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Cyprus Cardiovascular Health and AI Agora

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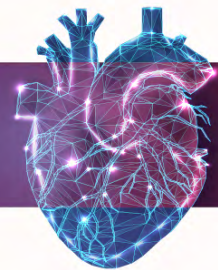
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08:30 - 09:00	Registration and refreshments
09:00 - 09:30	Opening and welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyriakos Yiangou, President of the Cyprus Society of Cardiology • Petros Agathangelou, President of the Pancyprian Medical Association • Neophytos Charalambides, Minister of Health, Republic of Cyprus
09:30 - 09:50	Presentation of the Safe Hearts Plan Antonio Parenti
09:50 - 10:05	Presentation of the Cypriot National Strategy for CVD Hera Heracleous
10:05 - 10:15	A look into the future of AI in cardiology Thomas Lüscher
10:15 - 11:00	Session I Exploring the opportunities for improving cardiovascular health for all, through EU and national plans Moderator: Susanna Price
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Lüscher • Savia Orphanidou • Chloe Greene • Borjana Pervan
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break & group photo
11:30 - 12:30	Session II Ready for success: overcoming barriers to implementation of AI in cardiovascular health care Moderator: Maria Karakyriou
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marios Charalambides • Manfred Elff • Panos Vardas • Nikitas E. Hatzimihail • Marina Charalambous
12:30 - 13:30	Session III Case studies: inspiration from the cardiovascular health community of putting AI in practice Moderator: Katerina Christofidou
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andreas Christodoulou • Cinzia Perrino • Nikolaos Dagres • Patrick Jeurissen



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13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break





14:30 – 14:45 Keynote Video Presentation

Nicodemos Damianou, Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy, Republic of Cyprus

14:45 – 15:30 Session IV

High Quality Datasets for High Quality Care: Enabling Trustworthy AI Through Harmonised Data Standards





Moderator: Susanna Price

- Constantinos S. Pattichis 
- Konstantinos Toutouzas 
- Cecilia Linde 
- Radka Lang 

15:30 – 16:30 Session V

A new era for prevention: how AI can reduce inequalities, improve outcomes and create a healthier generation

Moderator: Monica Kyriacou

- Ifigenia Kammitisi 
- Pietro Caliendo 
- Mehitabel Holler 
- Donna Fitzsimons 

16:30 – 17:00 **Reflections from the European Parliament**

Moderator: Maria Georgiou

Members of European Parliament:

- MEP Michalis Hadjipantela
- Pre-recorded address by MEP Loucas Fourlas
- Pre-recorded address by MEP Giorgos Georgiou

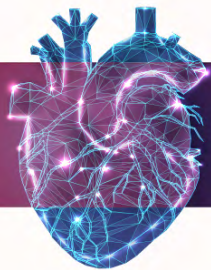
17:00 **Closing remarks**

Kyriakos Yiangou, President of the Cyprus Society of Cardiology

20:00 **Presidential Palace Dinner and official address**

- Concluding remarks from Cecilia Linde, President-Elect, European Society of Cardiology
- Official address from Nikos Christodoulides, President of the Republic of Cyprus

Master of Ceremony: Klelia Vasiliou, Former Deputy Government Spokesperson, Republic of Cyprus



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