

## Panhellenic Association of Hospital Pharmacists (P.E.F.N.I)

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To

**EAHP Nomination Committee** 

## Subject: Nomination of Despoina Makridaki for Board membership

The Panhellenic Association of Hospital Pharmacists (P.E.F.N.I.), gladly supports the candidacy of Mrs Despoina Makridaki to renewal of her position as Board member.

Despoina is highly appreciated, very active and qualified, being the President of our Association since 2013. She is an influential ambassador of EAHP's vision for hospital pharmacists in national level, as she has both extensive scientific and administrative experience and collaborates harmonically with other healthcare professionals and patient associations in Greece. Through all the positions she has been appointed or elected, she keeps communicating EAHP projects not only to colleagues, but also to the authorities and other stakeholders.

Her personal engagement and constant efforts, enabled important changes for Greek hospital pharmacists, and we must highlight her leading role mostly on the following fields: increasing the number of permanent serving pharmacists in public hospitals in the country (after a decade of no new entry), ensuring the positive consultation for establishment of Hospital Pharmacy Specialization from the national Central Health Council, forming the national legislative framework and guidelines for antibiotic stewardship teams in Greek hospitals (coordinated by chief hospital pharmacists), the active and obligatory participation of hospital pharmacists in the Committee of Therapeutic Protocols of each hospital and the operation of Central Dialysis Units for Cytostatics and Biologics (under the scientific supervision of trained hospital pharmacists). She is very enthusiastic and compelling in promoting Good Practice initiatives. The most recent example is her participation as professional expert in the Covid-19 Vaccination Design and Strategy of Greek Ministry of Health, to ensure the engagement of hospital pharmacists and create the directives and procedures for optimal use of vaccines and safe vaccination practices.

For all the above reasons, we believe she can only positively contribute EAHP's Board mission if re-elected, as she is a person extremely "team work" oriented, effective, with innovative ideas and focused on collaboration and solidarity among all healthcare professionals and the community.

Sincerely,

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Vice-Président of P.E.F.N.I.

Vassilis Goulas

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