students of the Medical School to inform the public about the proper use of antibiotics.

Coordinator: Dr. Georgios Petrikkos, Dean of the Medical School, European University Cyprus, Professor of Internal Medicine-Medical Microbiology, Infectious Diseases

Speakers:

- Dr. Georgios Petrikkos, Professor of Internal Medicine-Medical Microbiology, Infectious Diseases, School of Medicine, European University Cyprus

“The problem of antimicrobial resistance. Is it the end of the antibiotic season?”

- Dr. Theocharis Theocharides, Professor of Pharmacology, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, USA

“New ways of pathogen resistance: lessons from the mast cells”

Venue: EUC Cultural Center

Date: November 2016

#### ■ **2nd Cyprus Annual Medical Students Meeting (CAMEsM)**

The School of Medicine of European University Cyprus organized for a second consecutive year the Annual Meeting of Students of Medicine. The keynote speaker was Dr. George Vrakas, Transplant Surgeon and Director of the Oxford Transplantation Department. Dr. Vrakas was awarded the “Young Investigator Award” of the Transplantation Research Society (TTS).

At the conference, the students of Medicine presented, analyzed and discussed issues of scientific content and interest, as well as concerns and informative issues.

Speaker: Dr. George Vrakas, Transplant Surgeon, Oxford University Hospital, UK

Venue: EUC Cultural Center

Date: 24 March 2017

#### ■ **White Coat Ceremony & Freshmen’s Oath**

Freshmen’s inauguration ceremony for the academic year 2015-2016.

Coordinator: Dr. George Petrikkos, Dean School of Medicine, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Representatives of Cypriot Government and Cyprus Medical Association

-Minister of Health, Dr. George Pamborides

-Minister of Education, Prof. Costas Kadis

-President of Cyprus Medical Association, Dr. Petros Agathaggelou

Venue: EUC Cultural Center

Date: 24 March 2017

## ■ Infection Prevention and Control: Challenges and Trends

The School of Medicine, European University Cyprus, the Cyprus Society of Chemotherapy and Infections, the Cyprus National Committee of the European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC) the Mediterranean institute of research and education on prevention and treatment of infectious diseases and CyNMA-Branch of Infection Control Nurses organized the event "Infection prevention and control: challenges and trends".

The event was co-organized by the Medical School of the European University of Cyprus, the Cyprus Society of Chemotherapy and Infections, the Cyprus Committee of the European Infectious Disease Control Society (EUCIC) and the Nursing Control Institute for Infectious Diseases. The list of speakers included experts from Cyprus and abroad. The seminar was addressed to health professionals of all categories, as well as to medical and nursing students.

Coordinators: •

- Dr. Georgios Petrikos, Dean of the Medical School, European University Cyprus, Professor of Internal Medicine-Medical Microbiology, Infectious Diseases
- Dr. Constantinos Tsioutis Lecturer of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, European University Cyprus

Speakers:

- Maria Alexandrou (Head of Microbiology Department, General Hospital of Larnaca, Scientific collaborator, School of Medicine, European University Cyprus)
- Anastasia Antoniadou (Associate Professor of Internal Medicine – Infectious Diseases, National Kapodistrian University of Athens, Medical School; 4th Department of Internal Medicine, "Attikon" University General Hospital)
- Theodora Aristeidou (Senior Nurse, Medical Department, Larnaca General Hospital) Erik Bathoorn (Medical Microbiologist, Department of Medical Microbiology and Infection Control Unit, University Medical Center Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands)
- Eirini Christaki (Lecturer of Internal Medicine, Medical School, University of Cyprus)
- George Daikos (Professor of Internal Medicine – Infectious Diseases, National Kapodistrian University of Athens, Medical School; Head of Internal Medicine Department, University General Hospital Laiko)
- Olga Dalingarou (Head of Nursing Administration, Henry Dunant Hospital, Athens)
- George Efstathiou (Nursing Officer, Nursing Services, Ministry of Health, Cyprus)
- Mary Eleftheriadou (Associate Professor of Microbiology, School of Sciences, European University Cyprus)
- Achilleas Gikas (Professor of Internal Medicine – Infectious Diseases, Medical School, University of Crete, Greece; Head of Internal Medicine Department, University Hospital of Heraklion, Crete, Greece)
- Linos Hadjihannas (Infectious Diseases Specialist; Scientific collaborator, European University Cyprus)
- Christodoulos Kaisis (Chief Medical Officer, Medical and Public Health Services, Ministry of Health; CEO Archbishop Makarios III Hospital, Nicosia)
- Maria Klambaneva (Infection Control Nurse, Larnaca General Hospital; President of Branch of Infection Control Nurses-CYNMA)
- Costas Koulas (Senior Nurse, Nursing Administration, Nicosia General Hospital)
- Giagkos Lavranos (Assistant Professor of Public Health, School of Sciences, European University Cyprus) George Miltiadous (Internal Medicine Specialist; President of Nicosia Medical Association)
- George Nikolopoulos (Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, Medical School, University of Cyprus)
- George Petrikos (Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Acting Dean, School of Medicine, European University Cyprus; Emeritus Professor of Internal Medicine – Infectious Diseases, Athens University Medical School)
- George Potamitis (Gastroenterologist; Scientific collaborator, School of Medicine, European University Cyprus)
- Sotirios Tsiodras (Associate Professor of Internal Medicine – Infectious Diseases, National Kapodistrian University of Athens, Medical School; 4th Department of Internal Medicine, "Attikon" University General Hospital; Scientific collaborator, European University Cyprus)
- Constantinos Tsioutis (Lecturer of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, European University Cyprus)

Venue: EUC Cultural Center Date: 5 May 2017

### ■ 3rd SEMINAR ON TRAINING THE TRAINERS

The purpose of the seminar was the understanding of undergraduate Medicine education targets of the European University (ERO) and the consolidation of the principles and methods of education in order to familiarize clinicians with current clinical training practices of PSR students according to previous theoretical education of students in relation to the year of their studies. The seminar focused on the role of clinical instructors and introduced approaches of medical research.

Coordinator: Dr. George Petrikkos, Dean School of Medicine, European University Cyprus

Speakers:

-Dr. Constantinos Tsioutis, Lecturer of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, European University Cyprus

-Dr. Ioannis Patrikios, Professor in Immunology/Lipid ology, Medical Biochemistry, School of Medicine, European University Cyprus

Venue: EUC Premises

Date: 15 June 2017

### ■ Poster Sessions:

Presentation of scientific articles of Biochemistry students for purposes of the presentation of scientific posters.

Venue: EUC Premises

Coordinator: Prof. Ioannis Patrikios

Date: Twice a year at the end of each semester

### ■ Internships

The School of Medicine of European University Cyprus has developed an innovative and extensive international externship program. For the summer, 2017, selected students have experienced externships at the following institutes:

- Shriners Hospitals for Children, SHC Springfield Massachusetts
- Oxford Medical
- Alpert Medical School and Brown University, Rhode Island Hospital
- Barts and the London School of Medicine Queen Mary, University of London.
- Imperial College London
- University of Southampton; and many others.

### ■ Strategic cooperation with Henry Dynan Hospital Center

During the Academic year at the School of Medicine, students had the ability to carry out internships at the Henry Dynan Hospital Center (ENHC), Athens.

The choice of collaborating with ENHC offers EUC Medical School students the highest possible level and quality of education.

Dr. Vasilios Zerris, Professor of Neurosurgery at European University Cyprus and the American University of Texas A & M, Director of the 2nd Neurosurgical Department of ENHC is responsible for the general coordination of the internship program. The first educational cycle in a hospital environment had been completed with the education of ten students of the Medical School of the European University Cyprus in the field of cardiology and gastroenterology. Other specialties will soon be offered as well.

Venue: Henry Dynan Hospital Center

Date: 1 February 2017

## 7.5. School of Law

### 7.5.1. Message from the Acting Dean of the School of Law, Dr. Konstantinos Tsimaras

The School of Law is one of the newest and enhanced schools of the University. The academic year 2016-17 found the School in a process of stabilization and modernization. In particular:

The School set up one new program: LLM in criminal law waiting for the evaluation from the competent authority.

The School continued its alignment with the major law companies sending students for short-term internships.

Significant events of the year included: the Criminal Law Annual Conference (March 2017) with the participation of the President of the Supreme Court of Greece (Areios Pagos) and former Prime Minister Mrs. Thanou, the Vice-Prosecutor of the Supreme Court of Greece Mr. Vourliotis, and professors from Athens University, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Democritus University of Komotini. A simulated court trial was organised with the participation of Law School students. In February 2017, two groups of law students supervised by faculty members of our School submitted two scientific papers at a seminar organized by the Central Bank of Cyprus for students and young law graduates in banking and finance law and won the first prize and a distinction respectively for their participation. Several other conferences were organized with the participation of experts from Cyprus and abroad.





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Παγκόσμια Ημέρα Ιδιωτικότητας με εκδήλωση με θέμα:

**«Η προστασία της ιδιωτικής ζωής  
στα μέσα κοινωνικής δικτύωσης»**

► Δευτέρα, 25 Ιανουαρίου 2016  
► 18:00 - 19:30  
► Πολιτιστικό Κέντρο του Ευρωπαϊκού Πανεπιστημίου Κύπρου

**Πρόγραμμα:**

- Εισαγωγή από τη Δρ. Χριστίνα Μάρκου, Λέκτορα Νομικής του Ευρωπαϊκού Πανεπιστημίου Κύπρου
- Χαιρετισμός από την Επίτροπο Προστασίας Δεδομένων Προσωπικού Χαρακτήρα, κα Ειρήνη Ασιζίδου Νικολαΐδου
- Τοποθέτηση από το Δρ. Γιάννη Ασιζόρη, Πρόεδρο του Ινστιτούτου Νευροεπιστήμης και Τεχνολογίας Κύπρου, Επισκεφτής Προγράμματος Cyber Ethics

**Συντονιστής:**  
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Ένωσης) διοργανώνει εκδήλωση με θέμα:

**“Η αυτορρύθμιση και η  
συρρύθμιση στον τομέα  
της διαφήμισης:  
η θεωρία στην πράξη”**

**Προσκεκλημένη Ομιλήτρια:**  
Κα. Χριστίνα Παπαδόπουλου,  
Διευθύντρια Σχολής Δίκτου Διοίκησης (SDD)

Η εκδήλωση θα πραγματοποιηθεί στον χώρο του  
<http://dkt.dcu.ac.cy>

Η εκδήλωση θα πραγματοποιηθεί στις 9 Δεκεμβρίου 2016  
στις 18:00 π.μ. - 19:30 π.μ.  
στο Αμφιθέατρο 312  
του Ευρωπαϊκού Πανεπιστημίου Κύπρου

Θέματα που θα συζητηθούν (μεταξύ άλλων):  
- Εφαρμογή της αυτορρύθμισης στην  
Ευρωπαϊκή και Ελληνική αγορά  
- Θεωρητικές παραδοχές για και εφαρμογές  
- Διαφορές ανάμεσα στην αυτορρύθμιση  
και στην κρατική ρύθμιση  
- Διαφορές στην εφαρμογή της αυτορρύθμισης  
στην Ελλάδα και στην Κύπρο

Συντονιστής:  
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### 7.5.2. Visiting Professors

#### ■ Theodoros Papatheodorou

Doctor of Criminal and Criminal Sciences

Visiting Professor at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Law.

Mr. Papatheodorou is a former Rector of the University of Peloponnese and former Deputy Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Culture and Sports of Greece. He has published many articles and scientific studies in Greek and international journals.

In particular, he has worked in Greece and in European countries such as France and Belgium on issues of crime, international cooperation and devolution of anti-criminal policy, as well as many applications of immigration policy. He is a member of many international and national scientific associations and organizations and has served as an expert at the European Commission.

#### ■ Georgios Nikolopoulos

Professor at the Department of Sociology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (Department of Sociology, Department of Criminology).

Visiting Professor at the School of Law, European University Cyprus.

#### ■ Michael Paterakis

Doctorate of Law, Visiting Professor at the School of Law, European University Cyprus Lawyer.

#### ■ Evripidis Stylianidis

Doctorate of Law, Visiting Professor at the School of Law, European University Cyprus.

