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RT5: The Impact of Late Diagnosis of Autism on both Parents and autistic adolescent

RT6: Setting the stage for the prevention and control of substance use among people with Autism, curated by the Lebanese Association for Medical Services for Addiction

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RT8: Opening up work "paths" on the Autism Spectrum



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Date: Friday, 27 September 2024

09:30 – 10:50	Registration
Opening Ceremony 11:00 – 12:00	<p> Professor Haris Doukas, The Mayor of Athens (Top 2% Scientists)</p> <p> Deputy Minister of Health, Dr. Dimitris Vartzopoulos</p> <p>Professor Athanasios Alexiou, AARM 2024 Chair (Highly-Ranked in Computational Biomedicine)</p> <p>Professor Gevorg Tamamyan, International Society of Pediatric Oncology, Asia Continental President (online)</p> <p>Professor Mohammad Amjad Kamal (Highly-Cited Researcher in Biochemistry - within the top 1% globally by Clarivate) (online)</p>
1st Session Chairs 12:00 – 15:30	<p>1) Professor Athanasios Alexiou, AARM 2024 Chair</p> <p>2) Dr. Yeva Margaryan, Institute of Cancer and Crisis, Yerevan, Armenia</p>
Keynote Lecture 12:00 – 12:30	<p>Title: The Ethics of Autism: Bioethical and Philosophical Questions</p> <p>Professor Leandros Lefakis, West Attica University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
Keynote Lecture 12:30 – 13:30	<p>Title: Current trends in Autism Spectrum Disorder</p> <p>Professor Athanasios Kamoutsis, AARM 2024 Chair, Agricultural University of Athens, President of the Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
Round Table 13:30 – 15:30	<p>Title: Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic People. History and Actions</p> <p>Moderation: Professor Athanasios Kamoutsis, Mr. Thomas Kapelos, Ms. Elissavet Stefou</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel</p> <p>1) Ms. Katerina Georgakopoulou – Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons, Psychologist at ‘ELENI GYRA’ Residential Care Facility for People with Autism in Ioannina</p> <p>2) Dr. Nikos Gouvas – Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons, Psychiatrist at ‘ARIADNI II’ Residential Care Facility for People with Autism in Thessaloniki</p> <p>3) Ms. Polyxeni Giannaki – Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons, Psychologist at ‘SEIRIOS’ Day Care Center for People with Autism in Athens</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>



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<p>15:30 - 16:30</p>	<p align="center">Coffee Break</p>
<p>2nd Session Chairs 16:30 - 19:00</p>	<p>1) Professor Athanasios Kamoutsis, AARM 2024 Chair, Agricultural University of Athens, President of the Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons 2) Ms. Polyxeni Giannaki – Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons, Psychologist at ‘SEIRIOS’ Day Care Center for People with Autism in Athens</p>
<p>Keynote Lecture 16:30 - 17:30</p>	<p align="center">Title: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Autism Spectrum Disorder Professor Markos Sgantzos, University of Thessaly, President of the Hellenic Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Discussion</p>
<p>Round Table 17:30 - 19:00</p>	<p align="center">Title: Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine and Autism Spectrum Disorder Moderation: Professor Markos Sgantzos Panel 1) Dr. Kyriaki Stathi, Clinical assessment by a psychiatrist in a patient with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Assessment of muscle tone / sensory deficits 2) Dr. Styliani Papakosta, Targeting Movement disorders in a patient with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Potential interventions. 3) Professor Markos Sgantzos, Physiotherapist and Rehabilitation Team in the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder Discussion</p>
<p>3rd Session Chairs 19:00 - 21:00</p>	<p>1) Ms. Katerina Georgakopoulou – Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons, Psychologist at ‘ELENI GYRA’ Residential Care Facility for People with Autism in Ioannina 2) Mr. Konstantinos Kalianiotis, Speech Therapist – Special Educator, MSc, Research Fellow PhDc. 2nd Department of Pediatrics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece</p>
<p>Presentation 19:00 - 19:30</p>	<p align="center">Title: Predictive Language Processing in Autism Spectrum Disorder and Developmental Language Disorder Professor Georgia Andreou, Dr. Vasiliki Lymperopoulou, Dr. Vasiliki Aslanoglou Discussion</p>
<p>Presentation 19:30 - 20:00</p>	<p align="center">Title: GoAuti, innovative parent training therapeutic intervention protocol for families with children on the autism spectrum Ms. Anna Konstantinidou Discussion</p>



