

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSORS EMERITI

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Athens, 22.01.2025

Dear Colleagues and Friends, members of our Team

FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT, warmest wishes for the Year 2025 that has just commenced its course.

People usually wish for the New Year to be "uneventful". Yet, for a group full of vitality and thrust like the EAPE (this is not an attempt to be humorous) this is not an appropriate wish. We WANT events to happen, provided that they are towards a positive direction. We WANT to participate, we WANT to continue producing, we WANT to convey our experience to the younger generation of scientists, we WANT to teach them dexterities that we have acquired during our active scientific life and, most importantly, we WANT to ask them to consider our ethics positions that have shaped our **attitudes**.

Let me now explain why it is not a joke that we are "a group full of vitality and thrust". Because the mere fact that we are members of an ambitious group like the EAPE proves it. We could abstain and do nothing. But no! We keep on working, contributing and producing to the best of our ability. The report of activities that follows highlights this fact and the same stands for the previous reports.

So, let me report on some of our activities.

WEBINARS OF THE SECTIONS

These Webinars are free not only for the members of the corresponding sections but for all the EAPE members and beyond. Please make a note of the date of the activity you are interested in. You are most welcome to participate.

Should you wish to be a speaker or discussant in any of our webinars that will be organized in the future please write to the chair of the section you are interested in, with a copy to me. The e-mail addresses of the sections' chairs are as follows:

• Section on Mental Health

Chair: Dusica Lecic-Tosevski, email: <u>dusica.lecictosevski@gmail.com</u>

- Section on Culture Chair: Athanasios Diamantopoulos, email:1453295@gmail.com
- Section on Ethics
 Chair: Luigi Campanella, email:luigi.campanella@fondazione.uniroma1.it
- Section on Health Promotion and Prevention
 Chair: Dennis Cokkinos, email:dcokkinos@bioacademy.gr
- Section on Meeting the needs of young and old-olds Chair: Halima Resic, <u>email:halimaresic@hotmail.com</u>

Section on Nature Protection

Chair: Paolo Ciambelli, email:pciambelli@unisa.it

- Section on Enrollment and Advocacy
 Chair: Nicholas Markatos, email: <u>n.markatos@ntua.gr</u>
- Section on the Elderly in our Society Chair:Natale Gaspare De Santo, email: <u>NataleGaspare.DESANTO@unicampania.it</u>
- Section on Education Reform
 Chair: Stavros Koubias, email: <u>koubias@upatras.gr</u>

WEBINAR OF THE SECTION ON CULTURE,

25 January 2025, 12.00 noon Athens time.

Coordinator: Ath. Diamandopoulos

Speakers:

- 1. Gaetano Thiene: "Leopoldo da Vinci and Medicine"
- 2. Athanasios Diamandopoulos: "The Hogarth engravings on human health and well-being"
- 3. Francesco Ferrara: "The role of human environments in human health and well-being"
- 4. Demetrios Dougenis: "A medical freshman's attempts on medicine and poetry".

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WEBINAR OF THE SECTION ON MEETING THE NEEDS OF YOUNG AND OLD-OLDS.

UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR, Centre for Professors Emeriti and Retired Higher Education Teachers

Webinar: "CHILD HEALTH AND DISEASE" February 26th 2025 at 14:00 Slovenia Time (CET)

PROGRAM

14.00–14.10 WELCOME ADDRESS

- George Christodoulou, President EAPE
- Halima Resić, Chair of the Section on Meeting the Needs of Young and Old-Olds
- Dušanka Mičetić-Turk, University of Maribor

14.10–14.30 Dušanka Mičetić-Turk

Childcare throughout history

14.30–14.50 Gregor Cuzak

Children and association of patient organizations of Slovenia

14.50–15.10 Jochen H.H. Ehrich

Between TABOO and TOTEM: How can child abuse be prevented?

15. 10–15.30 Aida Ramić-Čatak

Guidelines of good practice in communication and promotion of children immunization

15.30–15.45 Discussions and closing remarks

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WEBINAR OF THE SECTION ON ETHICS

"EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN RESEARCH" Tuesday, 11th February 2025, 2.00- 4.00 pm (Paris time)

Coordinator: Lucija Cok Speakers: Milica Antic Gaber: "Initial thoughts on the situation in Slovenia" Heinrich C. Mayr: "New phenomenon: "The dismissal of "unwelcome" professors". Short report of a study by German colleagues" George Andrei Dan: "Gender gap in cardiovascular management"

This webinar will focus on the need for equal representation of men and women in research activities but will also deal with other issues associated with discrimination. If you wish to participate actively as a discussant please write to Prof. Cok (email: <u>lucija.cok@upr.si</u>) by 25 January 2025.