He has served as Minister for Interior, Minister for Education and Minister for Transport and Communications. He is a former member of the Greek Parliament.

### 7.5.3. Events

#### ■ Two-day conference: «Current issues of Law»

The European University Cyprus Law School organized a two-day seminar in honor of the retired Professor Iacovos Farsedakis, titled: "Current Law Issues". Greetings were delivered by the Rector of European University Cyprus, Prof. Kostas Gouliamos and the Professor of the Law School of European University Cyprus, Christos Satlanis. The topics presented by the speakers at the conference were as follows:

- The licensing of broadcasting stations and the role of the Greek National Council for Radio and Television
- General Principles of Administrative Law, a contemporary evaluation
- Disinformation in the digital age
- Representativeness of trade unions and collective bargaining: in search of new rules
- An Introduction to Anglo-Saxon Criminal Law in the Criminal Code of the Northern Territory of Australia
- The Public Audit of Officials in ancient Athens: an example to be imitated for modern democracies
- First steps in new worlds: criminal and forensic aspects of manned missions on Mars
- Anti-abuse clauses in the Treaties to Avoid Double Taxation
- The European Commission's new legislative proposals in the field of consumer digital contracts: Addressing or strengthening the problem of legislative fragmentation?
- The treatment of juvenile offenders in Cyprus, at the stage of the investigation and the judicial process: (non-existent?) Legislative provisions and practice
- The newly introduced procedure for the "rapid divestiture" of mortgages in Cypriot legislation: looking for the real limits of this, present and future
- Typological approach to non-state money
- The issue of social reintegration of convicts between criminal targeting and criminal practice



### Session A:

Chairperson: Konstantinos Tsimaras, Acting Dean, Assistant Professor School of Law, European University Cyprus

Speakers:

- Konstantinos Tsimaras, Dean, Assistant Professor School of Law, European University Cyprus
- Nikolaos Koulouris, Assistant Professor School of Law, European University Cyprus
- Philippe Jougoux, Associate Professor School of Law, European University Cyprus
- Stamatina Yannakourou, Assistant Professor School of Law, European University Cyprus
- Christos Satlanis, Professor, Assistant Professor School of Law, European University Cyprus

### Session B

Chairperson: Christos Satlanis, Professor, Assistant Professor School of Law, European University Cyprus

- Sofia Adam, Emeritus Professor of Law History of the Panteion University
- Michael Hadjipanayiotis, Lawyer
- Venetia Argyropoulou, Special Teaching Personnel, School of Law, European University Cyprus
- Thaleia Prastitou, Lecturer, School of Law, European University Cyprus
- Margarita Papantoniou, Special Teaching Personnel, School of Law, European University Cyprus
- Christiana Markou, Lecturer, School of Law, European University Cyprus
- Evripidis Rizos, Lecturer, School of Law, European University Cyprus
- Georgios Nikolopoulos, Criminology Professor, Panteion University

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: Thursday, 13 October 2016 & Friday 14 October 2016

#### ■ **Public Lecture: “Legal Challenges of Hate Crime and Hate Speech in Europe”**

Organization: Austrian Embassy in Cyprus and EUC School of Law

Speaker: H.E. Dr Wolfgang Brandstetter, Minister of Justice, Austria

Speech by the Austrian Justice Minister and Professor of Law School at the University of Vienna, Wolfgang Brandstetter, addressing hate crimes and preventing racism in Austria and other European countries. The event was open to the public.

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 3 November 2016

#### ■ **Public Lecture: Paris 2015: Historic agreement on climate change – Europe’s transition towards a Low Carbon Economy**

As part of the Environmental Law course, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus, Mrs. Ioanna Panagiotou, presented the latest environmental developments in the field of environmental protection internationally.

Organization: School of Law, European University Cyprus & Open University of Cyprus

Coordinator: Dr. Thaleia Prastitou Merdi, Lecturer, School of Law, EUC

Speaker: Mrs. Ioanna Panayiotou, Environment Commissioner, Republic of Cyprus

Venue: Auditorium A, EUC

Date: 1 December 2016

#### ■ **Public Lecture: Self-regulation and co-regulation in advertising: theory and practice**

Issues discussed among others:

- Provisions for self-regulation / co-regulation in European and Cypriot legislation
- Examples of misleading and comparative advertising in Cyprus and Europe
- Advertisements on the verge of decency
- Advertising in the digital environment
- Prevention through Copy Advice

Organization: School of Law, European University Cyprus – Open University of Cyprus

Coordinator: Dr. Christiana Markou, Lecturer in Law, EUC (coordinator in the thematic unit «Consumer Protection Law », Open University Cyprus)

Speaker: Ms. Christiana Paschalidou, Director, Advertising Regulation Authority

Venue: Room 112, EUC / Date: 9 December 2016

■ **Lecture: Use and enforcement of comparative law by the Court of Justice of the European Union**

In the context of the comparative law course, Mr. Michalis Loizou spoke of the usefulness of comparative law as a methodological tool for resolving disputes under the jurisdiction of the CJEU.

Coordinator: Dr. Thaleia Prastitou Merdi, Lecturer, School of Law, EUC

Speaker: Mr. Michalis Loizou, Lawyer/ Legal Officer at the Court of Justice of the European Union

Venue: Room 202, EUC

Date: 19 December 2016

■ **Public Lecture: The role of the judge in the Cyprus legal system**

Within the context of the "Cypriot legal system" course, Mr. Nicolas Santis, President of the District Court, President of the Union of Judges of Cyprus, spoke to the students about the structure of the courts in the Cypriot legal order, the role of jurisprudence as a source of law, and his role as judge in the Cypriot legal system.

Coordinator: Dr. Thaleia Prastitou Merdi, Lecturer, School of Law, EUC

Speaker: Mr. Nicholas Santis, President of the District Court, President of the Union of Judges of Cyprus

Venue: Auditorium D, EUC

Date: 20 December 2016

■ **Book presentation: "Thrace: The next step ..."**

Book presentation by Dr. Euripides St. Stylianidis, Visiting Professor of the Law School of the European University Cyprus, former Minister of National Education and Religious Affairs of Greece and former MP in Rodopi, titled "Thrace: The next step

Organization: European University Cyprus – Minoas Publications

Speaker: Dr Evripidis Stylianides

Venue: Auditorium D, EUC

Date: 13 February 2017

The event was addressed by Dimitris Syllouris, President of the House of Representatives of Cyprus.

■ **Public Lecture: Current issues from the legal framework for resolving disputes between employers, employees and trade unions.**

On Friday, 5 March, 2017, an open lecture was held at the EUC on "Current issues from the legal framework for resolving disputes between employers and employees", with speakers Ari Kazakos, Professor Emeritus of the Law School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and Dimitris Traylos-Tzanetatos, Professor Emeritus of the Law School of the National and the Kapodistrian University of Athens. The lecture took place as part of the course "Collective Labor Law", coordinated by the Assistant Professor of the Law School of the Greek Communist Party, Dr. Stamatana Giannakouros. The speakers developed issues of substantive and procedural law on strike, lock-out and alternative forms of labor struggle, such as the collective exercise of labor retention, boycott, flash mob, strike by occupation by the strikers. The presentations and dialogue between the speakers impressed the students, who attended the lecture with great interest, engaging with questions and statements.

Coordinator: Stamatina Yannakourou

Speakers: Ari Kazakos, Emeritus Professor at the Law School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Dimitris Travlos-Tzanetatos, Emeritus Professor at the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

Venue: EUC

Date: 5 March 2017

■ **Conference: Developments and new orientations in Public Law: Dialogue between Cyprus and Greece**

Presentation of major issues in the Cypriot and Greek Public Law concerning: freedom of contract and constitution, academic freedom, issues of procedures in administrative courts and issues related to hate speech from political parties and organizations. The conference was under the umbrella of the annual events to honor N.I. Saripolos.

Organization: The European Law Students' Association (ELSA) and the Law School

Coordinator: Konstantinos Tsimaras, Acting Dean, School of Law, EUC

Speakers:

- Louisa Christodoulidou-Zanettou, Attorney General of the Republic of Cyprus, Office of the Attorney General of the Republic of Cyprus
- Evripidis Stylianidis, Visiting Professor of Law at the European University of Cyprus, Former Minister, Former Member of the Greek Parliament
- Nikitas Chatzimichael, Associate Professor, Department of Law, University of Cyprus
- Haris Papacharalambous, Associate Professor, Department of Law, University of Cyprus
- Konstantinos Tsimaras, Acting Dean, School of Law, EUC

Venue: Auditorium B, EUC

Date: 23 March 2017

■ **Conference: Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure**

Upon the completion of the speakers' presentations, a discussion was held, with questions and comments-interventions followed by questions from students and a high-level scientific dialogue on issues of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. The added value of the Law School's activities was demonstrated by the participation of Professors of Greek Law Schools and the Prosecutor of the Supreme Court of Greece.

Coordinator: Professor Christos Satlanis

Opening Speeches:

- Professor Kostas Gouliamos, Rector, European University Cyprus
- Assistant Professor Konstantinos Tsimaras, Dean, School of Law, European University Cyprus

Speakers:

**1st session:**

- Xeni Dimitriou - Vassilopoulou, Attorney at Supreme Civil and Criminal Court of Greece: Systemic abuse of underage victims.
- Lambros Margaritis, Professor of Law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: Penalty issues in contemporary jurisprudence in penal law.
- Michalis Christodoulou, Judge at the Supreme Court of Cyprus: The criminal trial in Cyprus.
- Elizabeth Symeonidou - Kastanidou, Professor at the Law School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: Refugee status and its importance in criminal law.
- Iacovos Farsedakis, Emeritus Professor and former Dean of the Law School of the European University Cyprus: Violent crime nowadays and its countering – a brief introduction.
- Alexandros Dimakis, Assistant Professor of the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens: The regulation of Article 97 of the Greek Constitution for the Mixed Court of Juries.

**2nd session:**

- Theocharis Daloukouras, Professor of the Law School of Democritus University of Thrace: Alternative forms of termination of criminal proceedings (Abstain from criminal prosecution, criminal order, criminal conciliation).
- Charalambos Vourliotis, Deputy Prosecutor of the Supreme Civil and Criminal Court of Greece: Evidential Prohibitions in Criminal Proceedings.
- Margarita Papantoniou, Special Teaching Personnel, MA Human Rights, University of Strasbourg: Investigation and arrest authorities of the investigators and the rights of the detained persons in the Cyprus legal system.
- Aristomenis Tzannetis, Permanent Assistant Professor at the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens: Protection of the fundamental rights of the wanted person during the execution of the European Arrest Warrant – Outcomes from the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union.
- Stefanos Pavlou, Professor of the Law School of the Democritus University of Thrace: Penal and law and its application during economic crisis.
- Christos Satlanis, Professor School of Law, European University, Cyprus: The right to an active and effective defense with emphasis on the right of the absent accused to be apologized through his attorney (At the same time an example of legal argument).

Venue: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 25 March 2017

■ **Conference in the framework of the course “History of Law”: The trial of Socrates**

The event “The Trial of Socrates” was successfully conducted on Tuesday, 9 May 2017 at the Cultural Center of European University Cyprus which was co-organised by the Law School of EUC, the Hellenes and Cypriot Jurists Association, the Law Society and students unions. The Commissioner for Volunteerism of the Cyprus Republic, Mr. Yianni Yiannaki, and the Vice-President of ELSA International Mr. Nigel Micallef addressed the event, An address by the First Vice-President of New Democracy Mr. Kostis Hatzidakis was read in which he stated that “such initiatives are valuable, they assist us to approach ancient history as a vital heritage”. Indeed, the students of the Law School of EUC (five for each team), after referring to the historic facts, presented lively and innovatively the arguments for and against Socrates. Then, the general coordinator of the event, Mr. Giorgos Manikas, President of the Law Society and Vice President of ELSA Cyprus, asked the moderator of the panel of speakers, Mr. Charalambos Stamelos, Scientific Collaborator of the EUC Law School and President of the Hellenes and Cypriot Jurists Association, to proceed with the coordination of the speakers. Mr. Stamelos asked the panellists to speak and vote, and they voted as follows: 4 against Socrates and 4 for Socrates. Ms. Christia Middleton, jurist, Mr. Papantoniou, former President of the Nicosia Bar, Ms. Theano Mavromoustaki, Superior Attorney of the Republic in the Office of the Attorney General of the Cyprus Republic and the Vice-Dean and Professor of Public Law of the EUC Law School Mr. Konstantinos Tsimaras voted against Socrates. Mr. Giorgos Manikas, Ms. Maria Middleton, philologist, Ms. Lemonia Kaoutzani, former Superior District Judge, reviewer of the Legal Council, legal advisor and instructor at the EUC Law School, and Charalambos Stamelos voted in favor of Socrates. Convincing arguments were presented by both sides. Then, all the attendees were asked to vote. In the second repeated voting, the votes were counted by raising hands and were 68-28, and by adding the panellists votes in total 72-32 for the acquittal of Socrates. Socrates was acquitted, retrospectively, virtually, in that event. Finally, the event concluded with photos of the students and the panellists.

