

The Cyprus International Action Plan for Childhood Cancer
Global Hope for Childhood Cancer: Bridging Gaps, Saving Lives

Inaugural International Convention of Experts
on Childhood and Adolescent Cancer
Defeating Childhood and Adolescent Cancer and Reducing Global Inequalities



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Uniting Efforts and Forces with

World Health Organisation (WHO)
International Society of Pediatric Oncology, Section Europe (SIOPE)
Groupe Franco-Africain d'Oncologie Pédiatrique (GFAOP)
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (USA)
International Berlin-Frankfurt-Münster Study Group (I-BFM)

PROGRAMME

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5.00-5.30 REGISTRATION

5.30-5.50 Welcome

- a. Opening Remarks by ELPIDA Foundation**
Professor Maria Michailidis
- b. Musical Performance**
Children's Choir from Diastasis Cultural Association

5.50-6.10 Inaugural Addresses

- a. Ms. Stella Kyriakides**
Former EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety
- b. His Excellency Mr. Nikos Christodoulides**
President of the Republic of Cyprus

6.10-7.30 Advancing Childhood Cancer Care

Global Perspectives, Challenges, Disparities, Innovations, and Pathways Forward

- a. The Cyprus International Action Plan for Childhood Cancer**
Professor Loizos G. Loizou
- b. Advancing Global Health Equity: France's Commitment to Childhood Cancer Care and the Fight Against Disparities**
Madame Anne-Claire Amprou, Ambassador for Global Health, France
- c. Childhood Cancer Care in Greece Today**
Dr. Marios Themistocleous, Deputy Minister of Health, Greece
- d. The Social Care System for Children and Their Families in Greece**
Ms. Sofia Zacharaki, Minister of Social Cohesion and Family Affairs, Greece

e. Strengthening Partnerships in Pediatric Oncology:

Showcasing WHO, ELPIDA, and Cyprus example
Dr Irshad Shaikh, WHO Special Representative and Head of Country Office, Cyprus

f. The European Pediatric Oncology Experience: SIOPE's Role in Advancing Care and Reducing Disparities Across Europe

Professor Gilles Vassal, Gustave Roussy, SIOPE Europe Board Member and Chair of the SIOPE Policy Committee

g. Advancing Global Pediatric Oncology: St. Jude's Role in Bridging Disparities

Dr. Catherine Lam, Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Childhood Cancer, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

h. Strengthening Pediatric Oncology in Africa: The Pioneering Role of GFAOP in Advancing Care and Increasing Survival Rates

Professor Eric Buffet, Vice President, Groupe Franco-Africain d'Oncologie Pédiatrique (GFAOP)

i. Roles and contributions of the I-BFM Group in collaboration with WHO, St. Jude, SIOPE, GFAOP, ELPIDA, and other organizations to tackle worldwide inequalities in childhood cancer care

Professor Arndt Borkhardt, Chairman, International Berlin-Frankfurt-Münster (I-BFM) Study Group

7.30

Closing Program

- a. Traditional Greek Dance Performance by Shakallis Dance School**
- b. Reception and Cocktail**