



International Day for the Cancer in Children and Adolescents

Seminar under the auspices of Ms Andri Anastasiades, spouse of the President of the Republic of Cyprus and Honorary President of the ELPIDA Foundation for children with cancer and leukemia

“How to improve the cure rate and the quality of life of children with cancer?”

Friday 15th February 2019 / Conference hall of the Presidential Palace in Nicosia

opening time **5pm** / starting time **5:30pm** / ending time **7:30pm**

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This invitation and your identification document (ID or passport) are needed for entering the Presidential Palace.

Program of the Seminar

1. Welcoming from Professor Maria Michailidis, from the ELPIDA Foundation.
2. Address by his Excellency the Minister of Health Mr Constantinos Ioannou
3. Address by Ms Andri Anastasiades, spouse of the President of the Republic of Cyprus.
4. **“How to improve the cure rate and the quality of life of children with cancer?”**, Professor Loizos G. Loizou, Medical School, University of Nicosia, Director, Pediatric Oncology/Hematology Clinic, Archbishop Makarios III Hospital, Nicosia, Cyprus.
5. **“Personalized therapies for the child with cancer: The challenges lying ahead”**, Professor Pascal Chastagnier, Director, Pediatric Oncology-Hematology Department, Childrens University Hospitals Nancy, France.
6. **“The Damocles Sword of inherited tumor and leukemia predisposition in children and their families”**, Professor Med. Arndt Borkhardt, Director, Clinic for Pediatric Oncology, Hematology and Clinical Immunology, University Hospital Düsseldorf, Germany.
7. **“Recent developments in the therapy of acute lymphoblastic leukemia”**, Professor Vora Ajay, Consultant Pediatric Hematologist, Chair of the UK NCRI Childhood Leukaemia sub-group and I-BFM ALL Committee, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, UK.
8. **“The contribution of immunotherapy to the cure of children with neuroblastoma”**, Professor Isaac Yaniv, Consultant Pediatric Hematologist, Medical Director of the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry, Israel.
9. **“The supportive care for children and adolescents with cancer and leukemia”**, Dr Eleni Kosmidis, Director, Clinic for Child and Adolescent Cancer, “Mitera” Hospital, Greece.
10. Concert by the Childrens Choir of the “Diastasis” Cultural Association, Limassol, Cyprus.

A reception will follow after the end of the seminar - Presentation and coordination: Andrea Papadopoulou, ELPIDA Foundation

ELPIDA Foundation - 28 years working and offering for children with cancer and leukemia

1. The “ELPIDA” Hostel, a home and a refuge since 1996, with free services for the children and their families during the difficult and dangerous long periods of treatment and hospitalization
2. Purchase of modern equipment for the Paediatric Oncology-Hematology Clinic
3. Support and financing the continuous education of all professionals involved
4. Organizing seminars and congresses for health professionals, parents and the general public
5. Creation of the first laboratories for bone marrow transplantation and leukemia
6. Psychological and social help to the children and their families
7. Therapeutic Recreation Programs since 1996 in cooperation with Barretstown Gang Camp in Ireland
8. Financial help to the families of children with cancer or leukemia.

Co-organizers / Support

Pediatric Society of Cyprus, Cyprus Medical Association, Medical School University of Nicosia

Certificates of attendance with 2 Continuing Medical Education credits will be given to the participants