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Message from Executive Dean Medical School, University of Nicosia

A Graduation and a Commencement

Today marks an important transition in your lives as newly-qualified doctors, and the completion of another successful landmark year in the life of your Medical School. Together, we celebrate your success and your transition from your academic studies to productive service.

In keeping with the rich history and traditions of Cyprus, which sits at the crossroads of three continents, you have received an innovative and world-class education, and have gained important international experiences in the delivery of healthcare in Cyprus, Israel and the USA, which we hope will inform and guide your future career. Your graduation with the MBBS degree of St George's, University of London marks the commencement of an exciting career in delivering competent and compassionate care, in undertaking research, and in finding new methods to extend and improve the lives of your patients around the world.

We live in tumultuous times, marked by intolerance and strife. As you enter the profession of medicine, your communities will look towards you for positive leadership and guidance. Over the past four years you studied in an environment that promotes tolerance and diversity. After all, more than forty nationalities and all major religions are represented in our student body. We hope that this collaborative learning environment promoted the development of trust and lifelong friendships, and that these experiences will enable you to act as messengers for peace and to heal not only individuals, but whole communities, where this is needed.

During your time as medical students, you had the privilege of being supported by two



universities. As graduates now, both institutions and their affiliated partners take a keen interest in your future career and achievements, and so we encourage you to stay in close contact with us. It is our hope that you have grown to love the communities that embraced you in Nicosia, Tel Aviv and Chicago and that you will continue to visit us in the years to come.

This year we also celebrate the success of our Post Graduate Diploma (PgDip) graduands in Family Medicine. We hope that your tenure as students in the Department of Primary Care and Population Health will enable you to become leaders in family medicine and to be active in the implementation of the Cyprus National Health System.

On behalf of the Faculty and Staff, our warm congratulations to you on your achievement, and to your families and friends who have supported you through the many challenges of being a medical student.

Professor Andreas Charalambous
Executive Dean
Medical School, University of Nicosia

Message from Chair of Council St George's, University of London

Welcome to your graduation

Welcome to the 2016 graduation ceremony! Today represents the culmination of several years of study and the final achievement of your qualification as a medical doctor.

Savour the moment as your training is just beginning. You are going to be faced with several years of post-graduate training before you finally obtain your career goals. However this is a very real moment of celebration for you and your family and friends who have supported you through these last years. To them and the staff of the University of Nicosia Medical School and its associated hospitals and St George's a great debt of gratitude is owed.

For many of you your career aspirations are established, others are still considering the many options. For you all a period of post-graduate training will be essential before you are fully established in your career. Doctors have amazing career options. These range from direct patient care, research, diagnostic services and even management and organizational development or a mixture of many of these. Indeed there are even numerous other opportunities including medical education. It is, however, essential that if you are to be involved in any way with patient care that you maintain the highest ethical and professional standards and develop a genuine empathy for, and a commitment to, your patients. Just as your career options are enormous so it is essential that you are life-long learners willing to adapt and develop as technology and fundamental biomedical knowledge impact on your profession.



Whilst this is the moment that you leave the Medical School you will have forged personal and professional relationships that will remain with you. We hope that these will further develop over the years and that you will become proud alumni of both institutions. You will certainly be our greatest ambassadors!

To all of you may I add my personal congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for your future success.

Professor Mike Spyer
Chair of Council
St George's, University of London

Message from Principal

St George's, University of London

To begin!

My sincere congratulations on behalf of St George's, University of London. We all share the delight and pride in your graduation.

This is an exciting time to be entering medicine. You will be joining a profession that plays a central role in the human condition and meets the ever changing challenges to global health. Our understanding of disease continues to grow, leading to new advances in treatments and policies for prevention. Nevertheless, new diseases continue to challenge us, as the past year has proven with the devastating emergence of zika virus.

Your time at the University of Nicosia will have prepared you well for these challenges. Your education and training on the St George's MBBS programme will have emphasised the importance of up-to-date knowledge of medical sciences and the practical application of clinical skills, medical ethics and law.

