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### **FOUR MORE HIGH-CALIBER FACULTY MEMBERS JOIN UCY MEDICAL SCHOOL**

*School Continues to Build Momentum for its Academic and Research Programmes*

University of Cyprus has attracted more outstanding faculty members with research and clinical expertise in various specialty areas for its dynamically growing and forward-thinking UCY Medicine School established in 2013.

The new adjunct faculty members have come to join the School's current team that is prepared to build on its infant successes, overcome the today challenges in the health care sector and eventually contribute to the realization of the School's vision, while enhancing both its national and international recognition.

Specifically, the University Senate has decided unanimously to induct the following academics as adjunct professors in UCY Medicine School:

- **Prof. Aristomenis Exadaktylos**, Chairman and Clinical Director of Bern University Hospital Department of Emergency Medicine Inselspital Bern. He is the only Professor, of Greek origin, and Clinical Director holding his own Chair in Emergency Medicine in Europe. The working motto in his Department is "*You never work alone*", stressing the importance of team-work for his specialty area.
- **Prof. Petros Koutrakis**, Professor of Environmental Sciences at the Harvard School of Public Health, Head of the Exposure, Epidemiology, and Risk Program, Director of the U.S. EPA sponsored by Harvard University Clean Air Research Center (CLARC), and Director of the Harvard School of Public Health – Cyprus International Initiative.
- **Prof. Michael Koutsilieris**, Professor of Experimental Physiology and Director of the Physiology Laboratory at University of Athens Medical School. Some other of its research and administrative positions are: member of the Greek National Council of Research, Board of Director's Member of the Alexander Fleming Research Institute, three times President of the Professors' Union Medical School of the University of

Athens. In 2005 he was honored with the “Volunteerism” Award by the Ministry of Health of Greece.

- **Prof. Dimitrios Boumpas**, Professor of Medicine at the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He serves at the Third Department of Medicine at the “Sotiria” Hospital of Thoracic Diseases and is responsible for the Rheumatology-Clinical Immunology Unit. Chair of the Training and Education Committee for the European League against Rheumatism and Chair of European Task force on SLE that develops guidelines for the management and coordinates clinical trials and research on SLE. Chair of the European Research Council Panel for Advanced Grants on Diagnostics Tools, Therapies and Public Health (LS-7).

Today, UCY Medicine School has moved and is housed in the "Shacolion Health Training Center" (SEKKI), newly renovated and fully equipped facilities. The Centre also accommodates the Clinical and Anatomy Laboratories, as well as the UCY Research Centre for Molecular Medicine. Certainly, the School's move to the Centre presents an outstanding growth opportunity for our clinical and research faculty.

According to Rector, Prof. Constantinos Christofides: *“Each year, as our stature among world-class universities rises -thanks to the hard and team-work of the UCY community members- we are able to attract more and more new faculty members with top credentials in education and research. Each new faculty member of the Medicine school has brought the valuable expertise needed to educate our students and mold them into future health care professionals, prepared to provide unsurpassed patient care to our community members. While students are the first beneficiaries of this expertise, Cypriot society benefits too, eventually. We are working so that in coming years our Medical School becomes a centre of excellence in medical education and research in the region, a hub of public and private hospital network. We are already headed in the right direction.”*

UCY Medicine School has recently announced at an international level a vacancy notice for twelve (12) positions in all specialty areas, six (6) tenure-track and six (6) visiting ones (at all ranks Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer), while one concerns the position of the Dean.

**End of Announcement**