

Newsletter

**Address by the CSO President
Dr**

Nikos

Kartakoullis

Our island is the host country of a very special sport event, the “Women and Sports” 8th European Conference organised by the European “Women and Sports” Committee chaired by Mrs Athina Kyriakidou.

It is an important event not only for sports in Cyprus but for our country in general. The fact that more than two hundred (200) participants from European and other countries will be attending the conference in our island together with the interesting topics to be dealt addressed, classified the event at a high level.

The objective of both the European Commission and the National Committees, as derived from the 1994 Brighton Declaration is to identify women and enhance their development, promotion and participation in a wide range of sport disciplines.

The Cyprus Sport Organisation in its capacity as the Supreme Sport Authority in our country, loyal to all the European declarations and decisions, supports indeed the efforts made by the “Women and Sports” Committee and offers its assistance by all means.

I congratulate the organisers and I am sure about the eventual success of the Conference. Furthermore, I look forward to the relevant conclusions that will be drawn in the context of the Conference, contributing sports’ progress and development.

Congratulations and acknowledgements to the European “Women and Sports” Committee for having chosen Cyprus to be the host country of this important Conference and special thanks and congratulations to the Chair person Mrs Athina Kyriakidou.

**Editorial by the EWS Chair
Mrs. Athina Kyriakidou**

Cyprus by being entrusted with the Chair of the European Working Group on Women and Sport felt the honor and responsibility contained in this task.

It was with great enthusiasm and consistence that all people involved worked through a three year period to approach now the peak point of the European Women and Sport Movement, the 8th EWS Conference entitled “Embrace the Spirit: Find, Develop, Promote Women in Sport – New Strategies” to be held on 9-10 October 2009, in Limassol.

We are aware of the significant historic course of this “pioneer’s team” formed within the framework of the European Sports Conference in 1993, just one year before the 1994 Brighton Conference that gave the international women and sport movement the Brighton Declaration: the fundamental reference document of principles and aims pleading for awareness and concrete strategies.

Since 1993 the EWS tried to involve the entire Europe in the fight for equity and equality for women in sport mainly by networking and cooperating with governmental and non-governmental sport European organizations.

The lack of spectacular results so far never discourage the ever growing group of dedicated women, on the contrary it served as a stimulus for further intensified action. It is not easy to reverse stereotypes, to alter the psychology of all those involved men and women, to find allies in original and even hazardous projects, to share the spirit which was always present, yet escaping...

This conference will ask us to embrace this spirit that gives life to the EWS vision for "Women to enjoy sport in all its aspects and at all level as a human right", the spirit that brings us together.

The spirit that inspired those women back in 1993 and generated all declarations and call for action that saw the day the last fifteen years should become more tangible.

The EWS conference in Cyprus will try to 'captivate the spirit' in the form of new strategies for the new Millennium, made by concrete and focused actions to be executed by all governmental and non-governmental sport bodies, within a given timeframe and crossing through all fields and levels of sport, vertically and horizontally.

All ingredients for a successful turnout are at the disposal of major protagonists: vision, mission, intellect, knowledge, documents, impulse, determination and will.

Let's get started!

Yours,
Athina Kyriakidou
EWS Chair

**Message from the Greek Deputy Minister of Culture with responsibilities for Sport,
Mr. Giannis Ioannidis**

I trust that the 8th EWS Conference to be held next October in Limassol by selecting as central title the "Embrace the Spirit: find, develop, promote Women in Sport – New Strategies", will contribute greatly to the European Movement which acts for and supports all issues aiming at the conquest of a fair position of women in all fields and levels of sport.

Both Greece and Cyprus have actively participated in the sixteen year course and work of the EWS. It is a fact that progress has been noted in the promotion of women in sport, yet many more "men's bastions" remain to be taken.

I am convinced that the key to a broader and lasting success lies in education to be adapted and based upon unshakable and stable scientific data.

We expect that the increase of a focused scientific research within the framework of the Observatory on Women, Sport and Physical Education under the auspices of UNESCO which will be very soon operating in Secretariat General of Sport and in the Directive Council of which the EWS will be represented, will provide the movement with all indispensable elements and data so that all activities and actions will be accurately and timely oriented.

