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### Address:

Evros Chamber of Commerce at 307  
Dimokratia, Alexandroupoli, Greece

### Date:

Saturday 01st -  
Sunday 02nd of June 2024



**SATURDAY**

**01st of June 2024**

**09.30**

**Evangelia Mavridou  
TEPELIS**



President of Association of Parents & Friends of Autistic Individuals Evros Region "Saint Vasileos"

**Opening  
ceremony**

**09.35**

**Dr. Ourania  
VENETI MD**



Association of Parents & Friends of Autistic Individuals Evros Region "Saint Vasileos"

**Opening  
ceremony**

**09.40**

**Mike  
BATZIAKOUDIS**



Association of Parents & Friends of Autistic Individuals Evros Region "Saint Vasileos"

**Opening  
ceremony**

**09.45**

**Associate Professor  
Aikaterini ARVANITI, MD**



Faculty of Medicine, Democritus University of Thrace, Alexandroupolis

**Opening  
ceremony**

**09.50**

**Paul Edward Gilbert  
SHATTOCK, OBE**



Past President of the World Autism Organisation, Member of Executive Committee of The Council of Administration of the WAO

**Opening  
ceremony**

**09.55**

**Dr. Necip Cem  
KINACI, MD**

President of Autism Medical Institute, Member of  
Executive Committee of The Council of Administration  
of the WAO



**Opening  
ceremony**

**10.00**

**SESSION 1  
Dr. Ourania VENETI  
MD MODERATOR**

**CHALLENGES AND  
SOLUTIONS IN AUTISM**

**10.30**

**Associate Professor Aspasia SERDARI, MD**

Specialist in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry  
Democritus University of Thrace, Medical Faculty,  
Director of Department of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry  
University Hospital of Alexandroupolis - GREECE

**Domna Zeleni**

Psychologist MSc  
University Child Psychiatry Clinic, Initiative for the  
Mental Health of Children and Adolescents, Stavros  
Niarchos Foundation, Alexandroupolis - GREECE



**The journey of a parent  
of a child with autism**



**11:15**

**Associate Professor Dr. Yavuz DIZDAR, MD**

Specialist in Radiation Oncology, Istanbul University, Oncology  
Institute, Department of Radiation Oncology, Istanbul, TURKEY  
Associate Faculty in Mental Health Education, Ulster University,  
College of Medicine and Dentistry, UNITED KINGDOM



**Diet and Nutrition in ASD**



**12:15**

**Dr Oussama Ali Abdallah MD, MA(ASD),  
PGCert(AS), PGCert(DCD), PhD**

Child Psychiatrist, Specialist in Autism and  
Childhood Developmental Disorders  
Head of Mental Health Education at the College of Medicine and  
Dentistry (CoMD) an Out-centre of Ulster University- Honorary  
Senior Lecturer and programme leader in Autism and Mental Health  
(CoMD), **UNITED KINGDOM**  
Scientific advisor for EDU-LEARN institution for Learning  
Disabilities- **SYRIA**  
Member of the World Autism Organisation



**Gender Identity  
struggle in Autism:**

**Is gender Dysphoria  
co-occurring with Autism,  
or is there an increased  
prevalence of Autism  
diagnoses among individuals  
with gender Dysphoria?**



**13.15**

**Lunch  
Break**

**SESSION 2**

**Dr Oussama Ali Abdallah  
MD, PhD MODERATOR**

**14.30**

**Professor Dr. Carmelo RIZZO, MD**

Professor and coordinator of the master's in clinical nutrition -  
"Nicolò Cusano" University, Rome, **ITALY**  
Honorary Professor Faculty of Medicine, Tirana, **ALBANIA**  
Associate Faculty in Mental Health Education, Ulster University,  
College of Medicine and Dentistry, **UNITED KINGDOM**



**Microbiota and Autism**



**15.30**

**Associate Professor Dr. Ralf HERWIG, MD**

Urology Surgeon, **AUSTRIA**  
Urology Surgeon at German Medical Center,  
Dubai, **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**  
Guest Professor at Heimerer College, Pristina, **KOSOVO**  
Associate Faculty in Mental Health Education, Ulster University,  
College of Medicine and Dentistry, **UNITED KINGDOM**  
Member of the World Autism Organisation



**Immuno D & Alpha H  
Treatment in Autism**



16.15

**Dr. Necip Cem KINACI, MD**

Specialist in Nuclear Medicine, Nuclear Neuropsychiatry, Holistic Medicine, President & Medical Director of Autism Medical Institute, Member of The Advisory Board of Federation of Autism Associations, Istanbul, **TURKEY**



Guest Professor at Heimerer College, Pristina, **KOSOVO**

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**HBOT in Autism Spectrum Disorders**