The rapidity of scientific advances means that doctors are continuously in the spotlight and drawn into discussions about the ethics surrounding medical treatment and scientific advances. One of the excitements that follow graduation is the realisation that you have only just begun to learn – every week of your subsequent career will provide new knowledge and greater experiences.

The qualification to practise as a doctor is a privilege for a lifetime. It opens doors to a vast array of careers that include hospital practice in its many diverse forms, laboratory sciences, public health, family and community practice, health services management and health policy.



It additionally will require you to lead by example. Never forget the privilege of your education and training, and place respect for others in your future professional role. Finally, always ensure that safe patient care is your priority.

Please keep in touch as an alumnus of St George's – we are very interested in your future!

Professor Jenny Higham
Principal
St George's, University of London

Honorary Degree

Professor Andreas Adam

Andreas Adam is Professor of Interventional Radiology at the University of London.

He trained in medicine at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, after which he spent four years in internal medicine, cardiology and oncology. He then trained in radiology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, obtaining a Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists. He is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons. In 1992 he was appointed to the first professorial chair of interventional radiology in Europe, at King's College London.

He led the creation of the University of Cyprus Medical School as chairman of an international committee, and from 2013 to 2015 he served as its first Dean.

His research work has shaped clinical practice internationally and has been recognised by the award of Fellowship of the Academy of Medical Sciences. He has made extensive original contributions to medical and scientific literature, has published eleven books, and has served as Editor-in-Chief of Cardiovascular and *Interventional Radiology*.

Professor Adam has demonstrated leadership on a global level. He was one of the architects of the European Society of Radiology (ESR), which he helped to create by merging the European Congress of Radiology (ECR) with the European Association of Radiology (EAR). He has held the presidencies of eight national and international societies, including the Royal College of Radiologists of the United Kingdom and the European Society of Radiology.



He has received numerous honours and awards, including fifteen eponymous lectures, Honorary Fellowships of sixteen national radiological societies, five gold medals and an Honorary Doctorate. In 2012, he was made a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of his contributions to interventional radiology.

Honorary Degree

Professor Peter Kopelman

Professor Peter Kopelman was Principal at St George's, University of London 2008-15. As Principal he was instrumental in establishing the University of Nicosia Medical School in 2011, whose first offering was the St George's graduate-entry four-year Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery degree. During his tenure the University of Nicosia Medical School and St George's signed a long-term partnership agreement and extended the relationship by offering, as concurrent awards from both institutions, a Postgraduate Diploma and Masters in Family Medicine.

Prior to his appointment at St George's Professor Kopelman was Vice-Principal, Queen Mary, University of London and Deputy Warden, Barts & The London School of Medicine and Dentistry (2001-6) and Dean of the Faculty of Health, University of East Anglia (2006-8).

Professor Kopelman is active in health policy, education and research. He has been chair or deputy chair of a number of national university committees that include University UK's health education research policy group, UK Health Education Advisory Committee, University and Colleges Employer Association Clinical Academic Staff Advisory Group, London Medicine and London Higher. He was formerly a Trustee of the University of London. He is a member of NHS national policy and workforce committees, and has chaired the Clinical Examining Board of the Royal Colleges of Physicians (UK) and the NHR Academic Careers Panel. He is chair of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Faculty Board.



Professor Kopelman has a long-standing interest in diabetes care, nutrition and obesity with a major research interest in obesity. He was a member of the UK Department of Health and Food Standards Agency Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (2001-10), DH Expert Panel on Obesity (2008-10) and was Science Advisor to the Office of Science and Innovations Foresight Obesity Project (2005-9). He has published extensively on obesity, edited textbooks on the condition, and chaired a number of Working Parties on obesity and nutrition for the Royal College of Physicians of London. He is past President of European Association for the Study of Obesity.