I wish a good preparation and success with the works of the conference in favor of sport.

Giannis Ioannidis
Deputy Minister of Culture with responsibilities for Sport

Draft Program

Thursday, October 8 2009

Arrivals

- 17:00 – 19:00 Accreditation
- 20:00 Welcome Cocktail

Friday, October 9 2009

- 08:00 – 09:00 Accreditation
- 09:00 – 09:45 Opening Ceremony
- Welcome Speeches
- 09:45 – 10:00 «Taking the EWS into the new Millenium»
 Ms. Athina Kyriakidou Chair of EWS
- 10:00 – 11:00 Session I
 «*Find women for sport*»
 -Mr. Costas Papacostas Director General of the Cyprus Sport
 Organization,
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30 – 12:30 Session II
 «*Develop women in sport*»
 - “Women in desision making position in Sport“
 Dr. Nicos Kartakoullis,
 - “From the Ivory Towers to the Grass Roots Movements- Bridging
 Research with the Development of Women in Sport”, Gertrud Pfister
- 12:30 – 12:45 Family Photo
- 12:45 – 14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 – 15:30 Session III
 «*Promote women in sport*»
 -“A new strategy to promote women in sport through the United
 Nations”, Johanna Adriaanse.
 - “Sporting women portrayed in media”, Ulla – Maija Paavilainen.
 - “Promote Women and Sports”, Novella Galligaris.
- 15:30 – 16:30 Session IV
 «*The international angle and partnerships*“
 - “Sport & Gender in EU policy Making: State of Play & Outlook“, Bart
 Ooizen
 - Krisztina Gonter,
 - Hon. Yiannis Ioannides
- 20:00 Gala Dinner

Saturday, October 10, 2009

09:30 – 11:30	Workshops
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 12:30	Review of the Workshop results
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:30	Session V – Cyprus Declaration – new strategies
14:30 – 15:00	European “Women and Sport Award” New Presidency New EWS Steering Group
15:00 – 15:15	Closing Ceremony
20:00	Farewell Dinner

Sunday, October 11, 2009

Excursion

Departures

Invited Speakers

Athina Kyriakidou

«Taking the EWS into the new Millenium»

Bio



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Greek, English, French

Educational and professional experience

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Sport

Best Cyprus Woman athlete for the years 1968 - 1969 National Champion in high jumping and pentathlon in both, Cyprus and Greece for several years

SESSION 1

Costas Papacostas

(CSO General Director)

"Promote Women in Sports"

Bio



Costas Papacostas was born in 1948. He comes from the Limassol Region Kolossi village. He completed his secondary education as the Limassol "LANITIO" High Senior School. He graduated from Athens University in Physical Education and Sports, pursuing postgraduate studies at the Tokai University in Japan and he is a Master degree holder, in Martial Arts. He practised Sports since his early age and he excelled, particularly being the winner 11 times in discus throw and 14 times in judo at the Pancyprian Games.

He participated in two Olympiads: in Moscow 1980 Olympic Games, being our country's flag bearer and in Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games competing in judo. Furthermore, he was for many years the pancyprian record holder and the discus throw games record.

He had for 7 years been a member of the Greece national tracks and field team, being a discus throw and shot putting athlete. He was declared once the year's athlete and 5 times the best athlete in judo at the awarding ceremony of the Excellent Athletes by the Cyprus Sportswriters Union. He was involved in training and had been the Federal trainer for judo and tracks and field for more than 7 consecutive years.

He had been for 13 years a Physical Education teacher in public Senior and High Senior Schools and for 12 years the Head of Competitive Sports in the Cyprus Sports Organisation. He was also the Vice President of the Council of Europe Committee for the Development of Sport (CDDS) for sport issues. He represented Cyprus and still does in World and European Sport Congresses. He is a member of various Sport National Committees, like the National Guard Supreme Sport Council (ASAEF), the Committee dealing with Violence etc. He has been the author of various manuals and books on Cypriot and European Sports.

In 1996 he was appointed Deputy General Director of the Cyprus Sports Organisation and in 1997 he became its General Director.

He is married to Stella Michaelidou from Limassol and has two daughters, Elena and Alexia.