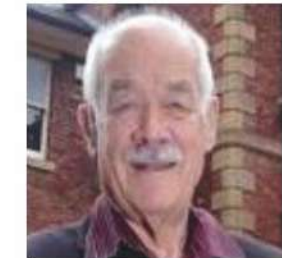
17.00

**Paul Edward Gilbert SHATTOCK, OBE**

Pharmacist, Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) Chairman of ESPA (Education and Services for People with Autism) Organisation, Honorary Director of the Autism Research Unit (ARU), University of Sunderland, Associate Faculty in Mental Health Education, Ulster University, College of Medicine and Dentistry, **UNITED KINGDOM** Past President and Member of Executive Committee of The Council of Administration of the World Autism Organisation



**Environmental Factors Triggering Autism**



17.45

**SUNDAY**

**02nd of June 2024**

10.00

**Announcement of the Master Program**

Diploma in Autism and other pervasive developmental disorders, at College of Medicine and Dentistry, Ulster University, Birmingham, United Kingdom.



### SESSION 3

**Evangelia MAVRIDOU TEPELIS**  
Associate Professor Aikaterini ARVANITI, MD

**MODERATOR**  
**MODERATOR**

**10:15**



**Associate Professor**  
**Aikaterini ARVANITI, MD**

Associate Professor of Psychiatry,  
Faculty of Medicine, Democritus University of  
Thrace, Alexandroupolis - **GREECE**

**Autism in adults:**  
**diagnostic difficulties.**



**10:30**



**Professor Dr. Mehtap KACAR, MD**

Yeditepe University Faculty of Medicine, Vice Dean, Health  
Sciences Institute, Head of the Department of Pathophysiology,  
Istanbul, **TURKEY**

Associate Faculty in Mental Health Education, Ulster University,  
College of Medicine and Dentistry, **UNITED KINGDOM**

**The Pathophysiology of**  
**Autism Spectrum Disorders**



**11.30**



**Professor Amela IBRAHIMAGIĆ, PhD, SLP**

Head of the Department of Speech Language Pathology and  
Audiology Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation, University of  
Tuzla **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

Associate Faculty in Mental Health Education, Ulster University,  
College of Medicine and Dentistry, **UNITED KINGDOM**

**Autism and Augmentative and**  
**Alternative Communication -**  
**Beginning Kit**



**12.15**



**Associate Professor Aiketa QOSJA**  
**(HOXHA), MD, MSc, Ph.D.**

Neonatologist – Pediatrician Head of the Neonatology Service  
and Internal lecturer at Faculty of Medicine, University of Medi-  
cine of Tirana, **ALBANIA**

**The importance of early**  
**identification of developmental**  
**delays in children aged 0-3 years**



**13.00**

**Lunch  
Break**

**SESSION 4**

**Dr. Bojan RADIĆ, PhD  
MODERATOR**

**14.00**

**Dr. Bojan RADIĆ, PhD**



Speech therapist, Surdoaudiologist, Tomatis practitioner & Educated to apply ABA techniques, President of NGO " World in pictures"Zenica, **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**  
Supervisor of the Autism Clinic at the Heimerer Therapy Center - Pristina, **KOSOVO**  
Associate Faculty in Mental Health Education, Ulster University, College of Medicine and Dentistry, **UNITED KINGDOM**  
Member of The Council of Administration of the World Autism Organisation

**Managing Challenging Behaviors In Children From ASD**



**14.45**

**Assistant Professor Dr. Andresa DeSOUZA,  
Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA**



Assistant Professor, Program Director of ABA Programs  
Department of Educator Preparation & Leadership, College of Education  
University of Missouri, St. Louis **USA**  
Associate Faculty in Mental Health Education, Ulster University, College of Medicine and Dentistry, **UNITED KINGDOM**

**We Need to Sleep!  
Common Issues and Strategies for Sleep Problems in People with Autism**



**15.30**

**Assistant Professor Dr.  
Georgios KOUNTOURAS**



Department of Social Work  
Democritus University of Thrace, Alexandroupolis - **GREECE**

**The autistic person and his voice, a psychoanalytic approach.**



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**16.15**

**Dr. Nina Maria BJELOGRLIC, MD, PhD**



Specialist in Neurology, Subspecialty in Intellectual Disability Medicine, Helsinki, **FINLAND**

**Pharmacotherapy in autistic intellectually disabled patients**



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**17.00**

**Ardita ZENULLAHU**



Speech Therapist, Assistant at Heimerer College, Department of Therapeutic Health Sciences. Coordinator of Autism Clinic at Therapeutical Center Heimerer, Prishtina, **KOSOVO**  
Advisory Board Member for Sports at Autism Medical institute, **TURKEY**  
Coordinator of the Balkan International Autism Conferences

**The Vital Role of Parents in the Rehabilitation Process**



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**17.45**

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**Michail BATZIAKLOUDIS**

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**01/03/24 - 31/04/24**

**participation fee: 80 eur**

**students: 60 euro**

**01/05/24 - 31/05/24**

**participation fee: 100 euro**

**students: 80 euro**

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