Organization: School of Law, European University Cyprus, The European Law Students’ Association (ELSA) Greece and Cyprus, Law Society, Student societies

Coordinator: Charalambos Stamelos

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 9 May 2017

■ **International Conference: Pontos-Cyprus: common history common agonies**

An international conference took place on the genocide of the Greeks of the Pontus and the similarities with the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. The conference was held under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic and honored with the presence of the President of the Republic, Mr. N. Anastasiadis.

Organization: European University Cyprus – World Pontian Youth Coordinating Committee

Speakers:

- Nikos Michailidis, Social Anthropologist, Doctor of Princeton University, USA

- Kostas Gouliamos, Professor, Rector European University, Cyprus

- Evripidis Stylianides, Visiting Professor, School of Law, European University, Cyprus

-Theodosios Kyriakidis, Theologian, Doctor of History, Head of the Research Center of St. George Peristerota

Venue: Municipal Theatre, Larnaca

Date: 17 May 2017

■ **Training day for the Consumer Protection Authority and Consumer Protection Associations: “Issues of Consumer Protection Law: consumer guarantees for goods, distance contracts and unfair commercial practices”**

The training looked into issues of Consumer Protection Law: consumer guarantees for goods, distance contracts and unfair commercial practices”, Training day for the Consumer Protection Authority and Consumer Protection Associations, 8 May 2017, European University Cyprus, Nicosia Cyprus (organized by the Cyprus Consumer Association and funded by the Consumer Protection Authority of the Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism).

Organization: European University Cyprus - Cyprus Consumer Association and funded by the Consumer Protection Authority of the Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism - Markou Law office and Partners

Speakers: Dr. Christiana Markou, Lecturer, EUC & Agis Petrides

Venue: Room 018, EUC Date: Tuesday 27 June 2017

## 7.6. School of Arts and Education Sciences

### 7.6.1. Message from the Dean of the School of Arts and Education Sciences, Dr. Loizos Symeou

The School of Arts and Education Sciences of European University Cyprus has dynamically and successfully evolved over the years, demonstrating a strong foothold and presence in the field of Arts, Design, Music, Education, Teaching, and Pedagogy. This development and continuous chain of fulfilling and productive years continued during the academic year 2016-17.

During this year, our Department of Arts, and consequently our University, was ranked first and in the highest category from Cyprus in the U-Multirank European Union evaluation and ranking of universities system in the research category 'Art Related Outputs'. The U-Multirank 'Art Related Outputs' research category is defined as 'the number of scholarly outputs in the creative and performing arts, relative to the full-time equivalent number of academic staff'.

In the academic year 2016-17, the School of Arts and Education Sciences enhanced its innovation in alternative teaching methods by coordinating the implementation of our university blended courses project, and continued to offer its postgraduate programs of study through the Distance Education teaching methodology, with the number of registered students exceeding 50% of the entire body of Distance Education students at the University. At the undergraduate level, the BAs 'Early Childhood Education', 'Music' and 'Graphic Design' continued for another year to be the top choice of students studying in these fields among the private university sector in Cyprus. Notably, the postgraduate program MA in Education Sciences: Special (Inclusive) Education was for another year the School's most attractive program of studies in both its conventional and distance education modes of instruction.

The School's avid presence extended to local community actions. Special mention is made here to the 4th biennial edition of the International Motion Festival, an open forum for the presentation of the most contemporary and most creative work in the world of motion, which has been established as the pioneering festival that promotes innovative and cutting-edge work in the Mediterranean and the Middle East. The IMF is the platform for showcasing innovative motion art videos, spanning from motion graphics, to 2D and 3D animation, video art, and shorts and has received the EFFE Label 2015-2016 awarded by the European Festivals Association of the European Union. Special reference here also to the 3rd Cyprus Jazz Workshop established by the Department of Arts in collaboration with the USA Embassy in Cyprus and Jazz Education Abroad (JEA) taking place every July. In 2016-17, the Department of Education Sciences organized another successful two cycle-series of seminars on «Education, Culture and Society», as did the Department of Arts with its two cycle «Art Lecture Series». The School also continued issuing its electronic Newsletter, while a number of innovative activities and interventions were organized by the School's research laboratories: the Cultural Studies and Contemporary Arts (CSCA) Laboratory, the Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group, and the Early Childhood Education Lab. Research teams of the School have also participated with innovative research activities in the Researcher's Night 2016 with great success. In addition, the School organized a series of colloquia for the University's doctoral students.

The academic and research staff of the School produced on this year a large number of new publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals, and presented their work in international exhibitions and concerts, while they significantly increased their participation in international funded research programs. Regarding our students' achievements, during the academic year 2015-16, a number of students earned awards in the fields of Design and Music by participating in local and international competitions.

All these actions, including faculty, staff, and students, demonstrate the School's continuous efforts and outstanding output in all its scientific fields, both within the university and the local community.

## 7.6.2. Events

### 7.6.2.1. Department of Education Sciences

#### ■ Practical implications for working with children with Autism

This seminar aimed to present the characteristics of children who belong to the autistic spectrum on one the hand and on the other hand to present educational approaches in order to help those students in the everyday life of a mainstream classroom.

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Arts and Education Sciences in collaboration with Democratic movement of teachers

Coordinator: Dr. Anastasia Hadjiyiannakou

Speaker: Dr. Ioannis Vogindroukas

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: Friday, 3 March 2017

#### ■ Working with the AFS method in order to work effectively with students with learning disabilities.

The purpose of this seminar was to highlight the need for each student with learning disabilities to have independent and specialized teaching, according to his/her needs and the presentation of the AFS (Attention – Function – Symptom) teaching method. This multisensory method was developed for improving the skills of those students and helping them cope with their difficulties.

Organization: Department of Education Sciences in collaboration with the Cyprus Association of Special Educators (CA.SPE)

Coordinator: Dr. Anastasia Hadjiyiannakou

Speaker: Dr. Melina Christodoulidou

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: Saturday, 18 March 2017

#### ■ Lecture: "Erotokritos: A multimodal narrative" The experiences of students from the Vergina Lyceum, Larnaca during an interdisciplinary project. The lecture was part of the seminar series "Education, Culture & Society"

The seminar focused on the project "Erotokritos: a multimodal narrative". Using comics and other visual and language narrative practices, this project presented an innovative teaching suggestion for approaching literature in secondary school.

Coordinator: Dr. Constadina Charalambous & Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Department of Education Sciences

Speakers: Maria Magklara, Language teacher, Vergina Lyceum, PhD Candidate, King's College London and students from Vergina Lyceum

Venue: Auditorium B

Date: Friday, 10 March 2017

#### ■ The Linguistic Varieties of Cyprus, Inter cycle of three lectures: Documenting the language of the 'Other'. Turkish-Cypriots' "Romeika" and the Common Dictionnary of Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot dialects.

The lecture was part of the seminar series "Education, Culture & Society".

This seminar presented the results of a research project on "Romeika" spoken by Turkish-Cypriots, and the similarities between Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot linguistic varieties, as documented in the recently published "Common Dictionary of the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot varieties".

Coordinators: Dr. Constadina Charalambous & Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Department of Education Sciences

Speakers: Dr. Elena Ioannidou & Iacovos Hadjipieris

Venue: Room 208, European University Cyprus

Date: 14 March 2017



■ **The teaching of the Gurbeti language to Roma children**

The lecture was part of the seminar series “Education, Culture & Society”.

This seminar focused on the efforts for language maintenance in relation to the Gurbeti language through the teaching of the language to Roma children.

Coordinators: Dr. Constadina Charalambous & Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Department of Education Sciences

Speakers: Chryso Pelekani, Special Scientist, University of Cyprus, President of CypRom.

Venue: Room 208, European University Cyprus

Date: Tuesday, 4 April 2017

■ **The Armenian language: the key to a cultural treasury**

The lecture was part of the seminar series “Education, Culture & Society”.

This seminar presented the efforts of the Cypriot Armenian community to maintain their linguistic and cultural identity through the workings of Armenian schools.

Coordinators: Dr. Constadina Charalambous & Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Department of Education Sciences

Speaker: Vera Tahmazian, Director of Armenian Schools in Cyprus.

Venue: Room 208, European University Cyprus

Date: Tuesday, 9 April 2017

■ **Historical Empathy through sources: An example of the teaching of national anniversaries**

The workshop was offered to students studying education, as well as education practitioners of all grades. The seminar comprised of one theoretical and one practical section. The purpose of the workshop was to problematize participants on national celebrations and, consequently, to equip them with specific tools and the relevant theory in addressing national celebration events through the epistemological teaching and learning of history. In doing so, the workshop provided participants with knowledge and skills to impart a historical understanding through the meta-concept of historical empathy.

Explicitly, participants had the opportunity to:

1. Understand and locate and historical empathy in the context of historical literacy, as the latter is defined in the new curricula.
2. Understand the theoretical basis of historical empathy.
3. Become acquainted with the problems and challenges of historical empathy (what historical empathy is not).
4. Engage with the application of historical empathy in the classroom.
5. Discuss connections in relation to the conduct of national celebrations.

Coordinator: Maria K. Georgiou

Speakers: Maria K. Georgiou

Venue: EUC, room 101

Date: Wednesday, 29 March 2017

### 7.6.2.2. Department of Arts

#### ■ **Invited performance at the celebrations for the 10th anniversary of the wind band festival of Menemeni Municipality in Thessaloniki**

The Symphonic Band of Strovolos Municipality-European University Cyprus was invited to perform at the 10th annual wind band festival at Menemeni Municipality in Thessaloniki, Greece. The EUC band participated with other three bands from Greece and was the only band from abroad which was invited. It presented pieces for band and solo trumpet, flute and saxophone, with soloists Mike Michael, Demetris Yiassemides (instructor of flute at EUC) and Yiannis Miralis (instructor of saxophone and conductor of the wind band). The band attracted the warm applause of the audience.

Organization: Ambelokipi Municipal Conservatory

Coordinator: Dr. Yiannis Miralis

Date: 21 January, 2017

#### ■ **Roundtable Discussion: Museum Education Practices: Challenges and Dilemmas**

The Cultural Studies and Contemporary Arts Lab organized its first roundtable of 2017 with emphasis on Museum Education. Different museum professionals, educators and researchers came together to discuss specific programs designed for varied audiences and applied at different local museums. The aim of this roundtable was to familiarize the public with current programs and trends in museum education in Cyprus and become a platform of an open dialogue between museums and its publics. Specific questions discussed included issues of accessibility, inclusion, and the democratization of museums through their educational philosophies and practices, as well as the challenges faced by museums and professionals alike, considering the development, execution and funding of programs for different audiences, as well as the socio-political landscape. Questions for the future were also discussed. (Coordinator: Dr. Elena Stylianou)

Organization: The Cultural Studies and Contemporary Arts Lab, Department of Arts, School of Arts and Education Sciences

Coordinator: Dr. Elena Stylianou

Speakers: Despo Pasia, Museologist, Museum Educator - UCL – Institute of Education, London and Ministry of Education and Culture, Cyprus / Dr. Andri Savva, Special Teaching Personnel, University of Cyprus/ Valentina Eracleous, Special Scientist, University of Cyprus / Evgenia Achilleos, Special Scientist, University of Cyprus / Sophia Rossidou, Early Childhood Educator / Constantina Vasiliou, Early Childhood Educator / Dr. Tereza Markidou, Scientific Collaborator, EUC/ Kypros Gewrgiou, Museum Educator, Loukia and Michalakis Zambelas Museum, Nicosia

Venue: Auditorium A, European University Cyprus / Date: 21 January 2017

#### ■ **Patterns and Symbols in Search of Identity**

During this lecture, Illustrator Marios Constantinides presented his ongoing research and visual diary about his latest project titled "Patterns and symbols in search of identity." Constantinides began this project by recording patterns and symbols encountered in ancient Cypriot art, while working as a freelance illustrator for antiquities in museums, archives and archaeological sites. Reflecting upon selected motifs and symbols and illustrating them in sequences, or by creating contradictions between them, he aims at mapping potential conceptual developments and at shifting existing narratives and representations relevant to our conventional understandings of Cypriot antiquities and our past.