Gertrud Pfister

Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences
University of Copenhagen

“From the Ivory Towers to the Grass Roots Movements – Bridging Research with the Development of Women in Sport”

For more than three decades “women and sport” have been a topic of scholarly interest and scientific research. The point of departure for studies in human and social sciences was the gender hierarchy in sport and society which influenced women’s participation in sport and women’s influence on decisions and developments decisively. Since the 1980s, historians have worked on the discovery and recovering of sports women who were, like women in general, “Hidden from History” as Sheila Rowbotham titled her influential book about “three hundred years of women’s oppression”. Sociologists explored “sport in women’s lives” in various countries and cultures, inclusion and exclusion processes in/from various sports, and the coverage of female athletes in the mass media. Since the end of the 20th century, research interests focused increasingly on gender and gender relations. Socialization, physical education, body and beauty management, health and fitness are only a few of the numerous topics of current gender studies which are based on various theoretical approaches, especially constructivist and/or poststructural theories. Critique directed at the ethnocentric perspective of Western feminists led to an emphasis on the intersectionalities of gender, sexualities and ethnicities.

Currently, a large amount of knowledge about women and sport is available (with a focus on women in Western industrialized countries), but there is also a huge “terra incognita”, e.g. topics, areas and cultures, among others in Islamic and/or developing countries, which are “hidden in sport sciences” (science used in a broad sense).

In my presentation, I will point out some of the current and controversial issues of women’s sport which need greater scientific research and discussion. In addition, I will indicate how knowledge in these areas can be used to develop women’s sport and to implement best practices, especially with regard to groups of girls and women who are marginalized in sport and physical activities.

In addition, I will present results of two of my current projects, a study about sport and physical activities of Muslim women and a project about men’s domination in decision making boards and committees of sport associations. I will use these projects in order to discuss how research can be conducted with rather than about women, and how the results can be transferred to sport policies and practices which empower researchers, women working in various fields of practices, among others, in sport organizations, and also the female target groups.

Sport concepts for and with women (in various situations with regard to age, ethnic and social background, interests, etc.) have to be based on knowledge which can be generated, but also critically examined by research whereby the research processes and results should be included into education and the qualification of female instructors, project coordinators and/or leaders. Their experiences and evaluations can again be used as feedback for the scientists and for the development of new strategies in various areas of women’s sport.

Together, we can work for change in bettering the lives of (sports) women.

Bio

Gertrud Pfister has gained a PhD in history and sociology. >From 1980 to 2000, she worked as a professor at the Freie Universität Berlin. Currently she is professor at the Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences, University of Copenhagen. Pfister conducted several large national and international research projects, and is currently carrying out major research on doping and gender as well as on health and physical activities. The results of her projects are published in more than 200 articles in peer reviewed journals and several books.

From 1983 to 2001 Gertrud Pfister was President of the International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport, from 2004 to 2008 she was President of the International Sport Sociology Association. Gertrud Pfister served as a guest professor at several foreign universities, and was invited as a keynote speaker to more than 20 international congresses. She is member of the editorial boards of 15 scientific journals and she served in several committees which evaluated sport faculties and departments.

Pfister won four awards for her scholarly work, among others, the Award of the International Society for Sport History and the Howell and Howell Distinguished Lecturer Award of the North American Society for Sport History. In 2007, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate at the Semmelweis University, Budapest.

SESSION 2

Nicos Kartakoullis
(CSO President)



“Women in decision making position in Sport”

