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6:30PM

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Conference 17, 18 & 19 November - Greek
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Social 17 Nov - Hellenic Museum
Social 18 Nov - Greek Community Centre

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A MESSAGE FROM HMSA PRESIDENT DR MARINIS PIRPIRIS



A/ Prof Marinis Pirpiris
MBBS, BMedSci, MEpi,
PhD, FRACS (Orth),
DipEprdBioStat

Welcome to this edition of Hygieia, which arrives at a time when the world witnessed the death of the longest serving British monarch. She passed away peacefully in her Balmoral Estate on September 8, 2022. Elizabeth II was the Queen of Britain and the Commonwealth between 1952 and 2022. She is now succeeded by her son, Charles. May her Soul Rest in Eternal Peace.

Over this year HMSA has been active in the Community Sector, and we were privileged to lay a wreath at the Australian Hellenic Memorial to commemorate the 81st Anniversary on the Battle of Kalamata. We also laid a wreath at the Shrine of Remembrance to commemorate the 81st anniversary of the Battle of Crete. It is with great honour that we remember and commemorate the sacrifices of so many honourable individuals for the ideals of freedom.

During a recent Trip to Greece, I had the pleasure of discussing the role and activity of the HMSA in Australia with the leadership of the Hellenic Republic. As President of the HMSA and the Treasurer of the Greek Community I discussed the issues relating to a reciprocal health agreement between Greece and Australia when I met with the Prime Minister of Greece Mr Kyriakos Mitsotakis. I discussed the COVID community immunisation hubs which had provided a proof-of-concept model for immunising CALD communities and addressing some of the issues relating to misinformation, disinformation and vaccine hesitancy when I met with President of Greece, Ms Katerina Sakellaropoulou. I was also fortunate to meet with the Secretary General for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy, Mr John Chrysoulakis, where we discussed HMSA's role in the Greek Doctors' Hippocratic Institute and our academic collaboration with the Aristotle University of Greece. HMSA members were involved in the planning of the Aristotle University meeting. Associate Professor Magda Simonis also presented a paper on some of her collaborative work.

We are in process of organising the Global Doctors Hippocratic Institute Meeting in Melbourne between November 16 and November 19, 2022. We will be co-hosting this with the Greek Community of Melbourne. We will have a number of local, interstate and international guests discussing issues relating to global health care. Our Scientific Convenors Mr Panagiotis Manolas, General Surgeon and President of the Hellenic Medical Society of New York, and our Board Director Mr George Koufogiannis, urologist, are finalising a program which will be circulated in the coming weeks. Please diarise this event, which will also include a Current Concepts forum. As the Conference Chair, I would like to invite you all to register and attend. Please also diarise our Inaugural Ball, which will take place on Saturday November 19th. Proceeds from the Ball will be donated to one of Victoria's important philanthropic organisations.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Colorectal and Bleeding Seminar at the Postmaster Hotel in Kew on Tuesday 13 September 2022. The meeting will commence at 6.30 pm and we will have the opportunity of listening to Dr Peter Tagkalidis gastroenterologist, discuss the evolving role of colonoscopy in colorectal cancer, Dr George Iatropoulos, oncologist, will discuss the various cancers – "the good, the bad and the ugly" and the role of Medical Oncologist, and our Board member Mr Kosta Syrrakos, general surgeon, to discuss advances in surgery in colorectal cancer and outcomes. We are fortunate to have the event sponsored by Viatrix and Medtronic Australasia and thank them for their commitment to medical education and our HMSA event.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.



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KALAMATA WREATH CEREMONY



Saturday 23rd April The Society of Kalamata '23 March' hosted a ceremony at the Australian Hellenic Memorial to commemorate the 81st Anniversary of the Battle of Kalamata. This service is in honour those who fought and died in the defence of Greece.

The president of the Hellenic Medical Society of Australia, Associate Professor Marinis Pirpiris proudly attended and laid a wreath to pay respects to those that fought and died defending their country. Among the many key representatives who attended was medical student, Mr Dean Kotsianis. We also had the pleasure of being in the company of the Hellenic Presidential Guard - Evzones who were in Melbourne at the time and taking part in various events including the ANZAC Day Parade.



CRETAN WREATH CEREMONY



The president of the Hellenic Medical Society of Australia, Associate Professor Marinis Pirpiris laid a wreath on behalf of the membership at the Shrine of Remembrance on the Sunday 22nd May 2022. This was a ceremony organised to commemorate the 81st anniversary of the Battle of Crete and remember the brave men and women from Australia, Greece and other nations who fell in the invasion of Crete during the Second World War by the German forces. The event was organised by the Battle of Crete and Greek Commemorative Council. There were many key political, religious and community representatives present at the ceremony including president of the Greek Community of Melbourne, Mr Bill Papastergiadis OAM, General Consul of Greece Mr Emmanuel Kakavelakis and Mr Lee Tarlamis OAM representative of the State Government. It was great to see so many children from Alphington Grammar and Oakleigh Grammar Schools taking part in this commemorative service.



HMSA AND GMC MEET WITH DIGNITARIES IN GREECE

President of HMSA Associate Professor Marinis Pirpiris along with Greek Community of Melbourne President Mr Bill Papastergiadis met with dignitaries in Greece on a recent trip. Attending several meetings where topics high on the agenda included health, culture, language, and educational ties.



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HMSA President Associate Professor Marinis Pirpiris with Greece's Prime Minister Mr Kyriakos Mitsotakis, President of GOC Mr Bill Papastergiadis, Greece's General Secretary for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy Mr John Chrysoulakis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs responsible for Hellenism Abroad and Public Diplomacy, Mr

Andreas Katsaniotis and Member of Parliament and Secretary of International Relations of the ND Mr Tasos Hatzivasileiou.

HMSA SUPPORTS THE WORTHY INITIATIVE OF CHRIS TSALIKIS

The 82-year-old Greek Australian grandfather from East Brighton plans to walk 180 kilometres within 10 days, connecting to all the major hospitals in Melbourne, to raise awareness and funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. This challenge will start on 20th September.

On completion of this challenge, Chris together with artist, Anastasia Nikakis, will present their work in the sculpture exhibition, "Morphe". Chris spends hours in his garage sculpting pieces of wood he has picked up on his walks. The exhibition will run on 1st and 2nd October with the second day being open to the public. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness and Research Foundation. Read the full story at the link below written by Neos Kosmos.

If you wish to support Chris's initiative you can donate to the National Breast Cancer Foundation via the link in the story. For further details about the exhibition please contact us at info@hmsa.org.au

Read the complete article on the Neos Kosmos website [here](#)

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- Sharing medical knowledge and experience
- Facilitating connections and synergies between doctors and the community
- Promoting medical education and research
- Supporting medical philanthropy

HMSA Vision Statement:

Enabling doctors to promote better health for all Australians including those of Hellenic descent



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