Coordinator: Dr. Elena Stylianou

Speaker: Marios Constantinides, artist, illustrator

Venue: Graphic Design Studios, European University Cyprus / Date: 29 March 2017

#### ■ **Roundtable Discussion: Museums and Technology: Interactivity, Accessibility and the Audience**

The Cultural Studies and Contemporary Arts Lab organized its second roundtable of 2017 with emphasis on the relationship between museums and technology. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Elena Stylianou.

Organization: The Cultural Studies and Contemporary Arts Lab, Department of Arts, School of Arts and Education Sciences

Coordinator: Dr. Elena Stylianou

Speakers: Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Department of Education Sciences, European University Cyprus/ Dr. Despina Michael-Grigoriou, Department of Multimedia, Cyprus University of Technology/ Panayiotis Kyriakou, Cyprus Institute

Venue: Graphic Design Studios, European University Cyprus

Date: 9 April 2017

#### ■ **Building the Future of Museum Education**

The aim of the symposium was the presentation of good practices in topics of organization, presentation and promotion of educational programs in museums in Cyprus, as well as the discussion and interaction between professionals and academics on issues that concern the relationship between museums and education on multiple levels.

Organization: The Cultural Studies and Contemporary Arts Lab, Department of Arts, School of Arts and Education Sciences and the A.G. Leventis Gallery

Coordinator: Loukia Loizou Hadjigavriel and Dr. Elena Stylianou

Keynote Speakers: Florence Dinet, Director of the new room and program La Petite Galerie, the Louvre / Gaelle Dakan, PR relations for the program La Petite Galerie, the Louvre

Venue: A.G. Leventis Gallery, Nicosia, Cyprus

Date: 10 May 2017

#### ■ **Musical Vibes titled "Myths and Legends VIII"**

The concert included musical excerpts from movies such as The Hobbit, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, Avatar, as well as stage music inspired by Celtic and Cypriot myths. More than 180 participating students from:

American International School in Cyprus, Ayios Ioannis Gymnasium in Lakatamia, English School, Falcon School, Grammar School, Nicosia Regional School Orchestra, String Orchestra of European Conservatory, Symphonic Band of Strovolos Municipality- European University Cyprus.

Teacher/Conductors: Argyro Christodoulides, Leoni Hadjithoma, Renos Ierides, Kate Jarrold, Evagoras Karageorgis, Koullis Limniotis, Yiannis Miralis, Anna Tellalis. There were simultaneous screening of short animated films by students from the Department of Multimedia and Graphic Arts of the Cyprus University of Technology.

All proceedings were given to the Anticancer Association of Cyprus.

Coordinator: Dr. Yiannis Miralis

Artists: Choral and instrumental ensemble of approximately 200 high school and music students.

Venue: Strovolos Municipality Theatre / Date: Monday, 27 March 2017

#### ■ **Music and Theatre Festival**

The event was organized in order to raise money for the Cyprus Association of "One dream - one wish". Children and adults had the chance to listen to different kind of music and stories, watch different kinds of dance and participate in math, science and art activities.

Organization: "Poupou i alepou", Strovolos Community Police, Non-profit organization "One dream - One Wish", European University Cyprus

Coordinator: Dr. Marianna Efstathiadou – Dr. Chrystalla Papademetri Kachrimani

Venue: European University Cyprus - Cultural Center, Cultural Center Lobby, AUDA, AUDB, AUDD, OMEGA

Date: Wednesday, 8 April 2017

#### ■ **Chamber music concert by the Transcontinental Saxophone Quartet at Concordia College, USA**

The quartet was invited to participate in the celebrations for Concordia's 125th anniversary and was offered free as a special gift from Concordia College. The quartet presented a varied repertoire with works by American, Greek, Spanish and Italian composers. Specifically, works by D. Maslanka, J. Girotto, Ph. Glass and V. Tenidis were performed. Of particular interest was the 20th anniversary performance of "Mountain Roads" by American composer David Maslanka, which is a commission of the TSQ and has established itself in the sax quartet repertoire. Through its wide range of repertoire the TSQ showcased the dynamism and flexibility of the saxophone quartet.

Organization: Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, USA

Coordinator: Dr. Yiannis Miralis

Artists: The quartet consisted of Russell Peterson (soprano saxophone, Associate Professor of Saxophone and Jazz Studies,

Concordia College, USA), Marco Albonetti (alto saxophone, Saxophone Professor at Trento Conservatory, Italy), Carrie Koffman (tenor saxophone, Adjunct Professor of Saxophone at University of Hartford & Yale University, USA) and Dr. Yiannis Miralis (baritone saxophone, Associate Professor at European University Cyprus, Cyprus).

Venue: Centrum, Knutson Campus Center, Concordia College, MN, USA

Date: 10 March 2017

### ■ The Concordia Orchestra Spotlight Concert

The quartet was invited to perform the "Concerto for saxophone quartet and orchestra" by American composer Philip Glass with the Concordia Orchestra under the direction of conductor Kevin F.E. Sutterlin.

Organization: Music Department, Concordia College

Coordinator: Dr. Yiannis Miralis

Artists: The quartet consisted of Russell Peterson (soprano saxophone, Associate Professor of Saxophone and Jazz Studies, Concordia College, USA), Marco Albonetti (alto saxophone, Saxophone Professor at Trento Conservatory, Italy), Carrie Koffman (tenor saxophone, Adjunct Professor of Saxophone at University of Hartford & Yale University, USA) and Dr Yiannis Miralis (baritone saxophone, Associate Professor at European University Cyprus, Cyprus).

Venue: Centrum, Knutson Campus Center, Concordia College, MN, USA

Date: 11 March 2017

### ■ Jazz Ensemble Concert

The TSQ was invited to perform with the Concordia Jazz Ensemble I, presenting the works "...Who needs enemies?" and "Gospel Fever" under the direction of composer Russell Peterson.

Organization : Music Department, Concordia College

Coordinator: Dr. Yiannis Miralis

Artists: The quartet consisted of Russell Peterson (soprano saxophone, Associate Professor of Saxophone and Jazz Studies, Concordia College, USA), Marco Albonetti (alto saxophone, Saxophone Professor at Trento Conservatory, Italy), Carrie Koffman (tenor saxophone, Adjunct Professor of Saxophone at University of Hartford & Yale University, USA) and Dr Yiannis Miralis (baritone saxophone, Associate Professor at European University Cyprus, Cyprus)

Venue: Anderson Commons, Knutson Campus Center, Concordia College, MN, USA

Date: 12 March 2017







## 8.1. Student Distinctions and Achievements

### 8.1.1. School of Arts and Education Sciences

#### ■ **Andreas Constantinou - 1st Prize and Anna Maria Theophanous - 2nd Prize at the National Logo Competition**

Andreas Constantinou and Anna Maria Theophanous, Graphic Design students at European University Cyprus, were awarded the 1st and 2nd Prize respectively, at the National Logo Competition organized by the Cyprus Association of Social Engineers (CYACE).

The winning logo was created by the students during the Visual Communication course and was under the supervision of Ms. Yianna Christophorou.

It is worth mentioning that the competition was vast since the contest was open to all students and professional graphic designers.

You may see the winning logos in below link: <http://spolmik.org/logocontestresults17/>

#### ■ **Michalis Hapeshis-1st Prize, Stelios Papageorgiou- 2nd Prize and Ioakim Hatzithoma-4th Prize**

##### **At the national Poster Competition**

Michalis Hapeshis, Stelios Papageorgiou and Ioakim Hatzithoma, Graphic Design students at European University Cyprus, were awarded the 1st, 2nd and 4th Prize, respectively, at the national Poster Competition organized by the 4th International Motion Festival, Cyprus in collaboration with website (I LOVE GRAPHIC). The winning posters were created by the students during the Graphic Design 1 course and were under the supervision of Ms. Demetra Englezou.

It is worth mentioning that the competition was vast since the contest was open to all students.

For more information, check this link:

<http://ilovegraphic.net/anakinothikan-i-nikites-tou-diagonismou-afisas-gia-tis-lemonades-wostok/>

### 8.1.2. School of Business

#### ■ **Competition organized by European University Cyprus in cooperation with the Central Bank of Cyprus**

Mr. Andreas Malliapis and Mr. Xrysovalantis Georgiou of the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics of European University Cyprus were the two winners of a joint competition with the Central Bank of Cyprus. As a prize, Andreas and Xrysovalantis will be employed by the Central Bank for 6 months. The competition was unique for the University and it was open to all graduates that were enrolled in the program offered by the Department (Accounting, Economics and Finance).

#### ■ **Pancyprian recognition of EUC student and Renewal of Exceptions from ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) for our Accounting Graduates.**

A Student of the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics was selected through a pancyprian competition of ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) as a paid intern for the summer of 2018 in one of the large audit firms of the island. During the past academic year, we have had a record placement of our students as interns in audit firms, banks and regulatory institutions

#### ■ **Pancyprian recognition of EUC student and trip to China**

Abraham Jeff Ndamnuki, a Student of the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics has been selected through a pancyprian competition to represent Cyprus in China. The student won the pancyprian competition. The topic was the effect of the Belt and Road Chinese initiative to the Cyprus – China relationship, and it was organized by the embassy of China in Cyprus.



## 8.2. Student events / Student life / Career

### School of Business:

#### ■ Co-operation with the Association of Chartered Accountants of Greece (SOEL).

The Accounting, Economics and Finance Department (represented by Assistant Professor Alexios Kythreotis) and the Association of Chartered Accountants of Greece, jointly decided to co-operate. Specifically, the graduates of the Accounting Department of European University Cyprus will enjoy some exceptions from the courses of the Association of Chartered Accountants of Greece. We are the only University from Cyprus, which has Exemptions from the Association.

#### ■ Renewal of Exceptions from ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), with more exceptions granted for General Business Students.

The Accounting, Finance and Finance Department successfully renewed the exemptions from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants towards their professional degree. The exceptions for Accounting Graduates have remained the maximum, which is 9. For the first time however, students of General Business can receive up to 8 exemptions depending on their choice of elective modules.

#### ■ Renewal of Exceptions from ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) for our Accounting Graduates.

The Accounting, Finance and Finance Department successfully renewed the exemptions from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, adding exceptions for the professional diploma of Chartered Accountant. The total possible exemption for an accounting graduate are twelve. The university is unique in creating a bespoke 12 modules to support the students in order to raise the success level of students who achieve the maximum exceptions.

#### ■ Mass integration of EUC Accounting Students at the ACCA Accelerate Scheme

The EUC, as Partners In Learning with the ACCA, (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) participated in the Accelerate Scheme offered by the ACCA. This allows EUC students to become ACCA student members by registering through this Accelerate scheme early on in their studies. This includes a discount on exempted courses, lower initial registration fees, free student subscription, as well as access to the ACCA website and all ACCA resources and use of 'Student ACCA member' after their names. The scheme was a great success with more than 50 students registering.

### School of Law:

#### ■ Student Competition:

The Federation of International Employers (FedEE) joined forces with the Law Faculty of European University Cyprus and ran a competition for final year law students from the University.

Students were asked to undertake analyses of the FedEE knowledge base. Each competing student selected a country and was asked to find fault with it in terms of necessary updates, additional useful content and errors. The content proved to be robust, but the competitors did find missing content and suggested improvements. The winner of the challenge received a bursary to cover a module of their course, plus a trophy.

