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The World Hellenic Biomedical Association would like to cordially invite you to the

# 12<sup>th</sup> World Hellenic Biomedical Congress

Under the Auspices of the President of the Hellenic Republic

May 23rd, 2015

## **"Identifying and Supporting Cores of Biomedical Research Excellence in Greece"**

Time: 9:15 - 17:00

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<b>9:15 - 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Challenges and opportunities for biomedical research &amp; development in Greece</b> - Moderators: <b>Athanasios (Sakis) Mantalaris</b> , Imperial College London & WHBA executive board member <b>Konstantinos Drosatos</b> , Temple University, USA & WHBA past-president
<b>Welcoming remarks</b>	<b>George Dangas</b> , Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, USA & Chair of the WHBA Advisory Board <b>Nickandros Bouras</b> , King's College London & Founding WHBA President
<b>09:30 - 09:55</b>	<b>Evi Giannakakou</b> , President-elect (2015-2017) - World Hellenic Biomedical Association <b>"World Hellenic Biomedical Association: 25 years of building a bridge of excellence between Hellenic Biomedical Diaspora and Greece"</b>
<b>09:55 - 10:20</b>	<b>Menelaos Manoussakis</b> , Hellenic Pasteur Institute, Athens, Greece "Advanced Training & Innovation Center at the Hellenic Pasteur Institute"
<b>10:20 - 10:45</b>	<b>Dimitris Thanos</b> , Biomedical Research Foundation of the Academy of Athens, Greece "Filling the gap: Integrating translational research components in Greece"
<b>10:45 - 11:10</b>	<b>George Kollias</b> , Alexander Fleming, Biomedical Sciences Research Center & Department of Physiology, Medical School, University of Athens, Greece
<b>11:10 - 11:35</b>	<b>Nektarios Tavernarakis</b> , Institute for Mol. Biology & Biotechnology, Heraklion, Crete, Greece "Promoting biomedical research and innovation in Greece: Pursuing excellence in times of crisis"
<b>11:35 - 12:00</b>	<b>Konstantinos Kofinas</b> , Merck-Hellas SA, Athens, Greece "Current and future perspectives of pharmaceutical sector in Greece"
<b>12:00 - 02:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>02:00 - 03:00</b>	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE - "Economic benefits of basic research and biotechnology"</b> <b>Tom Maniatis, Columbia University, USA</b> - Presentation by Dimitris Thanos
<b>03:00 - 05:00</b>	<b>Awards of outstanding performance for participants of the summer school</b> <b>Panel Discussion - "Promoting Biomedical Research in Greece"</b> <b>Chair:</b> Stylianos Antonarakis, University of Geneva, Switzerland <b>Panelists:</b> Tom Maniatis, Evi Giannakakou, Menelaos Manoussakis, Dimitris Thanos, George Kollias, Nektarios Tavernarakis, Konstantinos Kofinas

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