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**RE: 'Epidemiology of cancer in Cyprus supported by EU funds'**

Dear Colleague,

We are proposing to establish a network of cooperation among health care professionals from both communities, with the particular goal to ensure continuing and increased T/C access to the available services to cancer patients. To this end we propose:

- To establish a network of cooperation among the health care specialist from the two communities on the island in an effort to investigate the genetic, lifestyle and environmental factors that may predispose high risk groups for the development of breast, ovarian and colon cancers
- To increase public awareness on familial cancer and to identify individuals from high risk groups that may be predisposed, for the development of breast, ovarian and colon cancers
- To provide genetic counseling, management and surveillance to patients diagnosed with inherited factors that predispose them for the development of breast, ovarian and colon cancers so that an improvement of public health of all people of Cyprus can be achieved through the early detection and clinical intervention

To achieve these aims, we propose:

To launch a tri-lingual (in English, Greek and Turkish) web site (*Cyprus Familial Cancer Web Portal*) and tri-lingual leaflets to help promote public awareness on familial cancer in general, and on how to best access the services provided by the Department of Electron Microscopy and Molecular Pathology (EM/MP).

To organize bi-communal networking meetings to promote (a) interaction and consultation between experts from both communities for more accurate diagnosis and patient management, (b) offer of optimized diagnostic, prognostic and patient management expertise uniformly to all Cypriot cancer patients. In the later stages of the proposed project, a world renowned cancer epidemiologist will be present during the bi-communal meeting for consultation and further strategic planning.

To create a familial cancer patient database on the hereditary, lifestyle and environmental factors in Cypriot cancer patients, to allow the design of appropriate risk reducing public health strategies.

In purpose of this, and having in mind our shared scientific and humanitarian goals, we kindly ask organizations such as yours to provide us with a letter of intent that you are willing to collaborate with us in the building and enhancement of this proposed network.

Yours Sincerely,

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