Results: Winner: Constantina Stavroyianni – Focus on Malta / Merit: Stavroula Nicolaou – Focus on Switzerland / Merit: Efthymia Chatziagoraki – Focus on Belgium

Organization: FedEE, EUC

Coordination: Dr. Venetia Argyropoulou, Mrs Eleni Markantoni

Participants: School of Law students, EUC

Venue: EUC / Date: 23 March 2017

- **“Researcher’s Night 2017”:** The Research Promotion Foundation (RIP) organized, in collaboration with academic and research institutions and other local actors, the “Researcher’s Night” event. This was an initiative of the European Commission that took place simultaneously in almost all countries of Europe.

The audience of all ages had the opportunity to get in touch with Cypriot researchers and their work in a festive and friendly atmosphere. At the event’s pavilions, researchers presented their work and informed the public about the role and importance of research in the modern world, as well as about the daily, practical applications of their research results. At the same time, the audience had the opportunity to engage in experiments and to become a night researcher.

Organization: Research Promotion Foundation (RPF) in collaboration with academic and research institutions as well as other organizations in Cyprus.

Coordinator: Dr. Venetia Argyropoulou

Participants: School of Law students, EUC

Venue: Cyprus International Fair

Date: 29 January 2017

- **Seminar for students and young Law graduates**

On 17 and 18 February 2017, the Central Bank of Cyprus organized a seminar for students and young law graduates in banking and finance law. There were groups from almost all the Law Schools of Cyprus. Among them were two groups of law students from our University, who developed papers on “The bank’s responsibility as a payment service provider for unauthorized payment transactions” (presented by the students Mrs. Andriana Saliari, Konstantina Stavrogianni and Maria Voukelatou) and “Unfair terms in banking contracts: Deficiencies and progress in Cypriot legal reality” (presented by the students: Assimina Balli, Georgia-Elsi Keroulis, Alexandros Dallas and Nikos Zenius). Both teams were supervised by Dr. Christiana Markou and Dr. Euripides Rizos (Lecturers at the Law School) as well as Ms. Venetia Argyropoulou (Special Scientific Associate at the Law School). The team that developed the aforementioned first paper (on unauthorized payment transactions) won the first prize (its publication will be published on the website of the Central Bank of Cyprus). The other team (for unfair terms) also received a distinction, as it was ranked in the top three.

Organization: Central Bank of Cyprus

Coordinator: Dr. Venetia Argyropoulou, Dr. Euripidis Rizos, Dr. Christiana Markou

Participants: Central Bank of Cyprus

Venue: Bank of Cyprus

Date: 17 and 18 February 2017

## School of Sciences: Computer Science and Engineering Department

- **Digital Cyprus Championship Competition**

A group of students of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering received the 1st place award in this year’s Digital Champion of Cyprus contest (June 2017), specifically in the “Student Entrepreneurship” category for the idea “Medical Robotic Tool for Occupational Therapy”.

The winning team consisted of the students: Charalambos Kontogiannis (BSc in Computer Science) & Petros Papaioannou (BSc in Computer Engineering)

The idea concerns the development of a robotic system and a series of sensors that will help children and adults recover using the method of forced use of the dead end. Key benefits of the concept are the expected greatly improved efficiency of the existing method, as well as the ability to calculate patient improvement over time. This idea aims at improving the quality of health services by introducing innovative technology in occupational therapy.

Students’ Mentors:

Dr. Pericles Leng-Cheng, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, EUC and Dr. Pavlina Psychouli, Lecturer, Department of Health Sciences, Coordinator of Occupational Therapy Program, EUC.

■ **15th International Conference on Informatics, Management and Technology in Healthcare / Best Paper Award Best Student Paper Award**

Dr. Konstantinos Katzis, Associate Professor of the Computer Science and Engineering Department and Mr. Vasileios Frangos (student of the Computer Science and Engineering Department) have received the best paper award and the best student paper award respectively in the 15th International Conference on Informatics, Management and Technology in Healthcare that took place in Athens (July 2017).

The awarded papers were entitled:

The Artificial Pancreas: Reducing Safety Risk via Intra-Peritoneal Insulin Delivery

<http://ebooks.iospress.nl/volumearticle/46826>

by Richard W. Jones, Francesco Gianni, Georgios Despotou, Konstantinos Katzis

Creating XML/PHP Interface for BAN Interoperability

<http://ebooks.iospress.nl/volumearticle/46836>

by Vasileios Fragkos, Konstantinos Katzis, Georgios Despotou

■ **4th Pancyprian Olympiad of Informatics**

Our University team received the first place for the second consecutive year at the 4th Pancyprian Olympiad of Informatics, with the implementation of a robotic bowling simulation system.

The Pancyprian Olympiad of Educational Robotics took place in the closed gym of the Latsia Municipality "Sotiris Messios" (8 October, 2016). In the Olympiad, groups of two or three people from Primary Schools, Gymnasias, Lyceums, Universities, as well as independent groups from tutorials, participated.

In the framework of the Olympiad, this year, for the second time, the contest for post-university / university level was organized for students from Cyprus universities and colleges. Our team consisted of the students Alexandr Fominykh, Majd Qumseya and Michalis Christodoulou and their coach was Dr. Pericles Cheng, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, European University Cyprus.

■ **World Robot Olympiad of 2016**

Our University team went to New Delhi where they participated in the World Robot Olympiad of 2016 (25-27 November 2016). They ranked 20th in the Advanced Robotics Category out of 52 teams from all over the world. This was an important achievement for our University.

The students who participated in designing and programming the robot were:

Petros Papaioannou, Aleksandr Fominykh, Majd Qumseya and Michalis Christodoulou.

Instructor/Mentor: Dr. Pericles Leng-Cheng, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, EUC.

**Health Sciences Department:**

■ **World Congress of Physiotherapy 2017**

The paper titled "Validity and Reliability of the Finkelstein's test" by Areti Cheimonidou and Dr. Dimitrios Stasinopoulos was approved to be presented as a poster presentation at the World Congress of Physiotherapy 2017, which took place on 2-4 July in Cape Town, South Africa.

The paper titled "Physical activity motives and their ability to predict the physical activity level of young adults" of a post-graduate student of Sports Physiotherapy was approved as a Poster presentation at the World Congress of Physiotherapy 2017 which took place on 2-4 July in Cape Town, South Africa. The authors were Koustravas M, Dimitriadis Z, Stasinopoulos D, Kaprelis E, Stribakos N.

The programs (basic degree, postgraduate, and doctorate) of the Physiotherapy program of European University Cyprus participated (February 2017) for the second consecutive time in a world conference of Physiotherapy, with co-author Dr. Dimitrios Stasinopoulos, Associate Professor of Physiotherapy, President of the Department of Health Sciences, European University Cyprus.

■ **27th Research Competition of the Medical Association of Limassol**

The postgraduate work of student Galatia Lambrianidou (Public Health) entitled "Investigation of the validity of indicators of material and social deprivation in the Cypriot population" received a praise at the 27th Research Workshop of the Medical Association of Limassol (March 2017).

The supervision of this work was undertaken by Dr. Lamnisos Dimitris, Assistant Professor, Public Health Program, European University Cyprus.

■ **International Journal: "Journal of Biology of Exercise"**

The students Efstratiadis Anastasios, Kasapakis Manos, Stelikos Giorgos, Ploutarchou Giorgos, Marangos Sotiris and Stelikou Vikentia, published an article (April 2017) titled "The Subacromial Impingement Syndrome of the Shoulder: The Role of a Physiotherapist in the Evaluation and Treatment of the Syndrome" in the International Scientific Magazine 'Journal of Biology of Exercise' (impact factor 2016 0.99).

The postgraduate program coordinator, Dr. Dimitrios Stasinopoulos, Associate Professor of Physiotherapy, Chair of the Department of Health Sciences, European University Cyprus and Dr. Konstantinos Fousekis, Scientific Collaborator, helped students to create the article.

■ **10th European Conference on Public Health**

The following papers of the postgraduate program of Public Health were accepted for presentation at the 10th European Public Health Conference, held in Stockholm in early November:

- Use of health education campaigns to promote HPV vaccination in teenagers. Panayiota Vasou, Supervisor: Dr. Giagkos Lavranos.
- Long-term efficacy of health promotion to improve STD awareness in adolescents. Panayiota Vasou, Supervisor: Dr. Giagkos Lavranos.
- A small-area analysis of health inequalities across the geodemographic area classification in Cyprus. Nicoletta Kyprianou, Supervisor: Dr. Dimitris Lamnisos.
- A small-area validation of deprivation using 2011 census data from Cyprus. Galatia Lamprianidou, Supervisor: Dr. Dimitris Lamnisos.
- Antimicrobial resistance in patients with urinary tract infection in a healthcare facility in Greece. Anna Dimitrokalı, Supervisor: Dr. Georgios Nikolopoulos.

■ **72th Congress of Orthopedic Surgery & Traumatology**

Mrs. Tsagaraki Chrysanthi, a former student of the Physiotherapy program and now a postgraduate student of the Sports Physiotherapy Program, presented a speech entitled "Osteoarthritis" at the 72nd Congress of Orthopedic Surgery & Traumatology, which took place on 12-15 October 2016, at Divani Caravel Hotel in Athens.

■ **Hamstring injuries: Prevention and Rehabilitation" in the Journal of Biology of Exercise (impact factor 2016 0.99).**

The student of the Postgraduate Program of Sports Physiotherapy Mr. Kallis Kallis published an article (October 2016) entitled "Hamstring injuries: Prevention and Rehabilitation" in the Journal of Biology of Exercise (impact factor 2016 0.99).

The article was created with the help of Dr. Dimitrios Stasinopoulos, Associate Professor of Physiotherapy, Chair of the Department of Health Sciences, European University Cyprus.

## Office of Student Affairs:

### ■ Field Trip to KEAN Factory

Within the framework of the Internship Exercise (NUD420), European University Cyprus senior students of the Nutrition and Dietetics Program visited the KEAN plant in Limassol on 2 October 2017.

During the visit, the students were informed about the process of production of canned products, as well as the technological developments in the field of aseptic canning of juices (TETRA PAK). The students were also informed about the implementation of the HACCP (Preventive Safety and Hygiene) system and the various tests (microbiology, chemistry and physics) conducted at the well-equipped laboratory of the company. The process ensures the best quality of the company's products. The students were accompanied by Prof. Ioannis Karis and Mrs. Vana Giagou.

### ■ The Occupation of the Internal Auditor - Opportunities and Areas of Employment

The European University Cyprus Career Center organized a presentation titled "The Occupation of the Internal Auditor - Opportunities and Areas of Employment". Mr. Kostas Melanides, Administrative Officer of the Institute of Cyprus Internal Auditors (IIA Cyprus), presented to the students the profession of the Internal Auditor.

Mr. Melanides explained that the Cyprus Institute of Internal Auditors was established in 1998 and now numbers 560 registered members. It is a full member of the World Institute of Internal Auditors and the European Confederation of Internal Audit Institutions (ECIIA). It is managed by an elected board of ten members. It organizes, on a yearly basis, a training program covering various issues related to the profession. Members and non-members of the Association can attend these training courses. In addition, it promotes the professional qualifications of Certified Internal Auditors (CIA), which are recognized as the top professional training for internal auditors around the world.

The presentation included the core concepts of the internal audit profession, the guidelines and rules established by the IIA for the profession, through the official International Professional Standards and the Code of Conduct. In addition, the main duties, and responsibilities of the internal auditor were analyzed and many examples were presented to the students. Particular emphasis was placed on the three categories of audits carried out by internal auditors, using practical examples. At the end of the presentation, a significant number of students showed keen interest and asked questions about job opportunities.

### ■ Workshop: Commercial Awareness for ACCA

The European University Cyprus Career Center, the Ioannis Gregoriou School of Business Administration Department of Accounting and Finance, and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales organized a lecture on "ICAEW - The Importance of Acquiring Commercial Understanding".

The speakers, Jacqueline Grisdale Senior Marketing Director in Britain and Mrs. Christina Diola, Members & Stakeholders Manager in Europe, presented professional choices in the financial sector. Emphasis was placed on how today, as never before, young people need to form a portfolio of professional choices, something that is always possible with the acquisition of the ACA professional title. Beyond the field of finance, taxation and financial control, professional accountants need to develop extensive knowledge of the business environment. The importance of developing commercial awareness is now required by all professionals, and time should be invested in the understanding of various business operational techniques and hubs of information. The students worked in groups to understand the business scope of the Adidas International organization and analyzed the issues and challenges faced in this business by examining a number of issues taking into account the political, economic, legal, competitive and general market conditions.