Dr. Kartakoullis was born and up to the age of six was raised in the village of Neo Chorio Kythreas close to Nicosia. As a Fulbright scholar he received his BSc (Hons) Degree from Michigan State University, holds three postgraduate degrees (MA (Ed.), MSc, MBA) and has earned his PhD from the University of Southampton, UK. He has published in the areas of sport management, football management, recreation, leisure and tourism management and youth policy. He represented the Republic of Cyprus and made presentations to over 55 conferences worldwide. For his service in sports and social development in developing countries, he has been honoured by Michigan State University (Joon S. Moon Distinguished International Alumni Award) and by the House of Commons of Canada. Dr. Kartakoullis is also a Professor and Faculty member in the School of Business of the University of Nicosia. He was the scientific coordinator for five European Projects in related areas. He previously served as Director of the Cyprus National Olympic Committee for eight years and he was the Chef de Mission (Chief of Mission) for the Atlanta and Sydney Olympic Games for Cyprus. For the past seven years he is serving as one of the International Programme Directors of the Sports Management programme of Olympic Solidarity (International Olympic Committee) and has thus traveled to all continents providing consultancy services and conducting in service training for sport managers. He is also a member of the panel of experts for FIFA (International Football Association) for the management programmes conducting training on management principles in different countries. He served as the National Correspondent of the Youth Board of the Republic of Cyprus to the Council of Europe and has served on the Board of the Cyprus National Olympic Academy and the Board of the Cyprus National Anti-Doping Committee. He served as a consultant to the Cyprus Football Association and a Member of the National Coaches' and the National Referees' Committees as well as a Member of the National UEFA Club Licensing Committee. He served on the Board of the European Association for Sport Management. He is a member of the editorial board of the scientific journal "Sport and Economy" and a member of the Panhellenic Association for Sport Economics and Sport Managers

SESSION 3

Johanna A. Adriaanse

(Chair International Working Group on Women and Sport , IWG)

“A new strategy to promote women in sport through the United Nations”, “Promote Women in Sport”

In the past century women have embraced playing sport. While there was not even one official female athlete at the first modern Olympic Games in 1896, at the most recent Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, 42.4% of all athletes were women. From 0% in 1896 to 42.4% in 2008 represents a dramatic change in women’s participation in sport. However, in many other areas the process of change has been significantly slower. Women’s representation in sport leadership positions and lack of media coverage for women’s sport are perennial issues that inhibit the advancement of women and sport. Violence, trafficking, sexual harassment and abuse in the context of sport are critical issues of concern. Equality in prize money and reward also remains a significant challenge.

These issues and more were identified in a recent publication by the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women (UNDAW) entitled *Women, gender equality and sport* in its series *Women 2000 and beyond*. A milestone for women and sport was achieved when this monograph was launched in collaboration with the International Working Group on Women and Sport (IWG) and WomenSport International (WSI) at the Commission on the Status of Women at the UN Headquarters in New York in March 2008.

The purpose of this presentation is to build on the UNDAW publication and the implementation of its recommendations. I present a new strategy to promote women in sport by using the UN Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) as a framework. This new strategy has the potential to impact on all levels in sport from grass roots to elite level including both government bodies and non-government organisations.

Bio

Johanna A. Adriaanse is Chair of the International Working Group (IWG) on Women and Sport. She is Senior Lecturer in Human Movement and Sport Management in the Faculty of Business at the University of Technology, Sydney. As an educator in sport and physical activity for more than 25 years she draws on experience gained at a range of institutions in the Netherlands, Italy and Australia. She is a researcher in and public advocate on gender issues in sport and physical activity has published in scholarly and professional journals and appeared on television and radio. In all continents of the world she has presented at national and international conferences including at the United Nations in New York. Her most recent research projects include ‘women on sport boards’ and ‘role models for adolescent girls in sport’. She serves on the Executive Board of WomenSport International. Representing the Netherlands in the Europe Cup for Hockey, she was a member of the team that won gold for four consecutive years (1975-1978). Currently she lives in Sydney with her three children Arabella, Johan and Luigi.

Novella Galligaris

“Promote Women in Sports”

Thanks to the immense work undertaken in the last thirty years by the international Olympic movement, in this third Millennium women have conquered large spaces within the sport movement. Not in all sectors have we achieved equality but I believe it is more constructive to analyse where and how women have succeeded in affirming themselves.

My analysis starts from a research made in Italy, which in many sectors suffers from an inequality between men and women, that has however in our specific field changed direction:

1. In fact sport has changed the notion of feminine beauty- today an athletic body is a model both for girls and for fashion and we can see in many countries that sport is practiced more by women than men (apart from soccer this is true in general).
2. the non specialised media dedicate a large amount of space to women athletes not just for their sporting achievements but also for their capacity to communicate
3. there has been a considerable increase in the number of female journalists reporting on sport
4. interest from sponsors and in publicity campaigns: the woman is she who determines shopping choices and women athletes are chosen more often than their male colleagues in advertising.
5. prizes in many disciplines are more or less equal between the sexes and female career athletes often earn more than their male colleagues; where this does not happen we have to analyse why, for example in a lower number of participants.

