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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: CHALLENGES OF THE ERA

PART I: Health Diplomacy as a means for Peace and
Cooperation among Countries

PART II: Greece and Cyprus at a critical demographic
turning point

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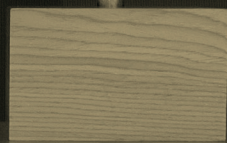
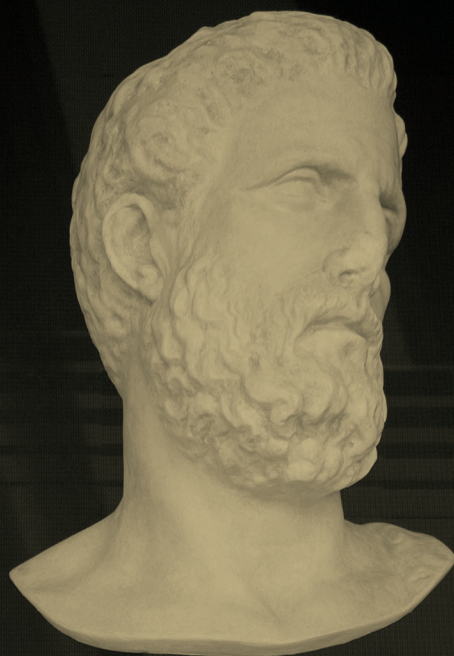
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Greeting from the Conference Presidents

Dear Conference Delegates, Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we extend our greetings to the conference entitled “Challenges of the Era: Health Diplomacy as a Means for Peace and Cooperation among Countries - Greece and Cyprus at a Critical Demographic Turning Point,” held in the framework of the opening of the Hippocratic Week – Hippocratic School, here in Cyprus, a land with enduring and unbreakable historical, cultural and national ties to Greece.

At a time of profound geopolitical turmoil, Health can and must serve as a bridge for communication, cooperation, and peace among countries. Knowledge, science, and a people-centered approach know no borders and can foster strong bonds among peoples and nations.

At the same time, Greece and Cyprus are facing one of the most significant challenges of our era: the demographic crisis. Declining birth rates, population ageing, and the continuing contraction of younger generations are not merely social or economic issues. They concern the very continuity, resilience, and prospects of Hellenism.

Addressing the demographic challenge requires a comprehensive national strategy, political consensus and meaningful support for young people who wish to start a family. It is our duty to future generations to build a future founded on peace, health, dignity, and hope.

I wish every success to the proceedings of the Conference.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. George Patoulis
President of Athens
Medical Association



Dr. Petros Agathangelou
President Cyprus
Medical Association

Conference Program

08:00 – 09:00 **RUNNING RACE**
At Lyceum Palouriotissas with pupils
from primary schools from Cyprus and
athletes of the Special Olympics

09:00 – 10:00 **REGISTRATION**

10:00 – 11:00 **WELCOME ADDRESSES**
Christoforos Hadjikyprianou
CEO & President of the Council of
European University Cyprus

**OPENING THE CONGRESS AND
HIPPOCRATIC WEEK**

Neophytos Charalambides
(on behalf of the President of the
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Minister of Health of the Republic
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Deputy Minister of Health, Greece

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Ambassador of the Republic of Italy to
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Ambassador of the Sovereign Military
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Khassim Diagne
Special Representative and Head of
the United Nations Peacekeeping
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CHALLENGES OF THE ERA

PART I: HEALTH DIPLOMACY AS A MEANS FOR PEACE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES

Chairs: George Patoulis, Petros Agathangelou,
Massimo Maria Caneva

11:00 – 11:15 **Health Diplomacy as an Instrument
of International Cooperation:
The role of the United Nations**
Khassim Diagne

11:15 – 11:30 **Health and Diplomacy Policy of the
Ministry of Health of Cyprus and
the ministry's contribution to the
peace of the Eastern Mediterranean**
Neophytos Charalambides

11:30 – 11:45 **Health Diplomacy as a means
for peace and the cooperation of
states. Experience-based approach**
Christos Patsalides

11:45 – 12:00 **The Humanitarian Diplomacy of the
Order of Malta and the experience
of the Misericordia of Italy: Health,
Mercy, and Humanitarian efforts as
Pathways of Peace**
Domenico Giani

Chairs: Elizabeth Johnson, Constantinos Tsioutis, Antonios Polydorou

- 12:00 – 12:15** **Health Diplomacy and peace**
Massimo Maria Caneva
- 12:15 – 12:30** **Health Diplomacy and Cooperation of States from Hippocrates until Today**
Stefanos Geroulanos
- 12:30 – 12:45** **Academic Diplomacy**
Constantinos Christofides
- 12:45 – 13:00** **Antimicrobial Resistance in Conflict Areas: A Global Threat**
Nicola Petrosill
- 13:00 -13:15** **The contribution of the Cyprus Medical Association to the Peace of the Eastern Mediterranean countries focusses on Health collaboration**
Petros Agathagelou
- 13:15 – 13:30** **Cinema as a tool for highlighting the bioethical challenges of health diplomacy**
Vicky Bafataki
- 13:30 – 15:00** **LUNCH**

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PART II: GREECE AND CYPRUS AT A CRITICAL DEMOGRAPHIC TURNING POINT

Chairs: George Patoulis, Nikolaos Zamboglou, Constantinos Pantos

- 15:00 – 15:15** **Demographic problem and education**
Athena Michaelidou
- 15:15 – 15:30** **The operational readiness of the healthcare system in the face of demographic change**
Marios Themistokleous
- 15:30 – 15:45** **Demography, Social Cohesion and Political Responsibility**
Klea Hatzistefanou Papaellina
- 15:45 – 16:00** **Demographic Problem in Europe**
Michalis Hatzipantelas

- 16:00 – 16:15** **Higher Education and European Policy: Contributions to Demographic and Social Resilience**
Elizabeth Johnson

- 16:15 – 16:30** **Fertility Awareness – a scientific view in demography**
Konstantinos Pantos

Chairs: Dimitrios Varvaras, Taha Mohsin, Victoria Polydorou

- 16:30 – 16:45** **Legal science in the service of the demographic problem**
Evagelia Sfakianoudi
- 16:45 – 17:00** **Contribution of Universities to demographic shaping**
Taha Mohsin Al Lawati
- 17:00 – 17:15** **Repatriation policy as a partial solution to the demographic problem**
Kostantinos Kouskousis
- 17:15 – 17:30** **Longevity and demographic implications**
Michalis Koutsilieris
- 17:30 – 17:45** **Proposals from the Medical Association of Greek and Cypriot doctors of Italy for tackling the demographic problem**
Dimitris Varvaras
- 17:45 – 18:00** **The need for Greece and Cyprus to set a common policy to tackle the demographic problem**
George Patoulis

- 18:00 – 19:00** **MUSIC PROGRAM**
We sing for equality in Life
Lorelai Alberta Monsegutu
- We sing for Peace
Nicosia Municipality Choir
Choir Director: Glykeria Andreou

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