### ■ Workshop: The Psychosynthesis of the Personal Interview

The Career Center invited Mr. Andreas Kountouros, Human Resources Manager of Cube Audit Ltd to present to European University Cyprus students the subject: "The Psychosynthesis of the Personal Interview."

Mr. Kountouros outlined what a Curriculum Vitae should include, how each and every candidate should prepare and analyze the interview and negotiation process. He focused on the parameters that Human Resource staff analyze when they receive information from the Curriculum Vitae. He explained what skills and characteristics promote a candidate and explained how they shortlist candidates. Mr. Kountouros referred to typical mistakes that candidates make in a personal interview and underlined the importance of experience. He also suggested that social media can empower or prevent a candidate's opportunities.

The workshop was particularly interesting, as students expressed various questions and received direct and honest feedback.

■ **Field Trip for Dietetics & Nutrition students**

European University Cyprus Nutrition and Dietetics students had the opportunity to visit Aes Ambelis Winery on Thursday, 14 December 2017. The students toured the two-level structured unique architectural winery. During the tour, the students were introduced to the modern wine-making facilities, as well as the underground cellar for barrel and bottle aging.

■ **Seminar: The historical trial of the Knights Templar, Nicosia, Cyprus 1310-1311**

The event was a representation of the trial of the Knights Templar (Poor Brothers of the Soldiers of Christ and the Solomon Temple), which took place in Nicosia in 1310 and in 1311, based on the authentic records of the trial published by the Vatican. At the time of the trial, the Temple of Knights Templar was the Medieval Kolossi Castle in Limassol, which the students of the Law School visited during a training trip with Dr. Charalambos Stamelos, a Legal Associate of the Law School, on 31 October 2017.

■ **«One Belt One Road» - Connecting Cultures event**

The Cyprus-Chinese Cultural Center of European University of Cyprus organized the «One Belt One Road - Connecting Cultures event», where hundreds of students came across with elements of Chinese and Cypriot culture. The event enabled the intercultural community of European University Cyprus to get acquainted with aspects and elements of both the Chinese and Cypriot cultures. The event was attended by his Excellency the Chinese Ambassador to Cyprus, Huang Xingyuan.

■ **Celebration of the 30-year anniversary of the Erasmus Program**

An event to celebrate 30 years since the launch of the Erasmus program took place. The event included activities, which provided the opportunity to Erasmus students in Cyprus to familiarize themselves with Cypriot folk traditions and to celebrate the day with the rest of the University's students.

■ **Seminar "The Profile of offenders and the Mass Media – Positions from a Psychological Perspective"**

A Seminar organized by the Psychology Club, where the Profile of criminal offenders in the Mass Media Channels was presented. Furthermore, views and a scientific approach of the Media Channels in the Psychology Science were also presented.

■ **Spring Party**

A Party was organized on 1 March 2017 by the Office of Student Affairs to welcome new and old students to the New year and the Spring Semester. The program included music by the well-known deejay Nico Varvareso and free drinks for everyone.

■ **Seminar "The Socrates Trial"**

The Law School, the Law Society of European University Cyprus and the Association of Greek and Cypriot Lawyers organized the Summit "The Socrates trial" where students presented the case and debated several arguments. The event's rapporteurs (judges, lawyers, prosecutors and teachers) then analyzed the Aspects of the History of Law and Contemporary Extensions of the Proceedings. In the end, the rapporteurs and spectators voted for the acquittal or condemnation of Socrates.

■ **Seminar "1st Day of Legal Careers"**

The Hellenic Students' Association organized an event titled "1st Day of Legal Careers". The speakers of the event were The Judge of the Supreme Court Erotokritos Erotokritou, the Assistant Professor of Criminal Procedures at the Democritus University of Thrace, Mr. Anastasios Triantafyllou, Mrs. Dimitra Triantafyllou (Lawyer - accredited Mediator) and Mr. Evangelos Nikolaou (student of the National School of Judges and PhD candidate at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki). The speakers covered a wide range of issues including among others the prospects and challenges that a new lawyer will face. They also presented their experiences and strategic choices that led them to a successful career.

■ **"5 a Day" Event of the Nutrition & Dietetic Society**

The Nutrition and Dietetic Society of European University Cyprus organized an event entitled "5 a day". The day consisted of information regarding the daily consumption of fruits and vegetables. The event included:

- Free lipometry
- Demonstration of ways to include fruits and vegetables in our diet
- Information games



■ **Conference of the European University Cyprus Law Society**

The Law Society of European University Cyprus organized a conference on “Developments and contemporary concerns in public law: dialogue between Cyprus and Greece”. The Conference included many reputable speakers such as Mrs. Louiza Christodoulidou-Zannetou, Prosecutor of the Republic, Attorney’s General Office of the Republic; Mr. Euripides Stylianidis, Visiting Professor of the Law School of European University Cyprus, former Member of the Hellenic Parliament; Mr. Nikitas Hatzimichael, Assoc. Professor of Law at the University of Cyprus; Mr. Konstantinos Tsimaras, Dean of the Law School of European University Cyprus; and others. The recommendations of the Conference included issues such as “The necessity of establishing the Administrative Court and the legal issues”, “Legal considerations regarding the provision of Article 16 of the Greek Constitution”, “Freedom of contract and Constitution”, “Cancellation and differences of substance in the Greek and Cypriot Administrative Law” and others.

■ **Welcome Back Party**

A Party organized by the Office of Student Affairs to welcome all students to the new academic year. The program included music by Radio DeeJay 93.5, dance shows and free beers and drinks for everyone. One lucky student won a lottery draw of a 500 EUR deposit account from the Cyprus Cooperative Bank.

■ **Christmas Celebration**

A Christmas event to celebrate with students before the Christmas holidays took place. The program included music and dances performed by members of student clubs, as well as games with many prizes.

■ **Hiking Trip to Kalidonia**

The Hiking Club organized a Hiking Trip to the Troodos Area and most specifically to Kalidonia Falls and the Atalanti trail.

■ **Intercultural Communication Club Two-Day Trip to Pedoulas**

The Intercultural Communication Club organized a two-day trip to Pedoulas village, where the students had the chance to get to know the village through guided tours, visits and a hike.

■ **Intercultural Communication Club Trip to Troodos and Kakopetria**

The Intercultural Communication Club organized a day trip to Troodos and Kakopetria for the bonding of the members and to introduce the students to the Troodos and Kakopetria Villages through various strolls and visits.

■ **ASAAN 2017**

The African Student Association organized the African Student Association Awards Night 2017 where they granted Awards to the students of the African Society. Among other categories, they gave awards to students with the highest GPA per school, for Special Contribution etc. After the awards ceremony, the Association presented a rich program with live music, dance, drama, a fashion show and offered everyone traditional African food.

■ **Orientation Program**

The Office of Student Affairs organized the Orientation Program to welcome new students to the University community, facilitating the process of settling into a new and unfamiliar environment. Faculty and staff were on hand to show students around the campus, advise on University policies and regulations, and discuss the selection of courses.

The program included a general briefing covering academic procedures and Student Services, workshops on how to handle stress and how to cope with studies and the academic workload. An important part of the orientation program was the campus tour, which enabled students to familiarize themselves with the infrastructure and facilities of the University.

### ■ European University Cyprus Graduation Ceremony

The European University Cyprus Graduation Ceremony took place on Wednesday, 25 June 2017 in the presence of the Minister of Education and Culture Prof. Costas Kadis. At the ceremony, 775 graduate, postgraduate and doctoral degrees were awarded. Along with the titles, academic excellence awards were given to recognize high achievers and the graduates with the best academic performance of each School were also recognized.

The Rector of European University Cyprus, Professor Kostas Gouliamos stressed that “we are constantly investing in the development of students and, at the same time, we build on timeless and substantial conditions and structures of measurable employability. Already 78% of our students find work within one semester after graduation. This percentage is clearly one of the highest in Europe this period”.

Moreover, Prof. Kostas Gouliamos, in his speech, said that “the great achievements and international distinctions of European University Cyprus are based on the three-pillars of ‘Academic excellence - Innovation - Professional empowerment’, which he described as the educational architecture of modern knowledge. Knowledge that responds to the current competitive conditions of the labor market. Thus, European University Cyprus has evolved into a pioneering knowledge center, playing one of the leading roles in the field of higher education”.

After the end of the graduation ceremony, a reception was given at the premises of the University.



### 8.3. Employability

#### ■ Presentation - Careers in Europe

The European University Cyprus Career Center, the European Parliament Information Office and the Representation of the European Commission in Cyprus organized a lecture entitled "Do You Want a Career in the European Union?" on Thursday, 9 March 2017. More than 150 students attended the presentation. The speaker, Mr. Michalis Stylianou, Political Analyst presented the career opportunities offered at the European Institutions and explained the types of work: Permanent Positions, Contract Posts, Post Graduate Jobs, Apprenticeships. Mr. Stylianou referred to the many advantages that a young professional has in Europe, such as continuous and free education, job mobility, payroll and benefit package.

Mr. Stylianou outlined the application process, as well as sharing videos of snapshots of actual candidates. A pilot evaluation competition was also organized so that students can experience the process and the structure of the examination. Two students who scored the highest won two tickets and free accommodation in Brussels. They are: Alexander Dallas and Rami Drevked. All participants showed keen interest and participated actively in the event.

#### ■ 18th Annual Career Exhibition

The 18th Career Exhibition is part of the strategic planning for targeted actions that increase students' and graduates' employability. The exhibition was organized on Wednesday, 29 March 2017 at the Cultural Center of European University Cyprus.

The Exhibition offered the opportunity to investigate and explore new trends in the labor market and it facilitated students and companies to discuss job and internship opportunities. The exhibition was addressed to students, graduates and more generally to people who are exploring the Cyprus Labor Market.

The exhibition was attended by 63 companies from all sectors of the Cyprus Economy and by more than 800 students. The opening of the exhibition was carried out by Mr. George Markopoulitis, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Cyprus.

#### ■ Presentation: Building International Careers

The European University Cyprus Career Center organized successfully a seminar entitled "How to Create Dynamics to Search for an International Career" on Thursday, 4 March 2017. The speaker, Ms. Paula R. Cazador, Managing Director of P. Cazador Consulting, presented to an audience of over 50 students opportunities to enrich their employability and analyzed techniques which help students acquire knowledge and skills required in an international environment; such as communication, digital strategy and solving problems within a group. She also presented professionals who are engaged in selecting new staff for international clients, both in Cyprus and abroad. Furthermore, Ms. R. Cazador explained which professions and sectors are in demand in the International employment arena such as: Legal Services, Financial Services, Technology, Energy, Universities and research institutes, Health and Life Sciences.

#### ■ On-Campus Recruitment for the European Central Bank Conference

On 15 March 2017, the European University Cyprus Career Center and GRS conducted an information campaign to promote 130 part-time jobs. These placements provide the opportunity to students to gain work experience. Sixty students were recruited to work at the Central European Investment Bank Conference, which was held in May 2017 in Cyprus, thus upgrading their knowledge and increasing their employability. The placement has a duration of two weeks.

#### ■ Round Table Discussion

The European University Cyprus Career Center organized two focus groups with students and companies to present the new Smart Practice, funded by the European Commission under the Erasmus + KA2 Strategic Partnership. The aim of the focus groups was to obtain feedback from both the student and the business community about the Smart Practice Model. The new Smart Practice model focused on multidisciplinary treatment of internship opportunities using three stages of work experience, creating conditions for innovation and entrepreneurship. The feedback was very positive and constructive. The European University Cyprus Career Center piloted the implementation of the SMART Practice model directly, in co-operation with EY and the Cyprus Anti-Drugs Council. Representatives of FFG Cyprus, Central Bank of Cyprus, IMH, Materia Group, Cube Audit Ltd, EY, Baker Tilly, Media Box, Hope for Children, Pink Panster, Baker Tilly, Huarrei Technologies, Romico Trading Ltd, Anti-Drugs Council participated on behalf of the business community.

