UCY MEDICAL SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW FACULTY
Seven Visiting Professors bring extensive medical expertise to the University of Cyprus

Seven new faculty members, all international experts with extensive experience in research and teaching — including the Interim (Acting) Dean, Professor Nicholas Pavlidis — have joined recently the University of Cyprus Medical School. The new semester has begun with the steadily growing academic team prepared to contribute to the realization of the School’s vision, as it continues to build momentum for its academic, research and clinical programmes.

As the Acting Dean has stated: “The School, established in 2013, may still be in its infancy, but it is growing fast, determined to fulfil its aspirations. Our vision is to achieve excellence in medical research and education and to introduce academic clinical practice to Cyprus. Our key objectives are a) to create an ideal educational environment so as to develop outstanding physicians, b) to attract high-caliber faculty and c) to enhance the quality of healthcare services through development of innovative basic and clinical research. Today, the Medical School faculty comprises of 20 members (Teaching and Research Staff, Visiting Professors, Special Teaching Staff, Adjunct Professors, Special Scientists) and a significant number of collaborators that contribute substantially to the School’s work.”
During his recent visit, in the context of the evaluation of the School’s medical study programmes, King’s College London Professor John Rees, as member of the International Evaluation Committee emphasized: “The recruitment of highly trained medical professionals is very significant for the Medical School’s development. UCY is committed to be doing so, announcing, at an international level, vacancy notices for faculty positions in all specialties of medicine. The faculty members have been chosen on merit following strictly scientific criteria.”

Meet the new visiting professors who recently joined the UCY Medical School:

- **Professor Nicholas Pavlidis**: Interim (Acting) Dean of UCY Medical School. Emeritus Professor of University of Ioannina, Member of the Scientific Committee of European School of Oncology and Coordinator of Educational Masterclasses (Central Europe, Euro-Asia, Balkans, Middle East and Latin America). Member (former Chairman) of the ESMO/ASCO Global Curriculum Task Force for the specialty of Medical Oncology in Europe. Editor In-Chief of “Cancer Treatment Reviews” [Elsevier], (Impact Factor: 8.0).

- **Professor Achparaki Athanasia**: Anesthesiologist, Professor of Histology and Embryology in the Medical School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH). Director of the Laboratory of Histology and Embryology and elected member of the General Assembly of the Medical Department of the University. Member of the Editorial Board of “Scientific Annals” of the AUTH Medical Department. Member of the supervising Committee on electron microscopy and member of the Public Relations Committee of AUTH. Participation in research programs of the General Secretariat for Research and Technology of the European Society of Endodontology, participation in the European COST and BIOMED programs and the German Scientific Foundation. Main research area is on Neuroscience and more specifically on the study of the effects of substances on the ultrastructure of various organs.


- **Professor Constantinos G. Missouris**: Associate Professor of Cardiology. Consultant Physician at Frimley Health NHS Trust, the Imperial School of Medicine London and the Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Trust London. Developed a state of the art CCU coronary angiography, coronary artery angioplasty, pacemaker, ICD and bivent Implantation (cardiac catheterisation laboratory & cardiac investigations unit in East Berkshire). Published important academic research while working in the following internationally renowned units for research into cardiac and cardiovascular diseases, the Blood Pressure Unit, and the department of Cardiological Sciences St George’s Hospital Medical School, London, and the Imperial School of Medicine, London.
Established in 2013, UCY Medical School strives to develop outstanding physicians, who will promote high quality healthcare services in Cyprus and the broader region. It aims to provide rigorous medical programmes for students and to conduct high-quality research, while attracting world-class faculty members, as well as exceptional medicine students, currently mainly from Cyprus and Greece, in the future from the broader region and Europe.

Since having welcomed the first students of medicine, the school counts 117 students, out of who 28 have begun the three-year clinical training at the public hospitals in October 2016.

For further information regarding the UCY Medical School please refer to the link below: http://www.ucy.ac.cy/medical/en/

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