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Presentation 20:00 – 20:30	Title: Person-Centered Nursing Care for Adults with Autism and Epilepsy: Addressing Complex Needs. Ms. Ioanna Dimitriadou, Ms. Eleni Tsiara, Ms. Dimitra Palitzika, Professor Evangelos C. Fradelos, Professor Aikaterini Toska, Professor Maria Saridi Discussion
Presentation 20:30 – 21:00	Title: Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Arab countries and the effects of culture and religion on its diagnosis and management Dr. Hashim Talib Hashim Discussion

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9:00 – 09:50	Registration
4th Session Chairs 10:00 – 13:00	1) Professor Markos Sgantzos, University of Thessaly, President of the Hellenic Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine 2) Professor Athanasios Alexiou, AARM 2024 Chair
Keynote Lecture 10:00 – 11:00	Title: Autism challenging the developing skeleton: A pediatric orthopaedic approach (TBC) Professor Dr. Med. Thomas Dreher, Chief Physician at the University Children's Hospital Zurich and the Balgrist University Hospital in Zurich, Switzerland Discussion
Round Table 11:00 – 13:00	Title: Preventing, diagnosing and treating cancer among people with Autism: From the bench and the clinic to public health and policy Moderation 1) Dr. Christos Tsagkaris, Horizon Europe Cancer Mission Board, Brussels, Belgium 2) Mr. George Kapetanakis, President, Hellenic Cancer Federation (ELLOK), Athens, Greece Commentator: Professor Athanasios Alexiou, AARM2024 Chair (Hellenic Bone Marrow Transplanted Patients Association Member) Panel 1) Dr. Andreas Koulouris, Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden, The Oncologist's viewpoint: Understanding and treating cancer in the context of autism spectrum disorders 2) Professor Eleni (Lina) Tolma, University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus/Horizon Europe Cancer Mission Board, Brussels, Belgium, The Public Health viewpoint: Health promotion in the intersection of cancer and neurodivergence





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	<p>3)Dr. Yeva Margaryan, Institute of Cancer and Crisis, Yerevan, Armenia, The Syndemic approach: Preventing and treating cancer in people with neurodivergence in crisis setting</p> <p>4)Dr. Christos Tsagkaris, The health policy viewpoint: The Horizon Europe Cancer Mission and the European approach towards quality of life for cancer patients and survivors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
5th Session Chair 13:00 – 14:30	<p>1)Dr. Andreas Koulouris, Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden</p>
Round Table 13:00 – 14:30	<p>Title: Setting the stage for the prevention and control of substance use among people with Autism, curated by the Lebanese Association for Medical Services for Addiction (Hybrid)</p> <p>Moderation: Dr. Anna Orfanidou, Attikon General University Hospital of Athens, Athens, Greece</p> <p>Commentator: Dr. Zeina Moukarzel, Lebanese Association for Medical Services for Addiction, Beirut, Lebanon (online)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel</p> <p>1)Dr. (DDS). Muriel Dib, Saint George University, Beirut, Lebanon (online)</p> <p>2)Dr. Yvonne Élise Germanos, Lebanese Association for Medical Services for Addiction, Beirut, Lebanon; Médecin interne au service de pédopsychiatrie de l'enfant et de l'adolescent, Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève, Genève, Switzerland (online)</p> <p>3)Dr. Christos Tsagkaris, Head of the Public Health and Policy Working Group of the European Student Think Tank, Amsterdam, Netherlands</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
14:30 – 15:30	Coffee Break
6th Session Chair 15:30 – 18:00	<p>1)Professor Eleni (Lina) Tolma, University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus/Horizon Europe Cancer Mission Board, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>2)Dr. Christos Tsagkaris, Horizon Europe Cancer Mission Board, Brussels, Belgium</p>
Keynote Lecture 15:30 – 16:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Title: Strategic Planning and Actions for Individuals with Autism</p> <p>Professor Eleni Lachana, Head of Health Services Management at the Department of Public and One Health, University of Thessaly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
Round Table 16:30 – 18:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Title: Autism, Public Health, and Social Challenges - Department of Public and One Health, University of Thessaly</p> <p>Moderation: Professor Eleni Lachana</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel</p> <p>1)Professor Vasilios Diamantopoulos, Autism and Public Social Policy</p>