The Panos Englezos Prize

Professor Tim St Pierre

Starting this year, and on a biennial basis thereafter, the University of Nicosia Medical School and the Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF) will jointly award the 'Panos Englezos Prize'. The award will be to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution in the area of public health or a scientific/medical advancement in the prevention, management and improvement in the quality of life of patients with haemoglobin disorders.

The award established by the Board of Directors of TIF is named after Mr Panos Englezos, to honour and recognize his vast, lifelong and voluntary contribution to TIF. The promotion and securement of the rights of patients with thalassaemia globally for equal access to quality health and other care, has been his lifetime commitment: a commitment across religious, cultural, social, gender and language barriers.

The 2016 'Panos Englezos Prize' is awarded to Professor Tim St Pierre from Australia. **Professor Tim St Pierre** obtained his BSc Degree with Honours in Physics in 1983 from the University of Liverpool, UK, and his PhD in 1986. He then held a number of postdoctoral positions that included a two year period at the Cooley's Anaemia Foundation in New York, before progressing through the academic ranks to the position of Professor of the Physics Department of the University of Western Australia, in Perth, Australia in 1995. He is, in addition, Executive Director and Chief Scientific Officer of Resonance Health, an Australian healthcare company specialising in the development and delivery of non-invasive medical imaging software and services.

Professor St Pierre's main scientific interests are in the application of physics to medicine and



biotechnology. His research focuses on applications of magnetic measurement and techniques such as SQUID and MRI for the non-invasive measurement of iron in biological systems. He and his team developed the non-invasive liver iron measurement technology, FerriScan®, which has so far been used in over 30,000 patients around the world, including thalassaemia patients, in whom it has resulted in the reduction of iron-related morbidity and mortality. He has published over 150 peer reviewed papers in the fields of iron and magnetism in biology, biotechnology, and medicine in reputable scientific and medical journals in his field. In 2010, he won the Clunies Ross Award from the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering for his work on the FerriScan® and in 2014 he became an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Distinguished Lecturer, giving lectures on Magnetic Materials in Medicine at numerous academic and industrial research institutions worldwide. Finally, his presence as a member on TIF's Advisory Board is gratefully acknowledged.



University of Nicosia Medical School

2016 Presentation Ceremony

Strovolos Municipal Theatre, Nicosia, Cyprus
Friday 06 May 2016

16.30 All graduands and guests are requested to be seated in the Theatre Hall

17.00 The audience is requested to stand as the Academic Procession enters the Theatre

- Address by Professor Andreas Charalambous, Executive Dean, Medical School
- Address by Professor Jenny Higham, Principal, St George's, University of London
- Address by Professor Philippos Pouyioutas, Rector, University of Nicosia
- The MBBS Graduands will be presented
 - Introductions by Dr Adonis Ioannides, MBBS Course Director
 - Nicosia General Hospital by Dr Yiannakis Kyamides, Associate Clinical Dean
 - Sheba Medical Center, Tel Hashomer, Israel, by Prof Anat Achiron, Associate Clinical Dean
 - Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago, USA, by Dr Iryna Aleksandrova, Clinical Coordinator
- Professor Andreas Adam will be awarded the Degree of Doctor of Science (Medicine) honoris causa
Introduction by Dr Evis Bagdades, Lead of Medicine for Transitional Year
- Professor Peter Kopelman will be awarded the Degree of Doctor of Science (Medicine) honoris causa
Introduction by Professor Pavlos Kymissis, Founding Chair of the Department of Psychiatry
- The Postgraduate Certificate in Healthcare and Biomedical Education Graduands will be presented by Professor Peter McCrorie, Dean of Medical Education
- The Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine Graduands will be presented by Dr Ourania Kolokotroni, MSc in Family Medicine Programme Director
- The Panos Englezos Award
Introduction by Professor Peter Karayiannis, Associate Dean of Faculty and Research
- Message of Congratulations from the Faculty by Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, Founding Chair of the Department of Gynaecology and Obstetrics and Former President of the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics
- The Hippocratic Oath will be recited by graduands of the MBBS programme led by Professor Jenny Higham

