

2024



THE CYPRUS INSTITUTE OF
NEUROLOGY & GENETICS

GRADUATION CEREMONY

PRESENTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS

Processions

The Graduation Ceremony will commence with the entry of the following processions:

- The Graduates Procession
- The Academic Procession
- The Dean and the Provost

Speeches, Addresses and Awards

- Ceremony Opening & Welcome by Prof. Kyproula Christodoulou, Dean
- Address by Prof. Leonidas A. Phylactou, Provost
- Address by Prof. Michael Komodromos, President of the CING Board of Directors
- Address by Minister of Health, Mr Michael Damianos, on behalf of H.E. President Nikos Christodoulides
- Speech by PhD Representative
- Special Contribution Awards – Awarded by Minister of Finance, Mr Makis Keravnos
- MSc Valedictorian Awards - Awarded by Minister of Education, Sports and Youth, Dr Athena Michailidou
- Speech by MSc Valedictorian

Conferring and Presentation of Degrees

The Dean and the Programme Coordinators present the Graduates to the Provost, who will confer the degrees for each of the following programmes:

- PhD Medical Genetics
- MSc Medical Genetics
- PhD Molecular Medicine
- MSc Molecular Medicine
- PhD Neuroscience
- MSc Neuroscience
- MSc Biomedical Research
- MSc Biotechnology

The Graduates will be called upon to take the Oath

The Ceremony ends with the departure of the Academic Procession, followed by the Graduates Procession.

Guests are kindly asked to remain seated until the end of the Ceremony.

After the Ceremony

Guests are cordially invited to attend a drinks reception after the Ceremony.



Dear Graduates and Guests,

It is with great joy that I welcome you to the 5th Graduation Ceremony of the Cyprus Institute of Neurology & Genetics. This event is always one of our most special, filled with pride – not only for you, our graduates, but also for your families, friends, and for us, as an institution.

Today, we celebrate the achievements of all of you 57 MSc and 15 PhD graduates - from the academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 as you embark on the next chapter of your life.

I am confident that your time here with us at the CING has equipped you with the skills and knowledge to thrive and succeed in your future endeavours. We are very proud of each of you.

The past two years have been a period of growth for our Institute. In 2023, we introduced a new programme, expanding our disciplines to broader areas, those of industry. This addition has made CING even more attractive and competitive, offering opportunities for more students to join our academic community.

As I close this brief note, I would like to extend my best wishes to all of you, both personally and professionally. I can assure you that we will always be here to support you in any way we can. Perhaps with some of you, we will meet again, cooperate or even work together at CING. We would love to hear about your news and progress, so please stay in touch through our Alumni Association. I wish you all the best.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating this special day.

Prof. Leonidas A. Phylactou

Provost

Chief Executive Officer and Medical Director

The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics



Dear Graduates,

The Graduation Ceremony is a significant milestone for the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics. Today, we are proudly graduating 15 PhDs and 57 MScs. We have nurtured you all into becoming the new generation of scientists and watched you progress and mature under the roof of the Institute. I hope that your time at the CING has positively impacted you and that you have adopted the CING values: Excellence, Social Service, Professionalism, Innovation and Teamwork. As you move on to the next phase of your academic or professional career paths, you should never forget that your work impacts the lives of patients and the community and thus never compromise the quality of your work.

I extend my warmest congratulations to you and your families. Thank you for selecting CING for your studies. My gratitude also goes to all my colleagues, academic, administrative and other CING staff, who have supported and stood by you throughout your academic life at the Institute.

I sincerely thank you and all our guests for your presence here today and wish you, the CING graduates, the best of success in your future endeavours.