#### ■ Seminar: How to Create a Competitive LinkedIn Profile

The speaker, Mr. George Petrakides, Managing Director of the SocialSpace Academy, presented to an audience of more than 100 students the LinkedIn Social Network platform. The seminar focused on how to create competitive profiles and indicated ways in which users can take advantage of this tool to find a job and record their professional experience. Mr. Petrakides demonstrated how a student can be an active user, with which methods he/she can improve his/her profile and what skills and qualifications employers require.

### 8.4. Alumni Association

#### ■ Alumni Awards: “European University Cyprus & Cyprus College Microsoft Innovation Center Alumni Awards 2017”

Five hundred alumni members attended an emotionally intense and moving Alumni Award Ceremony on 24 January. During the Ceremony, alumni who excelled in their professional arena were awarded for their accomplishments, their ethos and social contribution.

With the annual European University Cyprus & Cyprus College Alumni Awards, the Association acknowledged and rewarded the achievements of four graduates and at the same time announced a grant of 20,000 EUR. The grant is awarded to a freshman student from the Alumni Scholarship Fund. This fund is supported by European University Cyprus.

- The “Graduate of the Year” Award was granted to Mr. Marios Stavrou, the founder of the non-governmental organization REACTION with offices in 22 countries and 12 fields of activity, especially for youth.

- The “Graduate Business of the Year” Award was granted to POWERSOFT Software Innovation Architect and Managing Director, Mr. George Malekkos.

- “The Entrepreneurship and Innovation Award” was granted to Mr. Dino Pashtos, Information Security Officer at CopyDo Social Investment Network Ltd.

- The “Women’s Professional Excellence Award” was granted to the soprano artist Mariza Anastasiades for her artistic career and her successful participation in international performances and competitions.

In his speech, the President of the Association, Mr. Yiannos Spyros, announced that the Association is in the final line to create a fully updated Business Directory that believes that it will help dynamic networking with the ultimate goal of mutual assistance and mutual support of its members. Mr. Spyrou thanked the European University Cyprus, Microsoft, the FF Group of Companies and the communications sponsor, Dias Group.

#### ■ Life-Long Learning Program organized by the European University Cyprus & Cyprus College Alumni Association

Recognizing the importance of Lifelong Learning in modern society, the European University Cyprus & Cyprus College Alumni Association continues to organize an Lifelong Learning Program each year for all its alumni. This year’s Program was successfully organized for the 5th consecutive year. Two of the most successful presentations of the Program, in which the graduates showed great interest, were:

1. “Entrepreneurship Opportunities”
2. “Limits in Behavior of Children”

The presentations were made by Giorgos Giorgakis, Chief Executive Officer of Eurosuccess Consulting, and Dr. Monica Siakou, Assistant Professor at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences respectively. European University Cyprus is committed to support and to actively contribute to maintaining a two-way and constructive relationship.

#### ■ Mingle Night

A highly relaxing and enjoyable evening was organized by the European University Cyprus & Cyprus College Alumni Association in collaboration with European University Cyprus. The initiative aimed to enable Alumni to get together and reconnect. The evening was greatly enjoyed with lots of laughter, food and drinks being appreciated by all. Graduates who had not met in decades took advantage of the evening to share their news and expand their acquaintances.

## 8.5. University Sports

European University Cyprus has participated for another year in the Championships organized by the Cyprus University Sports Federation. These tournaments provide an excellent opportunity for all students to exercise and escape from the daily routine of their studies through their participation as active members of the different teams or individual sports. Many of our students had the opportunity to participate in sports they like, recording several important successes throughout the year.

### Achievements 2016/17:

#### ■ Beach Volley:

For another year, the beach volley championship was held at the University of Cyprus. Both the organizers and the athletes enjoyed a day full of spectacle, suspense and many beautiful moments.

In the women's category, our couple (Vasiliki Charalambous – Georgia Marangou) in a thrilling final against the couple from University of Cyprus, took first place with an outstanding performance.

Two couples at the men's category represented our University. The first couple (Matheos Averkiou – Evagoras Christofi) fought for the gold medal against Frederick University. Both sets were very close and despite the good performance of our athletes, they achieved 2nd place. The second couple (Alexandros Kafizas – Konstantinos Georgiou) took 5th place.

#### ■ Futsal Men:

In a very competitive and difficult league, our team managed to win the title, losing only 2 points in the championship.

#### ■ Futsal Women:

Our team showed passion, fought in all the games, and managed to finish in 2nd place in the league.

#### ■ Volleyball

#### ■ Basketball Men:

The team fought hard in a difficult league, and managed to finish in 2nd place.

#### ■ Volleyball Women:

Our University team took first place with an outstanding performance, winning the league unbeaten.

#### ■ Handball Men:

Our University has managed to create a dynasty in this sport, winning another championship unbeaten.

#### ■ Table tennis:

Our athlete Andros Kypridimos secured 3rd place at the Table tennis championship.

#### ■ Judo Men:

Christos Tiligadis from European University Cyprus won the gold medal in the 100kg category.









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## 9.1. School of Business

### ■ The Value of Sport

Presentations/Lectures on the Value of Sport and Sport Management (Agios Neophytos Lyceum – Paphos and Agia Paraskevi High – School – Yeroskipou –Paphos): Dr. Mary Charalambous-Papamiltiades.

## 9.2. School of Medicine

### ■ Anatomy Workshop for kids

The School of Medicine of European University Cyprus in collaboration with the Department of Science Education organized an Anatomy workshop for children. Sixty 4th grade pupils visited the anatomy lab for one-and-a-half hours; they played, interacted and learned the structure and function of the musculoskeletal system under the supervision of 2nd and 3rd year medical students.

The children were guided through different activities: they created a life-sized skeleton using paper bones, they built their own skeleton models from cotton buds and they learnt the function of muscles and tendons by creating an arm model from cartons and balloons. Both children and teachers were extremely thrilled with the activity and were surprised to see how productive and fun it can be to study a difficult subject such as anatomy. In the end, they were offered one of the life-sized paper skeletons, as well as the models they built, in order to continue learning at school and at home.

Coordinators: Prof. Elizabeth Johnson and Dr. Dimitrios Ntourakis

Date: 19 December 2016

Venue: EUC Medical School

## 9.3. School of Sciences

### ■ «Health and Prevention» program by ExxonMobil (Department of Health Sciences / Nursing Program)

The social responsibility program “Health and Prevention” is operating since 2008 and is aimed at the development of the mobile health care unit “Health Care Esso”. The program is under the auspices of the Ministry of Health and is supported scientifically by the students of the Nursing Program of European University Cyprus. The tests take place on Saturdays at Esso stations across Cyprus. The unit provides free preventive tests for blood sugar, cholesterol and blood pressure. The aim of this action is to prevent, so those who with results that deviate from the permissible are encouraged to visit their doctor for further tests.

This free testing and prevention measure strives to improve the health and well-being of the population of Cyprus.

Coordinator: Dr. Maria Leonidou, Lecturer, Medicine, Department of Health Sciences, European University Cyprus (2016-2017)

### ■ “Running Under the Moon” (Department of Health Sciences / Physiotherapy Program)

Coordinators: Antonis Constantinou, Clinical Trainer, Physiotherapy Program / Panayiotis Rentzias, Clinical Trainer, Physiotherapy Program

Provision of physiotherapy services by students of the Physiotherapy program of European University Cyprus (September 2016).

Date: 29 November 2017

■ **“K1MAN16” (Department of Health Sciences / Physiotherapy Program)**

Coordinator: Panayiotis Rentzias, Clinical Trainer, Physiotherapy Program

Provision of physiotherapy services by students of the Physiotherapy program of EUC at the competition that took place at “Happy Valley” region in Limassol (24 October, 2016).

■ **“CLIMATHON” (Department of Life Sciences / Biological Sciences Program)**

The CLIMATHON event was a global initiative that took place on 28 October 2016. The relevant event for Cyprus was held in Limassol. Climathon’s goal was to create teams and train participants so that within 24 hours they could propose solutions to resolve a local problem. In Cyprus, the challenge was defined as finding innovative solutions and proposals for the prevention of pollution of seawater in Limassol. The suggestion of Dr. Eleftheriadou’s team was a holistic approach to the timely detection of pollution by using biosensors and drones, the immediate information of the relevant authorities and the public, and the correction of the problem by bioremediation, i.e. the use of specialized micro-organisms that clean pollutants.

Coordinator: Dr. Mary Eleftheriadou, Associate Professor, Microbiology, Coordinator of the BSc Biological Sciences program, European University Cyprus

■ **“MOVEMBER CYPRUS 2016” (Department of Health Sciences/ Radiology and Radiotherapy Program)**

In Movember Cyprus 2016, students from the Radiology-Radiotherapy program participated in the campaign against prostate cancer, taking part in the following events that took place all over Cyprus:

5 Nov - Shaving Event: The Barber Shop Nicosia

6 Nov - Shaving Event: Larnaca Hermou Square / Live Link Radio DeeJay

9 Nov - Medical Conference: American Medical Center Nicosia PSA Test

10 Nov - Medical Conference: European University Cyprus, Nicosia

12 Nov - Auction of Art Works / Almyra Hotel Paphos

13 Nov - Shaving Event: The Mall of Cyprus Nicosia / Live Link Radio LOVE FM

16 Nov - Medical Conference: Alexander College, Larnaca

23 Nov - Medical Conference: Health Polyclinic Limassol, PSA Test

25 Nov - Auction of Art Works / IsnotGallery Nicosia

2 Dec - Closing Party / Carob Mill Limassol

Every November, many men grow a mustache for a month. Target; Sensitization in the fight against male diseases, most notably that of prostate cancer.

The so-called Movember movement, a pun word from the combination of the words “Mo”, i.e. moustache and November, was launched in 2003 in Australia to encourage men to test for the early detection of cancer. At the same time, during November, the men growing their mustache are a live advertisement for the campaign.

Coordinator: Dr. Irene Polycarpou, Lecturer, Medical Physics, Program Coordinator, Radiology-Radiotherapy Program, European University Cyprus

■ **“WORLD DAY OF DIABETES” (Department of Life Sciences/ M.Sc. in Applied Nutrition and Dietetics/ Health Polyclinic (Limassol) - Graduate Program of Clinical Dietetics)**

Coordinator: Dr. Stavrie Chrysostomou, Lecturer, Nutrition and Dietetics Program, Coordinator of the Postgraduate Clinical Dietetics Program, European University Cyprus

An informative event was held (11 November 2016) in the hospital area and within the framework of the event, free medical examinations (pressure, sugar, etc.) as well as dietary advice from the postgraduate students of the program were offered.

■ **Campaign to Prevent and Inform the Public of Diabetes” (Department of Health Sciences / Nursing Program)**

The Nursing Program, at the request of the Pancyprian Diabetes Association, Limassol Branch, participated in a campaign to inform and prevent diabetes. The campaign was held at MY MALL Limassol on Sunday 20 November 2016 from 10:00 to 13:00. The campaign was attended by 3rd year students Eleonora Beres, Stella Paraskeva and Eleftheria Nikolaidou. Apart from informing the public about diabetes, the students also carried out blood tests for blood sugar levels, as well as blood pressure and pulse measurements.

Coordinator of the campaign was the graduate student of the Nursing Program Mrs. Irini Kouloumbri and the coordinator of the students Mr. George Charilaou, Lab supervisor / Clinical Trainer of the Nursing Program, EUC. The Pancyprian Diabetes Association granted students certificates of attendance.

■ **BLOOD DONATION” (Department of Computer Science and Engineering / EUC Office of Students Affairs)**

Members of the Department who supported the event:

Dr. Christos Dimopoulos, Dean of the School of Sciences, Associate Professor, Computer Science and Engineering, European University Cyprus

Dr. George Christou, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, European University Cyprus

Dr. Pericles Leng-Cheng, Instructor, Computer Science, European University Cyprus

Venue: EUC Cafeteria

23 November 2016

■ **“Occupational Therapy and Elderly” (Department of Health Sciences / Occupational Therapy Program)**

Coordinator: Dr. Pavlina Psychouli, Lecturer of Occupational Therapy, Coordinator of Occupational Therapy Program, EUC

A voluntary event was held (17 December 2016) at Ayia Marina's Old Mansion, in Nicosia, by the 2nd year students of the Occupational Therapy program. The purpose of the event was to inform the customers of the Home, their families and the staff about the concept of occupational therapy and its usefulness for the elderly. The aim of the students was also to offer creative work to the residents of the Home, along with Christmas gifts. A light meal was also offered.

