FINAL AGENDA

08:30 - 09:00 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

09:00 – 09:30 OPENING REMARKS

Representative of the Minister of Health: Antonis Kontemeniotis, MSc, Purchasing and Supply Directorate, Ministry of Health, Cyprus

Evagoras Nicolaides, Director of the Primary Care Centre, University of Nicosia Medical School

Andreas Papadopoulos, Director of Operations, Hellenic Bank

[VIDEO MESSAGE]:

Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner designated for the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Vasileios Kontozamanis, Vice Minister of Health, Greece

09:30-11:30 SESSION 1 | UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE & ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES

Chair: Christos Petrou, B. Pharm, M.Sc, PhD, Associate Professor, Coordinator – Pharmacy Program, Department of Life and Health Sciences, School of Sciences and Engineering, University of Nicosia

Better Healthcare Services for all: The Role of the New Unified Health Insurance Service Provider of Cyprus
Athos Tsinontides, Acting Director General, Health Insurance Organization (HIO)

Challenges of Healthcare Reform in the Troodos Mountain area
Michael Chletsos, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Piraeus

Patients' Involvement and Empowerment through the reform
Marios Kouloumas, President, Pancyprian Federation of Patients' Associations and Friends

The Role of Interest Groups in Planning and Implementing of the GESY
Deniz Alexandrou, BSc in Medical Laboratories Science, MSc in Molecular Biology, MSc in Healthcare Management, PhDc in Health Policy and Planning

Pharmacists' Participation to the new social insurance system
Helen Piera Isseyegh, President, Cyprus Pharmaceutical Association

DISCUSSION

11:30 – 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 – 13:00 SESSION 2| NEW PHARMA POLICY AND TECHNOLOGY
Chair: Aleksandar Jovanovic, MD, PhD, Professor of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of Nicosia Medical School

Health Technology Assessment as Policy of the Healthcare systems' Resource Allocation
Kostas Athanasakis, Health Economist, Research Fellow, Department of Health Economics, National School of Public Health (ESDY)

The Importance of Registries and guidelines for Healthcare Systems
Eleftherios Thiraios, MD, MSc in Public Health, General Practitioner, General Secretary of the Athens Medical Society

From Ministry of Health to a new Pan-Cyprian Organization for Medicines
Ioannis Kkolos, Pharmaceuticals Services, Ministry of Health, Cyprus

DISCUSSION

13:00 –14:00 SESSION 3| CYPRUS EPIDEMIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND RISK FACTORS
Moderator: Prof George Hadjigeorgiou, Associate Dean, Professor of Neurology, Medical School, University of Cyprus

State of Health in the EU
Dimitrios Florinis, PhD, Policy Officer (SNE), Unit B1 Performance of National Health Systems Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission

Trends in cardiovascular risk factors
Panos Stafylas, MD, MSc, PhD, Cardiologist / HTA Consultant, Scientific Director of HealThink PC, Greece

Smoking as a risk factor- Harm Reduction policies
Michael G. Toubis, Pneumonologist, Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians, Member of the Smoking Committee, Cyprus National Addictions Authority

DISCUSSION

14:00 –15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00 – 17:00 SESSION 4|PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM

Chair: Prof George Samoutis, MD, PhD,CCT, PGCertHBE, Clinical Professor of General Practice, University of Nicosia Medical School, CEO Apostolos Loukas Medical Centre

From the past to the future: what's new for the public health
George Karrotsakis, Executive Director of the Larnaca-Famagusta District, State Health Services Organization (SHSO)

A new autonomous public health care system in a regional organization and coordination
Kyriakos Georgiou, Chief Executive Officer, Nicosia District, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, State Health Services Organization (SHSO)

SHSO Hospital Management: tools and goals towards effectiveness and efficiency
Christos Nicolaou, Chief Executive Officer, Limassol-Paphos Directorate, State Health Services Organization (SHSO)

University Physicians and Medical Education in Cyprus Hospitals
George Petrikkos, MD, PhD, Past Dean and Head of the Advisory Board, School of Medicine, European University of Cyprus, Emeritus Professor of Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Doctors' contracting out effectively in a publicly financed system
George Potamitis, Former President of the Scientific Committee, Cyprus Medical Association, Former President of the Medical Council

Lessons learnt from the first six months of the new Health Care System in Cyprus
Andreas Polynikis, MD, MPH, PHD, President of Medical Society of Family Doctors, former President of the Technical Committee for GESY

SHSO and Public Doctors' negotiation and consensus: incentives and medical practice
Sotiris Koumas, President, Pancyprian Association of Government Practitioners (PASYKI)

DISCUSSION

17:00 CONCLUDING REMARKS
Mamas Theodorou, Professor of Health Care Management and Health Policy, Open University of Cyprus