Bio

Personal information

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Education

1973: High school “Maturità scientifica”, maximum points.
1974/1980
Various courses of specialisation in marketing and communications in Italy and the USA

Languages

English, German, Spanish and school level French .

Brief working history

2009
Profit spa, Director of External Relations and Marketing since 1994 .
Managing Director of LTN Italia, Italy's first news video agency.
2002/2005
Professor University of Pavia, faculty of sport science.
Taught the techniques of communication in sport.
1985/1994
Director of External Relations of Safariland Tour Operator.
1980/1985
Office of External Relations of MKT (FIAT group)

Journalist activities

Since **1975**
Has written and worked as sport writer on events and on international sport politics for the **Corriere della Sera** and other newspapers such as **Il Messaggero**, **Il Secolo XIX**, **l'Unità** etc.

Creator, author and presenter of various programmes *“La Mongolfiera”* - *“Sport in Rete”* - *“l’Europa nel Pallone”* - *“Mondiali 10 e Lode”* - *“Germania 2006”* for Rai News 24; *“Ritorno ad Olimpia”* *“Torino le nostre Olimpiadi”* *“Pechino 2008”* programmes made with the participation of CONI.

2009

Member of the Jury for the Bancarella Sport Prize

Sport Management

2009 Nominated Board Member of the Fondazione Giulio Onesti

2009 Jury Member of the Swimming Board Isthof Honoree Final Ballot

2005 Member of the Evaluation Committee of CONI for the candidature of Italy for the 2016 Games

Since 2000 Member of the CONI Commission for Sports Publications

1996 Coordinator for Italy for the Team for Children of UNICEF for the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

1995-2006 Works for the promotion of the Olympic Games in Rome for 2004 and in Turin for 2006,

1999/2001 Appointed by CONI as Extraordinary Commissioner of the Italian Federation of Sport Dancing, working to organise federal activities both politically and administratively. Also manages the sporting events and promotes the new statute bringing the Federation within the new CONI regulations. Upon adoption of the Statute leaves the Federation in 2001.

1982/86 External Relations Director for the Italian Swimming Federation

Sports Career (Swimming)

OLYMPICS

1968 Mexico (12[^]) (youngest athlete present)

1972 Munich Silver 400 fs.
Bronze 800 fs.
Bronze 400 medley

EUROPEAN

1970 Bronze 800 fs.

1974 Silver 800 fs.

Bronze 400 fs.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1973 Belgrade Gold 800 fs.

Bronze 400 fs.

Bronze 400 medley

ITALIAN

From 1969 to 1974 76 National Titles

RECORDS

1 World (Belgrade 1973) 800 fs. (8'52"97)

22 European (1969 to 1974) 800-400-1500 fs-400 medley

86 Italian

Ends her career at 19 years old.

Ulla-Maija Paavilainen

“Sporting women portrayed in media”.

Bio

Ulla-Maija Paavilainen, born. 3.7. 1955,
Editor-in-chief, Author

Studies

degree in journalism from the University of Tampere 1977
degree in literature, art history and folkloristic

Professional career

journalist in various newspapers and magazines
Editor-in-Chief of weekly womens magazine Me Naiset 1984-2001
Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Finland's largest commercial exercise magazine, Sport, targeted at women. The magazine is published by Sanoma Magazines Finland since 2001

Author of the feature "Nainen lajissaan" (a woman and her sport as a hobby). The regularly appearing feature introduces successful career women who at the same time take out time to actively exercise.

Bi-weekly columnist for the financial newspaper Taloussanommat 2004-2007

Additional literary production

Valekierre-miniature novel (1974) published by Kauppiainien kustannus
Novel Sinulle luotu (2007) published by Otava
Novel Sokerisiskot (2008) published by Otava
Novel Äkkilähtö (2009) published by Otava

Exercise projects

As Editor-in chief for Me Naiset weekly magazine, acting as mediapartner and starting and developing during ten years the running event for women "Naisten Kymppi". Acting as significant partner in ie. Helsinki City Marathon and Helsinki City Run.

