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Welcome Message

The **EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSORS EMERITI** has great pleasure in inviting you to its fourth European Congress, following the ones in Athens, Napoli and London.

Our Congress will be an Anniversary one as it coincides with the completion of 10 years of productive existence of our Association and we hope that it will continue thriving in the years to come.

The Congress will take place at the historical building of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens under the auspices of the Dean of the University of Athens, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Tourism, from 11 to 13 June 2026. The Opening will be on the 11th June at the Aula of the University of Athens and, in addition to the (inevitable) talks, there will be a musical performance by the students of the Department of musical studies of the Philosophical School of our University.

We have shaped a very interesting program that we believe is worth attending.

A highlight of the program is the Keynote talk of Professor Stamatis Krimizis, of the Academy of Athens, a well-known figure in Science internationally. There will be a special session on Mentoring with the participation of Mentors and Mentees in addition to an invited talk on Mentorship by Academician Professor Panagiotis Soucacos.

At the end of the Congress we will present a Declaration that will reflect the motto of the Congress ("Beyond Knowledge: Wisdom, Values and Ethics").

We are organizing the Congress with the collaboration of the Department of Music Studies of the School of Philosophy of Athens University. Hence, there will be a strong presence of music (and musicians, professors and students) at the Opening and at the reception that will follow.

We feel confident that attending our Anniversary Congress will be a rewarding experience and look forward to welcoming you.

With warmest regards to all

George Christodoulou MD, PhD, FICPM, FRCPsych

President

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Scientific Program

Day 1 – Thursday, June 11, 2026
Ioannis Drakopoulos Lecture Room

13:15 – 13:45 | **Registration Opening**

13:45 | **Greeting:**
George Christodoulou, President of the Congress.

14:00 – 15:00 | **Varia. Medicine I**
*Chairs: **Kostas Toutouzas, George-Andrei Dan***

Christos Bartsocas | **The story of the Bartsocas-Papas syndrome (50 years)**

Giancarlo Bracale | **Socio-Cultural Aspects of Diabetic Foot in the South of Italy: An Ethnographic Study**

Dimitrios Linos | **A Short "Scrubbing" Prayer as a Potentially Valuable Addition to Preoperative Preparation**

Halima Resic | **Frailty in Patients Undergoing Chronic Hemodialysis: The Association Between Biochemical, Nutritional and Inflammatory Markers and the Frailty Phenotype**

15:00 – 16:00 | **Varia. Medicine II**
*Chairs: **Giancarlo Bracale, Christos Bartsocas***

George-Andrei Dan | **Is aging an accident? A philosophy and biology essay**

Dusanka-Micetic Turk | **What can children receive and give to their grandparents?**

Sverre Kjeldsen | **Treatment of hypertension and kidney outcomes: the value trial**

De Santo NG, ²De Santo RM and ³Bisaccia C. | **Social gerontology born in France in 1970 at the Chu of Grenoble following the doctoral thesis on the ladder of ages of the French philosopher Michel Philibert**

16:00 – 16:30 | **Symposium of EAPE Section on Culture "Sleep and Dreaming"**
*Chairs: **Athanasios Diamandopoulos, Dimitrios Dougenis***

Athanasios Diamandopoulos | **Sleep and Dreams. Sleep and Death. In ancient and Byzantine Greece, and in its neighboring countries**

Dimitrios Dougenis | **Dreaming During General Anesthesia: Navigating the Interface of Consciousness**



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16:30 – 18:00 | **Varia - Technical topics**

Chairs: Nicholas Markatos, Evaggelos Filopoulos

Nicholas Markatos | **Nature Restoration in the Marine Environment**

Miltiadis I. Karayannis | **Scientific discoveries with ambiguous results of their applications, which benefited the society but also harmed the natural ecosystems (The case of the fixation of atmospheric gen and the industrial synthesis of ammonia)**

Dimitris K. Yfantis | **The influence of Alexandrian chemical technology in Italian renaissance -the drawing of Leonardo da Vinci**

Andreas Vgenopoulos | **Possible changes in the crystallinity and chemistry of stones before and during the movement from the kidney to the bladder**

Maria Ochsenkuehn- Petropoulou | **Bioprocesses for the recovery of critical metals from industrial by-products**

Adamantios Skordilis | **Digital product passport: A tool for the circular economy**

18:00 – 18:30 | **Coffee break**

19:00 – 20:30 |

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Opening Ceremony

"Beyond Knowledge: Wisdom, Values and Ethics in Europe"

- **Professor George Christodoulou**

President of the Congress - Immediate Past President EAPE

- **Professor Gerasimos Siasos**

Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

- **Professor Dennis V. Cokkinos**

First President of EAPE

Welcome Addresses

Keynote Lecture | Looking at the Solar System Planets close-up. What we learned and why it's important to use this knowledge ethically for Humanity's benefit

Professor Stamatios Krimizis

Academician

Former President of the Academy of Athens

Musical Performance

by students of the Department of Musical Studies of the School of Philosophy, Athens University.

