

## WELCOME LETTER

*Dear Colleagues,*

*We welcome you to the First International Congress of the European Association of Professors Emeriti, which was founded in September 2016. The aims of the Association remain the same:*

*The creation and preservation of ties among academics and professors emeriti all over Europe. The collaboration of European Professors Emeriti in conducting research projects or in producing and publishing meritorious scientific work.*

*The submission of proposals to the relevant authorities with respect to the study of issues related to graduate and post graduate education or offering courses to the general public with a view to contribute to the restructuring of curricula or other sections of learning, where such needs exist.*

*The exchange of knowledge and ideas stemming from various scientific fields, visual and performing arts. The active cooperation among European scientists across various academic fields via the organization of meetings, colloquia or conferences of interdisciplinary and intra-cultural interests and the creation of a "Think Tank". The moral, scientific, legal counselling and material support to colleagues and their families and also to every needy individual.*

*In this Congress we have tried to represent as many disciplines as possible. Also many outstanding Associations and Academies are participating. A session is dedicated to Mentoring, emphasizing the close ties between Preceptor and Student.*

*Pertinent subjects are:*

- The Management of Health Challenges in our Century*
- Culture and Environment*
- The Capital of Age*
- Scientific Achievements through the Ages*
- The Activities of Academies and Emeriti Associations*
- Back to Learning - The Role of Mentorship*
- The Challenge of fair Access to University*
- The Contribution of Professors Emeriti to Science*
- The Political Difficulties concerning Climate Change and negative Emission*
- Health in our Society*

*We also have tried to provide an interesting social program. We want to thank all those involved in the organization of this Congress, the Organizing and Scientific Committees, our Secretariat and of course our gracious sponsors who have unrestrictedly supported us.*

*We would like to thank the Athens Medical Society for helping us publish the Abstracts of the meeting in its official journal «Archives of Hellenic Medicine».*

*We welcome you all to the beautiful and historic city of Athens, the cradle of Democracy.*

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