As editor-in-chief of Sport-magazine active in several exercise events ie. Nice Run. Actively taking part in exercise events aimed at women who belong to the magazine's target group.

Positions of trust within the exercise sector

Member of the Board and Vice President – Superpesis Oy 1998 - 2002
President of the Finnish Figure Skating Association 2003 – 2004
Member of The Finnish Figure Skating Association marketing- and PR group
Piikkarit – price winner for Women's Equality in Sports 2008
Member of the Local Organizing Committee for the UEFA Women's Euro 2009-tournament

Hobbies

Running (8 marathons), gym, ice-swimming, hydro running
Writing
Literature
Women related issues

Family

Husband
Children Ben (born 1995)

SESSION 4

Bart Ooijen

“Sport and Gender in EU Policy Making: State Of Play and Outlook.”

Bio

Bart Ooijen (53) has been Policy officer in the Sport Unit of the European Commission since 1 April 2009. He is responsible within the sport unit for various portfolio's. Sport and Education, the dual career for high talented young sportspeople, social inclusion, integration and equal opportunities in sport are the main subjects he is dealing with.

Before entering the Commission as a Dutch seconded national expert, he was working for the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport in the Netherlands for almost 15 years and responsible for almost the same aspects of sport policy as in the European Commission.

In the Netherland he was one of the founders of the policy on Sport and Development focused on developing countries in Africa and the Caribbean Area. In his position he could translate his ideas and experiences from a 4 years period living in Zimbabwe as a developmental worker in sport from practice to policy. A very big challenge was in this perspective how to challenge people to set up projects which contribute to the empowerment of women in and through sport. In his capacity of coordinator for sport and development he attended the Windhoek conference on women and sport development in Namibia.

His interest and fascination for the development of sport and the social value of sport has been inspired by his own experience as a local athlete, as trainer of various volleyball teams for almost 20 years, but of course also by politicians who has taken sport seriously and top sportsmen and women like Johan Crujff and Lorna Kiplagat. Both examples of athletes who also give a huge contribution to society by setting up projects for young people with a disability or for girls in a disadvantaged position.

Just recently he moved from Amsterdam to Brussels with his wife and two children. In 1989 he graduated at the Free University in Amsterdam in Physical Education and Sport. He was active in committees and boards of different local and national sport organisations.

Krisztina Gontér

“The International angle and partnerships”

The EPAS (Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport) is a new European intergovernmental organisation in the field of sport. It aims to promote sport and emphasise its positive values, to establish international standards and develop a framework for a pan-European platform of intergovernmental sports co-operation while at the same time helping the public authorities of member States of the EPAS, sports federations and NGOs to promote sport and make it healthier, fairer and better governed.

Bio

Ms Krisztina GÖNTÉR
Hungary
Senior advisor
Office of the State Secretary for Sport, Ministry of Local Government

Working since 1993 in governmental sport administration, in the field of international relations. Actually in charge of the coordination of European and international activities of the State Secretariat for sport of the Ministry of Local Government.

Positions in EPAS

(Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport, (http://www.coe.int/t/DG4/EPAS/default_en.asp)
2007 – 2009 Chair
2009 – Vice-Chair

Yiannis Ioannides

Bio



Yiannis Ioannides was born in Thessalonica and he is Demetris Ioannides' and Eleni Tsorlini's son from the historical place of Gevgeli. He is the grandson of the Macedonian fighter Tsorlinis.

He completed his secondary education after attending classes at the Thessalonica E Male Senior School and getting successfully through the entry exams in the first attempt, being, therefore, admitted to the Thessalonica University Agronomic School. While being a Senior School student, he practised sports as an athlete – he was a basketball player participating in the ARI team and when 15 years old he managed to be a key member of the A team.

After graduation, he enrolled at the Thessalonica University Industrial School.