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	<p>2)PhD(c) Georgios Napas - PhD(c) Olympia Lioupi, Legislative Framework and Autism Spectrum Disorders</p> <p>3)Professor Anastasios Kotrotsios, Autism and Quality of Life</p> <p>4)Professor Konstantinos Tsiamis, Vulnerability of Moving Populations to Autism</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
7th Session Chair 18:00 – 19:30	1) Ms. Eleni Zontirou, President of the Culture, Sports and Youth Organization of the City of Athens (OPANDA)
Round Table 18:00 – 19:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Title: Inclusion - Accessibility for Autism in the Municipality of Athens</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderation: Ms. Maria Iliopoulou</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel</p> <p>1)Ms. Elena Mantzavinou, Special Municipal Councilor for Accessibility, Vice President of KYADA (Municipal Social Services)</p> <p>2)Ms. Eudoxia Ioannidou, Head of the Department of Planning, Organization & E-Governance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Title: Best Practices - Presentation of JobsLink program by the Greek Association for Asperger Syndrome (E.I.s.s.A) focuses on finding and maintaining employment for individuals on the autism spectrum.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderation: Elena Mantzavinou</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel</p> <p>1)Participants from the Greek Association for Asperger Syndrome Ms. Maria Iliopoulou, Psychologist, President of E.I.s.s.A</p> <p>2)Mr. Giorgos Nathanail, Business Consultant, Member of the Scientific Committee of E.I.s.s.A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
8th Session Chair 19:30 – 21:00	1) Ms. Evagelia Markopoulou, Psychologist, Ph.Dc., WHO Youth Research Forum Member
Round Table 19:30 – 20:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Title: Opening up work ‘paths’ on the Autism Spectrum, Koi.S.P.E. ‘Diadromes’</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderation: Ms. Eugenia Lianou, Scientifically Responsible Koi.S.P.E. ‘Diadromes’</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel</p> <p>1)Ms. Katerina Sidiropoulou, Job Coach / Occupational Therapist</p> <p>2)Ms. Anna Polychronopou, Job Coach / Speech Therapist</p> <p>3)Ms. Anastasia Galani, Communication Specialist</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
Round Table 20:15 – 21:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Title: The Impact of Late Diagnosis of Autism on both Parents and autistic adolescent (Interview of a Father and a Son)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel</p>





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	<p>1)Mr. Kalianiotis Konstantinos, Speech Therapist – Special Educator, MSc, Research Fellow PhDc 2nd Department of Pediatrics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece</p> <p>2)Mr. Athanasios Thirios, MSc Pediatrician, PhDc Academic Fellowship Medical School, University of Athens, Developmental and Adolescent Health</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
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Date: Sunday, 29 September 2024

9 : 0 0 – 0 9 : 5 0	Registration
9th Session Chairs 10 : 0 0 – 1 2 : 3 0	<p>1)Professor Kimon Volikas, Scientific Consultant, Aktios Elderly Care Units and St George's, University of London Medical School at University of Nicosia</p> <p>2)Professor Aristotle Koutsiaris – School of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece</p>
Presentation 10 : 0 0 – 1 0 : 3 0	<p style="text-align: center;">Title: Increasing accessibility of radiological Services for autistic people: a paradigm shift</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Professor Christina Malamateniou (online video)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
Keynote Lecture 10 : 3 0 – 1 1 : 3 0	<p style="text-align: center;">Title: Autism Spectrum Disorder and related Neurodegenerative Disorders (online)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Professor Ghulam Md Ashraf, Department of Biological Sciences, School of Science, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, Suzhou, Jiangsu, China (Top 2% Scientists)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
Presentation 11 : 3 0 – 1 2 : 0 0	<p style="text-align: center;">Title: Autism and Dementia: Shared Traits</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Emmanouil Dimarellis, Dr. Eleni Baldimtsi, Ms. Varnali - Kontopoulou Zoi, Professor Magda Tsolaki</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
Presentation 12 : 0 0 – 1 2 : 3 0	<p style="text-align: center;">Title: Autism Spectrum Disorder and their Relevant Role in Brain Tumor (online)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Nikshitha, Professor Saurabh Kumar Jha</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
10th Session Chair 12 : 3 0 – 1 5 : 0 0	<p>1)Professor Marios Papadakis, Witten/Herdecke University, Germany</p> <p>2)Dr. Nikolaos Kyriakopoulos, MRI Department, 251 General Airforce Hospital, Athens, Greece</p>