■ **“Gifts of Love - Collection of Clothing” (Department of Health Sciences / Nursing Program)**

Coordination: Mrs. Xenia Ioakim, Administrative Officer, Laboratories supervisor, Nursing Program, EUC

The Nursing Program of the European University Cyprus collected clothing (13-31 March 2017) to meet the needs of the patients of Athalassa Hospital.

Location: Reception of the School of Sciences, EUC

■ **“Diagnostic Speech, Speech and Hearing Detection” (Department of Health Sciences/ Speech and Language Therapy program)**

The Speech Therapy Program of European University Cyprus in collaboration with the Vocational Training Team of C.P.L.O.L. and IALP and the Organizing Committee for the European Day of Speech Therapy of Cyprus, organized an event (18 March 2017) for Free Speech, Speech and Hearing Speech Tests (among children aged 2-6). Approximately 40 detective speech and speech assessments were conducted in preschool children. At the same time, 14 audio tapes were made. With the help of 11 undergraduate and 4 postgraduate students and with the supervision of four clinical supervisors, the assessments were carried out professionally and scientifically. The mission of the Clinic is clinical education, service delivery and support for scientific research.

Clinic of Speech, Speech and Hearing, European University Cyprus

Coordinator: Dr. Maria Christopoulou, Assistant Professor, PhD, MOP, SLP, CSS, Speech Therapy Program, EUC.

■ **“Social offering to ANEMONI Day Care Center for Spastic Children” (Department of Health Sciences / Speech and Language Therapy program)**

Within the framework of the social offerings of the Speech and Therapy Program and the Clinical Speech Therapy, the 3rd and 4th year students and our graduates worked hard and with great enthusiasm in order to offer in their own way love and support to other people. Over the past 6 months, free examinations have been offered to young children for communication and speech purposes, while children's events have been organized to support the funds of ANEMONI (Center for Spastic and Disabled Children). They organized several events in playgrounds, children's festivals, and volunteer work at rehabilitation centers and the Alzheimer Center. On Tuesday, 3 April 2017, a small group offered an amount of 1,350 EUR to ANEMONI, as well as 850 EUR from the Christmas event of the Clinic of Speech and Hearing.

Coordinator: Dr. Maria Christopoulou, Assistant Professor, PhD, MOP, SLP, CSS, Speech Therapy Program, EUC

## 9.4. Committee for Students with Special Educational Need

European University of Cyprus, in the framework of maintaining high quality in education, and in accordance with the Law of Education of Students with Special Needs and the relevant Regulations (Ο Περί Αγωγής και Εκπαίδευσης Παιδιών με Ειδικές Ανάγκες Νόμος του 1999), (No. 113(I) of 1999), referred to as “The Law”, and particularly Part VII article 51 of the Regulations, has established a Committee for Students with Special Educational Needs.

The University offers students with special needs all equal opportunities in terms of the education provided and the guidance offered, so that students may develop their potential to the maximum.

All students with special educational needs are referred to the Committee, which confirms older and specifies new recommendations according to prior recommendations of the District Committee (operating at the Ministry of Education and Culture in accordance with the Law) or according to new examinations of the students, and coordinates the support of the students with special needs.

The arrangements and the support that are applied differ, and are always based upon the (certified) individual needs and characteristics of each student. Below are some of the arrangements that could be offered:

- In-class support for students with hearing impairments or deaf students by a Sign-Language interpreter.
- Extension of the time limit of the examination according to the special needs.
- Oral examination or dictation of the answers to a writer or a tape-recorder.
- Installation of Closed Circuit Television for students with visual impairments.
- Translation of texts into a language used for the blind (in Cyprus, the Braille method is used).
- Support in a separate room from the instructor or a special teacher for better understanding of the material, before or after the lesson.
- Voluntary or paid support from a fellow student or another person (reciprocal method).
- Specialized guidance for more efficient correspondence at their academic tasks, i.e. finding an efficient study method, preparation of essays etc.
- Video recording of the lessons so that the students may have access to them later.
- Provision for note-taking.
- Notes of each lesson should be sent in advance to deaf students or students with Learning Disabilities in order to be prepared and be able to attend it efficiently.
- Exemption and replacement of a course, i.e. Music, English etc. for students with Sensory Disability.
- Provision for the accessibility of every area inside and outside the campus.
- Psychological, social and financial (for books, notes etc.) support.

The cooperation of and support from professors and administrative staff have always been crucial for the successful implementation of our mission.



## 9.5. Office of Student Affairs

### ■ Fundraising for the Cyprus Anticancer Society

European University Cyprus once again supported “Christodoula’s March”. EUC assisted the Cyprus Anticancer Society with a team of 71 volunteer students to aid in the collection of donations at traffic lights of Engomi area for “Christodoula’s March”.

### ■ Presentation of Robotics’ Club at the American Academy

On 29 November 2017, members of the Robotic’s Club presented a variety of robotics platforms to students from pre-schools, junior schools and senior high schools.

### ■ Event “Return to Nutritional Self-sufficiency, Turn back to go forward.”

The event which was organized by the School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, the Social Work Students Club of European University Cyprus and the Voluntary Group Cyprus Life Movement included:

- Lecture on how to create a vegetable garden on the balcony or in the courtyard
- Free delivery of traditional seeds and aromatic herbs for tea such as melissa, oregano and avian
- Plant protection in a natural way
- Dissemination of traditional seeds
- Practical guidelines for organic and traditional crops
- Experimental actions such as soil preparation and seed planting and composting
- Presentation of traditional activities such as bread kneading, brewery and zivania

The event was held under the auspices of the Environment Commissioner, Ms. Ioanna Panagiotou.

### ■ Social Work Club visit to the Children’s Club of the 1st Elementary School of Engomi

The Social Work students organized a visit to the Children’s Club of the 1st Elementary School of Engomi, where they offered gifts to the children and carried out various activities with them, such as preparation of sweets, creation of handicrafts, performance of dances and singing.

### ■ “Cans For Kids” Charity organization Project

Volunteers of the Medical Students’ Society support the “Cans For Kids” Charity organization on an ongoing basis. The “Cans For Kids” collect cans from different areas of Nicosia, recycles them and sell recycled metal. All funds raised from the metal scrap are invested for the purchase of medical equipment for the Makarios Central Pediatric Hospital of Nicosia. The EUC Medical Students Society assist “Cans For Kids” by collecting and submitting cans and by volunteering their work at the organization premises during weekends, for separating metals for the organization.

### ■ “Hope for Homeless”:Every dog deserves a home Project

Volunteers of the European University Cyprus Medical Society (EUC MSS) help the Cyprus private animal shelter “Hope for Homeless”:Every dog deserves a home, but as most of the students cannot assume the responsibility to own a dog, members of MSS decided they could offer their support to the shelter, which is in desperate need of financial support to continue its operation. Therefore, students organize from time to time visits to the shelter to help in chores and aid fundraisings.

### ■ EUC Medical Students Society Fundraising for the Red Cross

The EUC Medical Students Society organized a philanthropic event to collect money and food to donate to the Red Cross.

### ■ Campaign for the Collection of Dry Food for families in need

The Social and Behavioral Sciences Department and the Office of Student Affairs organized a Campaign for the Collection of Dry Food for families in need living in the Old Town of Nicosia.



■ **Blood Donation**

The Office of Student Affairs organized a Blood Donation on 29 November 2017 at the Cafeteria of European University Cyprus where 73 students participated.

■ **“Sexual Abuse - First contact with the victim”**

The Psychology Club organized a Seminar with speaker the psychologist Mrs. Persa Korfiatis titled “Sexual Abuse - First contact with the victim”. The main points of the seminar were to define what sexual abuse is, what the forms of sexual abuse are, how the victim will manifest the abuse he/she has suffered, and how psychologists should handle it and assist in the healing process.

■ **Workshop: Eating Disorders**

The Psychology Club organized an Experiential Workshop on Nutritional Disorders with the registered psychologist Mr. Pampos Efstathiou. This workshop helped the participants realize how our favorite foods or what we do not like are directly linked to memories we have, to feelings we have experienced and more generally to a large psychic spectrum. At the same time, the participants had the opportunity to study some case studies on eating disorders from a systemic look and once again verified how the individual resorts to self-destructive behaviors (bulimia, anorexia etc.) to sensitize his/her family for care and attention that he/she did not receive adequately during childhood.

■ **Art Therapy Workshop**

The Psychology Club organized an art-therapy workshop titled “The Self In and Out” with the organizer of the visual therapist and chairman of the Association of Visual Therapists of Cyprus, Chrystalla Kamenou along with art therapist Persephone Krasidou. The first part of this workshop emphasize what art therapy is, how it helps people and how to become a therapist etc. Then the experiential part of the workshop followed with a discussion.

■ **Open Days**

European University Cyprus organized Open Days in Nicosia and Limassol (5 July 2016 [Nicosia] and 6 July 2016 [Limassol]), during which participants were informed by Admission Advisors and University Faculty about University curricula, support and guidance to potential students, scholarships and financial aid.

■ **Be a University Student For a Day**

During the Academic Year 2016-2017, European University Cyprus implemented, “Be a University Student For A Day,” a pioneer scheme providing High School students with the opportunity to attend University lectures and courses aiming to:

- Inform students on courses of interest
- Familiarizing students with the Academic Teaching Model
- Advise students on how to select the appropriate field of study, taking into consideration the individual’s skills and interests.

## 9.6. Occupational health and safety issues

### ■ The operation of the photovoltaic project of 10kWp at Cyprus College Limassol

European University Cyprus, within the framework of its green policy, has fulfilled the installation of a photovoltaic project of 10kWp power capacity on the roof of the Cyprus College Limassol building and it has been operating since 5 November 2016. The project was completed in cooperation with Total Solar Solutions Ltd (project investor) and Johnsun Heaters Ltd (project contractor). As per the agreement which has been signed by all the above parties, the companies Total Solar Solutions Ltd και Johnsun Heaters Ltd will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the solar power system, which will serve and cover almost the total electricity needs for two floors of the aforementioned building.

The repayment of the cost of the project will be completed by following a 7-year time plan.

The total electricity production will exceed the amount of 16.500 kWh per year. This means that at least 412.500 kWh will be channeled to the building during the period of 25 years, which is the guaranteed life of the project according to the agreement. Through the operation of the photovoltaic project, we will achieve the following:

- About 4.59 tons of fuel oil will be saved annually.
- The emission of pollutants in the atmosphere will be reduced by almost 11 tons per year.

### ■ 71st position in the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking 2016

European University Cyprus has been ranked among the top 100 universities in the world in terms of the “Energy and Climate Change” indicator ran by UI GreenMetric World Ranking Universities 2016. This is the seventh edition of the worldwide comparison of universities’ efforts towards campus sustainability and environment friendly university management. Specifically, European University Cyprus was ranked 71st in the world on the Energy and Climate Change indicator, the first time a university from the Republic of Cyprus has recorded such a significant environmental performance.

European University Cyprus’ high-ranked environmental performance is composed of a diverse mix of eco-friendly policies, as we actively promote an ecological culture that supports and includes visionary plans, along with innovative decision-making processes and well-managed infrastructures.

The commendable 71st position in the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking 2016 is directly attributable to collective efforts.

## 9.7. University Sports Activities - Corporate Social Responsibility

As a part of the Corporate Social Responsibility, our University maintains a men’s handball team since 1987. It participates in all men categories (Men, U19, U17, U15, U13, U11) indicated by the Cyprus Handball Federation with a great success. Our academy occupies seventy children under the supervision of skilled trainers/coach.

Season 2016/17

Men’s team conquers all tittles (Super Cup, Cup, Championship)

Under-19 took 2nd place

Under-17 took 1st place

OPAP Limassol Marathon GSO 2016 & Running under the Moon

Once more, we participated in the OPAP Limassol Marathon GSO 2016 and Running under the Moon, the 5km corporate race with a team that consisted of academic staff, administrative staff and students.





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