The audience is requested to stand as the Academic Procession leaves the Theatre

A graduation reception will be held in the gardens of the Municipal Building immediately after the ceremony

MBBS Graduands

Degree awarded by St George's, University of London

ABI TAYEH Rana
AL HOUT Abdul Rahman
ASHLAND Kyle Wayne
BAKER Britain Kent
BLUMENTHAL Yukari
BODO Jessica Flore Agathe Nangui
CHEEMA Dataar Kaur
CUMMISKEY Anne Graham
DA COSTA HEATH Audrey Lynn
DALTON Melanie Solange
DEMIREL Sibel
DIMOSTHENOUS Sotiris
DVIR Kathrin
FARIS May Mohamed Ahmed
FEGHALY Julien
FOSTER Charlotte Rose
GARNAVOU-XIROU Christina
GEORGIADES Fanourios
GHOULAM Elie
GILL Anna-Lisa Veena
GOVAS Panayiota
HALLERSTROM Marcus Albert
HAMMAD Yunus Nadim
HEARD Samuel Charles
HUSAINY Samir Hakimuddin
KATELARIS Athos
KEDDELL Nicholas David
KFOURY Maya Elias

KHALIFE Jane
KINGAN Ryan Maynard Adair
KLOSOWSKI Kyle Andrew
KOUROUNIS Georgios
LAI Timothy Wai Gee
LESHNER Amy Rose
MANGEL Tobin Pap
MANUELIAN Christine
MASON Hannah Sophie
MORRISON Kevin James
NOY Adam
OMODELE-LUCIEN Ade Miriam
PASCHAKI Vasiliki
PERRY Stephen Aubrey
POWELL Sarah Anne
PRASAD Nisha
RAMMAL Mohammad
REIS Francesca Temitope Ariinola
RICHARDS Brian David Wensley
SAIA Laura
SALIM MAKKI Mohamad
SIAW Oliver Lauridsen
TABET Patrick Paul
TUNCHEZ RUANO Maria
VELISSARIS Stavros
VEYS Christopher Georges
WEINBERG Sharon Esther
YUSUF Mohamoud Hassan
ZAHIRUD Arslan

Postgraduate Certificate in Healthcare and Biomedical Education Graduands

Degree awarded by St George's, University of London

ECONOMOU Christos
HYNES Julia Maria
IOANNIDES Adonis
KALAVANA Theano
SAMOUTIS Georgios
SCOU Chad Howard

Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine Graduands

Degree awarded by University of Nicosia

BENJAMIN Ivan Christian Ifedapo
CHRISTOFIDES AVRAAMIDES Mary Martha
COTTER Irene Catherine
ELLENS Femke Marieke
HADJICOSTAS Christos
TANTOUSH Enas
VULCANESCU Diana Tea

Congratulations and Welcome to Your Alumni Association!

Your graduation marks an important milestone in your life and career and reflects all your hard work, dedication and persistence. Well done on this outstanding achievement!

All faculty and staff at the Medical School are very proud of your accomplishments and celebrate with you on this memorable occasion. Now that you will all be embarking on the next chapter in your lives, we want to help you stay connected with the Medical School and your friends. The University of Nicosia Medical School Alumni Association has been set up to facilitate communication and to assure a lifelong affiliation with the Medical School.

As a member of the Alumni Association, you will receive an annual newsletter and enjoy library access as well as other benefits and services. By visiting our alumni website and Facebook page, you will get the latest updates on your fellow colleagues, the Medical School, events, networking opportunities or reunions.

You are an integral part of the Medical School's growing Alumni family, which is strong and well-connected. For this reason, we hope that you will continue to stay in touch with us by getting involved in the Alumni Association. And if you sign up via email by 31st May, you will be entered into a prize draw to win a €100 Amazon gift voucher.

Please feel free to get in contact with us at anytime by emailing alumni@med.unic.ac.cy or in person at the Student Service Centre at Medical School Block A.

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