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Presentation 12:30 – 13:00	Title: Microbiome and Brain-Gut Microbiota's Influence on Autism Pathogenesis: GBA and Autism Pathogenesis (online) Professor Aman Babanrao Upaganlawar, Professor Nitu Wankhede, Professor Mayur Kale, Professor Sandip Rahangdale, Professor Manish Aglawe, Professor Brijesh Taksande, Professor Milind Umekar Discussion
Presentation 13:00 – 13:30	Title: Emerging Trends and Transdisciplinary Approaches in Autism Spectrum Disorder Management: Implications for Pharmacotherapy and Healthcare Practice (online) Mr. Umar Ishaq, Mr. Hamza Ishaq Discussion
Presentation 13:30 – 14:00	Title: Insights on Prospects of Natural Products in the Management of Autism (online) Mr. Rajat Goyal, Mr. Namish Manchanda, Professor Rupesh Gautam Discussion
Presentation 14:00 – 14:30	Title: Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders by Mitochondrial-targeted Drug: Future of Neurological Diseases Therapeutics (online) Dr. Andleeb Khan, Dr. Showkat Ul Nabi, Dr. Muneeb U. Rehman, Dr. Azher Arafah, Ms. Syed Taifa, Ms. Iqra Shafi Khan, Dr. Summya Rashid, Ms. Fatimah Jan, Dr. Hilal Ahmad Wani, Dr. Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad Discussion
Presentation 14:30 – 15:00	Title: Insights of Perspectives of Autism Spectrum Disorder (online) Ms. Sapna Sirswal, Ms. Rajat Goyal, Ms. Karan Goel, Ms. Manisha R, Professor Rupesh Gautam, Professor Sumeet Gupta Discussion
15:00 - 16:00	Coffee Break
11th Session Chairs 16:00 – 18:30	1)Dr. Polyxeni Simou, Department of Theatre Studies, University of Athens 2) Professor Athanasios Alexiou, AARM 2024 Chair
Keynote Lecture 16:00 – 17:00	Title: Empathy in the operating room: Understanding Autism in Surgical Care Professor Marios Papadakis, Witten/Herdecke University Discussion
Presentation 17:00 – 17:30	Title: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Early Identification of Autism Spectrum Disorder Ms. Avgi Vitanidi, Dr. Anastassios Nanos Discussion





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Presentation 17:30 – 18:00	Title: Integration Education of a Student on the Autism Spectrum through Participation in a Theatrical Performance: An Action Plan for Internal Evaluation Professor Maria Drossinou Korea, Ms. Athina Avramidi, Mr. Dimitrios Bantes Discussion
Presentation 18:00 – 18:30	Title: CYGNET Enhancing Support for Children with Autism Through Collaborative Engagement Ms. Avgi Vitanidi Discussion
12th Session Chairs 18:30 – 21:00	1)Mr. Thomas Kapelos, General Secretary of the Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons 2)Mr. Konstantinos Tsirkas, Funogen
Presentation 18:30 – 18:40	Title: ‘Dramatize Art’ with Individuals in the Autism Spectrum Disorder in Art Centers Dr. Apostolia Pastra, PostDoc Researcher (Art Psychopedagogue) Ms. Efstathia Grentzelou (Music Therapist, Songwriter), Mr. George Athanasopoulos (Musician) Creators of the song about autism ‘Ruby Red’
Keynote Lecture 18:40 – 19:30	Title: Neuroinformatics and Artificial Intelligence in Early Diagnosis and Art Therapy Professor Athanasios Alexiou, AARM 2024 Chair, Funogen (Highly-Ranked in Computational Biomedicine) Software demonstration: Ms. Vaya Tsitakidou, Mr. Stylianos Chatzichronis Discussion
Presentation 19:30 – 20:00	Title: The museum experience for autistic people. The example of the National Museum of Contemporary Art Ms. Elisabeth Ioannides, EMΣT Education Curator – Art Psychotherapist Discussion
Presentation 20:00 – 20:45	Title: Mythical audio-narratives at the Acropolis Museum Ms. Polyxeni Giannaki, Mr. Konstantinos Kalianiotis, Professor Athanasios Alexiou Discussion
20:45	Closing Ceremony

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