21:00

| **Reception "Kostis Palamas" building.**

Talk and musical performance by

Professor Anastasia Georgaki

Department of Musical Studies, Athens University



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Day 2 – Friday June 12, 2026 **Ioannis Drakopoulos Lecture Room**

09:00 – 09:30 | **Invited Talk**

*Chairs: **George Christodoulou, Dusica Lecic-Tosevski***

Panagiotis Soucacos | **Mentorship and Leadership: An unbreakable Symbiotic Chemistry of Excellence and Virtue between Teacher and Student. Historical Account of European Tenacity and Friendship**

09:30 – 10:30 | **Mentoring: Workshop of the EAPE Section on Education Reform**

*Chairs : **Liv Mjelde, Gerhard Zlabinger***

Mentoring in Learning & Learning in Mentoring: A Student-Professor Workshop Discussion

Discussion with Mentors and Mentees (students)

Mentor: Prof. Efstathios Styliaris

Mentees:

Filippos- Christos Foufas

Eirini Livieratou

Andreas Papanastasiou

10:30 – 11:00 | **Education**

*Chairs: **Constantinos Tsioufis, Ioannis Karaitianos***

Lucija Cok | **Learning a new language in later life as cognitive training**

Gerhard Zlabinger | **Gender differences in the publication behavior of medical students' diploma theses**

11:00- 11:30 | Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 | **Ethics**

*Chairs: **Michel Botbol, Stella Priovolou***

George Christodoulou | **Ethics principles in science**

Nick Bouras | **Hubris and Power: From Ancient Greece to Modern Leadership**

Jadranka Ponikvar Buturovic | **Consequences of euthanasia legalization in the era of artificial intelligence**

Ljubisa Mitrović, Dragana Mitrović | **Ageing with dignity – Human rights and social obligation**

Marcel van de Voorde & Paolo Ciambelli | **Nanoethics: A societal reflection**



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13:00-14:00 | **Forum on "Economics and Sustainable Development"**

Chairs: Nancy Papalexandri, Panagiotis Behrakis

Nancy Papalexandri | **Social Aspects of Sustainable Development and the role of Human Resource Management**

Nicos Christodoulakis | **Underpopulation in Greece and the EU: Causes and remedies**

Theodore P. Lianos | **The Optimum Population Size**

Ioanna Sapfo Pepelasi | **The rise of the startup ecosystem and the case of Greece**

14:00 – 15:00 | **Light lunch**

15:00 – 16:15 | **Presidents Forum**

Chairs: George Christodoulou, Dennis V. Cokkinos

Dennis V. Cokkinos | **The past, the present and the future of EAPE**

Natale Gaspare De Santo | **The future of professors emeriti: a prophecy based on personal experience and articles appeared in NATURE in the last 20 years**

Les Ebdon | **A vision of EAPE in the future (virtual)**

Georgios Christodoulou | **EAPE: An opportunity to integrate the Wisdom of the Past with the Thrust of the Present to develop a better Future**

Giancarlo Bracale | **My personal vision about the future of EAPE**

16:15 – 17:00 | **Mental Health**

Chairs: Christos Kittas, Nikos Stefanis

Nikos Stefanis | TBA

Kalliopi Panagiotopoulou | **Working through the hidden early trauma located among families with a parent suffering from psychosis**

Angeliki Christodoulou | **The role of the interdisciplinary psychoeducational team in kindergarten: a systemic model of awareness, support and prevention**

17:00 – 17:30 | **Symposium: RECOVERYTRSGR and RECOVERYTRSDGR: Evidence-based therapies**

Stavroula Rakitzi

Polyxeni Georgila

17:30 – 18:30 | **Hot topics in Psychiatry**

Symposium organized by the EAPE Section on Mental Health

Chairs: Dusica Lecic-Tosevski, Michel Botbol

George Ikkos | **The historiography of psychiatry: from historicism to utopia?**

Michel Botbol | **The place of psychogenic explanations in contemporary child psychiatry - challenges in the age of neurodevelopmental disorders**

Nikos Christodoulou | **Climate change and mental health**

Dusica Lecic-Tosevski | **What do we talk about when we talk about euthanasia**



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18:30 – 19:00 | **Health Promotion**

Chairs: Dennis Coçkinos, Panos Vardas

Michael Koutsilieris | **The molecular imprint of therapeutic exercise in human health**

George-Andrei Dan | **Social determinants of health – the hidden hit**

19:00 – 20:00 | **Beyond Knowledge: Wisdom, Values and Ethics for Europe**

Chair: George Christodoulou, Christos Kittas

Participants:

- **Dimitris Anagnostopoulos**
- **Nikos Arkadopoulos**
- **Dana Baran**
- **Michel Botbol**
- **Nick Bouras**
- **Giancarlo Bracale**
- **Jadranka Ponikvar Buturovic**
- **Lucija Cok**
- **Ioannis Dimitriou**
- **Sverre Kjeldsen**
- **Michael Koutsilieris**
- **Dusica Lecic-Tosevski**
- **Liv Mjelde**
- **Maria Ochsenkuehn-Petropoulou**
- **Nancy Papalexandri**
- **Kostas Toutouzas**
- **Gerhard Zlabinger**

Open to discussion by the audience.

20:00 | **Athens Declaration on the Ethical Mission of the European Academic Community**

Day 3 – Saturday, June 13, 2026

Visit to the Acropolis Museum (optional)

