



## EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSORS EMERITI

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**Dear Friends and Colleagues,**

The Drums of War have not ceased since our previous communication. On the contrary, they have become louder. For this reason, our Board has decided to prepare a Position Statement for Peace and against War. Does this mean that EAPE has decided to adopt a political position? By no means. On the contrary, we will be very careful to avoid misuse or abuse of our statement for political reasons. Our Statement is not meant to justify ideologies or persons. This is by no means our intention. BUT we cannot be indifferent to the loss of human life and the suffering produced by armed conflicts in our world. We cannot reduce ourselves to the role of observer when faced with tragedies. If we, Emeriti Professors, do not react, who else can do so?

The obvious question arising from the purpose of issuing a Peace Statement is what effect it will have. Probably minimal... Decision-makers usually have other priorities and considerations. This, however, should not discourage us from an action that many of us regard as an absolute ethical obligation.

Let us now turn to issues related to the life of our Organization.

- The EAPE Conference in Napoli, organized by our Italian colleagues (27-29 May) has been concluded with scientific and social success.
- Our Section on Culture will organize a Webinar on Friday, 12th September, 18.00 Athens time. It will be an unusual and challenging webinar that will deal with music. Each of the participants will present the theoretical background of the piece of music that he will present and then actually perform this piece of music.

Thanos Diamantopoulos, George-Andrei Dan, Dimitris Dougenis and Prof. Bouras have volunteered to be speakers-performers.

We look forward to this experiment with great anticipation.

I will provide you with more details and the link to attend in my letter to you next month.

- Two more Webinars will be held in September.

The joint Webinar of the Sections on Ethics and on Education Reform, Monday, 22 September 2025, 17-19 Paris time. Theme: "From Exclusive to Inclusive Society by Artificial Intelligence".

The Webinar on Meeting the Needs of Young and Old-olds, Friday, 26 September 2025, 15.00 CET.

- On Monday, the 6th October, 17.00 to 19.00 Athens time at the European Parliament offices in Athens, we will celebrate the World Mental Health Day with an interesting program. It will be a hybrid event, as was the well-attended event last year.
- On the 30th October, the Section "The Elderly in our Society" will organize its Webinar.
- The 4th Congress of the European Association of Professors Emeriti will be held in Athens from 11 to 13 June 2026 at the Royal Olympic Hotel in Athens. The Opening will be at the Aula of the University of Athens and it will be held under the auspices of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and the Hellenic Ministry of Tourism.

The Congress will be an Anniversary one as it coincides with ten years of productive existence of our Association.

There will be a limited number of invited talks and free communications presented electronically. We are doing our best to organize an interesting and enjoyable social program.

This is all from me. Best wishes to all for an enjoyable summer and Peace in the World!

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