Centre for Humanities of the Centre for Science and Research (ZRS) Koper – Capodistria. Webinar programme:

Plenaries

14.00 - 14.10	Introductory ice breaker thoughts.
	Lucija Čok, co-chair of the Ethic
	section, <u>lucija.cok@upr.si</u> / <u>Lucija.cok@zrs-kp.si</u>
14.10 - 14.40	Some initial thoughts and information about the situation in Slovenia.
	Prof. dr. Milica Antič Gaber, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana
14.45 - 15.00	A new phenomenon: the dismissal of "unwelcome" professors.
	dr. Heinrich C. Mayr, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, Austria

15.05 - 15.20	Gender gap in cardiovascular management. Prof. Dan Gheorghe – Andrei,
	University of medicine "CAROL DAVILA", Bucharest, Romania.
15.25 - 15.50	Some thoughts and findings from the Professor Emeriti Network e-
	region prof.dr. Jože Gričar, University of Maribor, Slovenija.
15.50 - 16.00	Concluding thoughts and contribution to the European Commission's DG
	JUST: a Study on discrimination on the grounds of age in the EU. Prof.dr.
	Lucija Čok.

In the last part of the seminar, we will look at the information published by the European Commission's DG Justice and Consumers (DG JUST). A **Study on discrimination on the grounds of age in the EU** will be based on the data provided by the questionnaire, which the attached letter invites you to complete. As thoughtful participants in Sociality action, our participation will be welcomed.

You will attend the webinar via the following link:

Topic: My Meeting Time: Feb 11, 2025 13:30 Belgrade, Bratislava, Ljubljana Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9751260571?pwd=SUdiYmVHSm5hRmM4Q3F5S2E3OHFmdz09&omn</u> <u>=82426727907</u> Meeting ID: 975 126 0571 Passcode: 280222

We are looking forward to your participation. Please send your attendance confirmation to my email address (<u>lucija.cok@upr.si</u>). Kind regards in anticipation of your response and willingness to participate

Lucija Čok, coordinator of the webinar

P.S. You can see the letter of European Commission's DG Justice and Consumers by CLICKING HERE.

SIGNING OF CONTRACT WITH THE LILYAN VOUDOURI FOUNDATION

We have recently signed a contract with the above Foundation to receive a donation of 3.600 euros for the technical support of our sections' webinars. This project will start in March 2025. Many thanks to the Foundation for its support.

There is a possibility to organize joint activities with the Lilyan Voudouri Foundation in the future.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS OF TWO NEW SECTIONS

As I have informed you previously, the Board has decided to establish two new important sections. Following this, elections for officers of these sections have been carried out and the following have been elected:

Section on "The Elderly in our Society"

Chair: Natale de Santo Co-chair: Miltiadis Karayannis Secretary: Vincenzo Savica

Section on Education Reform

Chair: Stavros Koubias Co-chair: Liv Mjelde Secretary: Sir Leslie Ebdon

Best wishes to the new sections for a productive term. The Board will be happy to help, if needed.

CHANGE IN REGULATIONS OF SECTIONS

In view of the increase in the number of Sections to nine, the Board has decided to allow membership to THREE sections instead of two.

So, it will not be necessary for colleagues who have become members of the new sections to resign from their "old" ones.

THE NAPLES CONFERENCE

As announced in my previous communication with you, our Italian colleagues are organising a Conference in Naples on May 27-29, 2025, with an interesting scientific program and a rich social program. A Committee coordinated by the President-elect Prof. Giancarlo Bracale is active in looking into all details associated with this difficult task. I would strongly recommend participation in this important EAPE Conference. I am sure that Prof. Bracale (e-mail:napleseape2025@gmail.com) will be happy to respond to any questions you may have.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

Last but not least. Our EAPE needs some money to fulfill its mission. We have expenses, mainly related to the secretariat and these expenses are covered exclusively by the members' subscriptions of 50 euros per year. We are trying hard to justify this cost by spending practically nothing and being as productive as possible. But, please help us to fulfill our mission which is also YOUR mission. I personally do not want to allow crossing out the names of a number of colleagues who have not paid their dues for two and three consecutive years. So, please take a deep breath and fulfill your financial responsibilities by writing to our administrator Georgia Drosatou (<u>e-mail:gdrosatou@gmail.com</u>).

Why do we need a deep breath? Obviously, it is unpleasant to receive a letter asking for money at the beginning of a New Year. It is also unpleasant for me to deal with such trivialities and send you such a letter. But what can we do, dear friends.

"Δει δη χρημάτων". C'est la vie!

With cordial regards and best wishes to all and each one of you,

George Christodoulou EAPE President

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