After completion of his studies, he joined the Greek Army and served as Artillery Reserve Second Lieutenant. Then he worked in his capacity as Agronomist at the ATEbank of Greece and offered his services in the following respective branches: Lagada, Sohos, Thessalonica, E Geotechnical Inspection, Vegetable Production in Athens and in the Human Resources Administration. His contribution in the Divisions where he worked has been excellent, and mainly at Sohos, having transformed it into a branch whereas when he took it over it was a small counter. He also worked as a coach for the ARI Thessalonica Basketball Team, suspending for a short period of time his services as such when he became the first coach of the National Basketball Team and later Olympiacos' and then AEK's. He has achieved many victories as a coach, since he conquered 12 Greek championships, 6 Greek cups; he also participated in 6 final tours with all the three teams (ARI, Olympiacos, AEK), having competed in three finals.

At the 2004 elections, he was elected for the first time Thessalonica first electoral constituency deputy having appeared as a candidate on Nea Dimokratia's ballot paper. He was a member of: the Greek Parliament's Steering Committee on Cultural Affairs, the Ad hoc Steering Committee on Equality and Human Rights, the Intergroup Committee on Shaping an Institutional Framework on Transparency Guarantee in Sports, as well as the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution. He was re-elected Thessalonica first electoral constituency deputy at the September 2007 elections and on the 19th September 2007 he assumed duty as

a State Secretary for Culture Responsible for Sport Affairs in Prime Minister Kostas Karamanlis government.

He was conferred the HOMO HELLENICUS award by the Athens University. This honorary award is conferred to important persons all over the world who have served the Hellenic Values with their work and their life.

He is married to Yioula Guiouzelopoulou and they have a daughter named Eleni – Theodora.

Foreign languages: English

Useful Information

Air Travel

Cyprus can be reached by several major international airlines from European gateway cities. From North America, travelers can break up the journey in the European city of their choice or elect to keep connection time to a minimum. Popular gateways include London, Paris, Amsterdam, Athens, Frankfurt, Zurich, Helsinki, Rome, Dubai etc. In addition, Cyprus Airways provides regular daily flights from many major European and Middle Eastern gateways.

If you need assistance with flight itineraries and fares, please contact the Conference Secretariat, [Top Kinisis Travel](#), who will be happy to offer their expert knowledge.

Legal Points of Entry

The legal ports of entry into the Republic of Cyprus are the airports of Larnaka and Pafos and the ports of Larnaka, Limassol, Latsi and Pafos, which are situated in the area under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. Entry into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus via any other port or airport in which the Government of the Republic does not exercise effective control (Turkish occupied areas) is illegal.

Airport Transfers

From either airport there will be means of transportation for all conference participants on the main travel days. Please make sure that you indicate your flight details on your registration form and inform the Conference Secretariat in writing in case of flight changes.

Travelling Documents

Travelling to Cyprus is very easy. The documentation required varies, depending on your nationality. A valid passport is required for a stay of up to 90 days for all bonafide tourists except citizens of European Union countries, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway who may enter Cyprus with their national identity card provided it bears a photo. Some non-EU third country nationals require a visa. Further detailed information can be obtained from the Cyprus Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/mfa2006.nsf/All/BCD9E71A8FBBA8DCC225720B001D9AFE?OpenDocument>)

Letter of Invitation

Participants requiring a letter of invitation in order to attend the conference may write to the Conference Secretariat specifying the necessary details. Please note that this procedure aims at assisting the participants who need to obtain a visa or permission to attend the conference. It is not an official invitation covering fees and other expenses and does not imply any financial support.

Climate

Cyprus enjoys a Mediterranean climate with long dry summers from mid-May to mid-October and with mild winters from December to February, which are separated by short autumn and spring seasons. See [Cyprus Weather \(www.Cyprus-Weather.com\)](http://www.Cyprus-Weather.com) for more details.

Language

Greek and Turkish are the official languages. English is widely spoken. French and German are also spoken within the Tourism Industry.

Currency / Banking Hours / Credit Cards

The currency of the Republic of Cyprus is the Euro (€). Banking hours for the public: Monday-Friday 08:00 - 13:30. There are many Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) outside most branches of banks in all towns and in the main tourist resorts. Hotels, large shops and restaurants normally accept credit cards and traveller's cheques. Banknotes of major foreign currencies are also acceptable.

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