Prof. Kyroula Christodoulou

Dean

Head of the Neurogenetics Department

The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics

CLASS OF 2023

MSc MEDICAL GENETICS

Hend Abdulgadr M Alghol
Ioanna Charalampous
Kyriaki Efthymiou
Irene Nathanael
Eleni Nikolaidou
Erika Nikolaou
Ilgaz Youdjelen

MSc MOLECULAR MEDICINE

Maryam Saif Ali Al Jabri
Paraskevi Angeli
Leonidas Christodoulou
Sofia Christofidou
Gregoris Georgiou
Orfeas Kalamenios
Neeraj Paliwal
Emili Plastira
Lucy Shahabian
Mustafa Soykurt

MSc NEUROSCIENCE

Fatema Abdul Waheed Mohammad Yaqub J Uddin
Mai Abdullah Said Al Fanna Al Araith
Vasileios Kontotasios
Stylianios Valiantis

MSc BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

Nikoletta Dimosthenous

MSc VALEDICTORIAN

Ioanna Charalampous

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Emilia Athanasiou
Eleni Christou
Michalis Chrysanthou
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Rahab Said Mubarak Abdullah Al Balushi
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Sotiroula Marangou
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Sofia Dionysiou
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MSc BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

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MSc BIOTECHNOLOGY

Evdoxia Konstatinou

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PhD MEDICAL GENETICS

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Rafailia Kazamia
Eirini Moutsouri

PhD MOLECULAR MEDICINE

Maria Hadjiagapiou
Petros Ladas
Kristia Yiangou

PhD NEUROSCIENCE

Maria Pechlivanidou
Kyriaki Savva

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Denise O' Mahony

PhD MOLECULAR MEDICINE

Rana Abu Manneh
Basma Naisseh
Nikoletta Papaioannou

PhD NEUROSCIENCE

Elli Mitsi
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Special Contribution Awards

Special Contribution Awards are granted in recognition of organisations which actively support the Cyprus Institute of Neurology & Genetics.

With our deepest appreciation, the Special Contribution Awards of the CING are awarded to (listed alphabetically):



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Savvas Papacostas, **Emeritus Professor**

Violetta Anastasiades, **Emeritus Assistant Professor**

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your outstanding achievement in graduating from the school of Cyprus Institute of Neurology & Genetics (CING).

It is with great pleasure and immense pride that we stand before you today, as the Alumni Committee of CING, to congratulate you on your remarkable achievement. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have brought you to this momentous occasion, and we are honored to celebrate it with you.

Reflecting on our own graduation day, we vividly recall the range of emotions we experienced—joy, pride, and perhaps some apprehension. Joy in having reached the milestone of completing our MSc and/or PhD degrees; pride in the countless hours we spent in lectures, laboratories, and independent study, expanding our knowledge and refining our skills in Molecular Biology; and finally, a sense of apprehension as we faced the uncertainty of the future.

Today, as you celebrate your success, allow yourself to embrace these emotions. You have worked diligently to achieve your goals and should take great pride in your accomplishments. Yet, as you stand on the threshold of the next phase in your journey, I urge you to continue challenging yourselves. Strive not only for personal and professional success but also for excellence in all your endeavors.

The education and experiences you have gained at CING will serve as a guiding light throughout your career. You are entering a field that is not only highly competitive but also profoundly rewarding. Through your research, discoveries, and contributions, you have the power to improve the quality of life for others, enhance diagnostic procedures, and make a lasting impact on the future of healthcare. As you move forward, remain focused, stay humble, and always strive for excellence.

As you may already know, upon graduation, you become a valued member of the CING Alumni Association. The purpose of this association is to unite all alumni, fostering a community that offers mutual support, guidance, and opportunities for growth. Whether you seek job opportunities, further studies, or funding options, the Alumni Association is here to assist you. We are delighted to welcome you to this dynamic and ever-growing community, and we look forward to your active participation, whether through voluntary efforts or other contributions to the continued success of CING.

For more information about the Alumni Association, we encourage you to follow our Facebook page @CING Alumni or reach out to us via email at alumni@cing.ac.cy. We look forward to staying connected with you and supporting you in your future endeavors.

Once again, congratulations on your outstanding achievement, and welcome to the CING Alumni family.

Warm regards,
Panayiotis Myriantopoulos
Chairman, CING Alumni Association



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