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3rd Annual International Conference on Nursing, 1-4 May 2017, Athens, Greece **Organized by the Nursing Research Unit Sponsored by the Athens Journal of Health**

Conference Venue: Titania Hotel, 52 Panepistimiou Avenue, Athens, Greece (close to *Omonoia* metro station)

Monday 1 May 2017

08:00-09:00 Registration and Refreshments

09:00-09:30 (Room D-Mezzanine Floor) Welcome and Opening Address

Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.

09:30-11:00 Session I (Room E-Mezzanine Floor): Nursing Education I	09:30-11:00 Session II (Room F- Mezzanine Floor): Pregnancy Issues
Chair: Despoina-Eirini Katzoli, Researcher, ATINER	Chair: Clare James, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK.

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- Fatma Demirkiran, Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey & Melek Sarica, Specialist Nurse, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey. The Possibility of Suicide, Problem Solving Ability and Associated Factors among High School Students.
- Gulengun Turk, Associate Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey, Serife Karagozoglu, Professor, Cumhuriyet University, Turkey, Filiz Adana, Assistant Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey & Hilal Hatice Gulludere, Research Assistant, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey. Autonomy Levels and Professional Attitudes of Nurse Educators.
- 3. Mei-Chun Lin, Assistant Professor, Cardinal Tien Junior College of Healthcare and Management, Taiwan. Debriefing Scale Development for Nursing Stimulation Education.
- 4. Vickie Hughes, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University, USA, What are the Barriers for Developing Nurse Leaders? A Review.
- Yvonne ten Hoeve, Researcher / PhD Candidate, University of Groningen / University Medical Center Groningen, The Netherlands, Stynke Castelein, Senior Researcher / Professor, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, Gerard J. Jansen, Senior Lecturer and Researcher, Hanze University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands, Wiebren S. Jansen, Assistant Professor, Utrecht University, The Netherlands & Petrie Roodbol, Professor, University of Groningen, The Netherlands. Student Nurses' Changing Perceptions of Nursing: A Two Year Longitudinal Study.

- Juan Ding, Vice Director of the Quality Control Department, The First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University, China. Effect of using Mobile Phone Services and Internet to Promote Breastfeeding during Infant Period: An Intervention Study.
- Hulya Arslantas, Associate Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey, Ayden Coban, Associate Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey, I. Ferhan Dereboy, Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey, Muazzez Sahbaz, Teaching Assistant, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey, Ezgi Sari, Research Assistant, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey & Dondu Kurnaz, Midwife, Ministry of Health, Turkey. Severity of Pregnancy Period Discomforts Does It Predict Postpartum Depression and Maternal Attachment.
- Kimberley Jackson, Assistant Professor, Western University, Canada. Why does it Hurt so Much? Understanding Women's Experience of Breastfeeding-related Pain.

11:00-12:30 Session III (Room E-Mezzanine Floor): Adult & Elderly Health Care

Chair: Yvonne ten Hoeve, Researcher / PhD Candidate, University of Groningen / University Medical Center Groningen, The Netherlands.

- Adelia Dalva Da Silva Oliveira, Teacher, University Center Uninovafapi, Brazil, Inez Sampaio Nery, Teacher, Federal University of Piaui, Brazil, Cristina Maria Miranda De Sousa, Rector, University Center Uninovafapi, Brazil, Carolinne Kilcia Carvalho Sena Damasceno, Teacher, University Center Uninovafapi, Brazil, Maria Eliete Batista Moura, Teacher, Federal University of Piaui, Brazil & Eduardo Cairo Oliveira Cordeiro, Medical Student, University Center Uninovafapi, Brazil. Women who have Sex with Women: Attitudes and Practices on Prevention of HIV/AIDS.
- 2. <u>Carolinne Kilcia Damasceno</u>, Teacher, University Center Uninovafapi, Brazil, Samara Karine Sena Fernandes Vieira, Teacher, Faculty Estacio CEUT, Brazil, Maria Eliete Batista Moura, Professor, Federal University of Piaui, Brazil, Adelia Dalva Da Silva Oliveira, Teacher, University Center Uninovafapi, Brazil, Cristina Maria Miranda de Sousa, Rector, University Center Uninovafapi, Brazil, Eucário Leite Monteiro Alves, Professor, University Center Uninovafapi, Brazil, Marcia Astres Fernandes, Professor, University Center Uninovafapi, Brazil & Maria do Carmo de Carvalho e Martins, Professor, University Center Uninovafapi, Brazil. <u>Sociodemographic Characteristics and Morbidities among Institutionalized Elderly without Cognitive Decline</u>.
- Sevil Masat, Research Assistant, Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey, Zeliha Koc, Associate Professor, Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey & Zeynep Saglam, Lecturer, Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey. Determining Factors Affecting the Quality of Life in Elderly Nursing Home Residents.
- 4. <u>Cristina Maria Miranda De Sousa</u>, Rector, University Center Uninovafapi, Brazil, Anaita De Sousa Rocha Neta, Teacher, Faculty Maurice of Nassau, Brazil, Maria Eliete Batista Moura, Teacher, Federal University of Piaui, Brazil, Luana Kelle Batista Moura, Teacher, University Center Uninovafapi, Brazil & Eucário Leite Monteiro Alves, Professor, University Center Uninovafapi, Brazil. Violence and Abuse against the Elderly.

11:00-12:30 Session IV (Room F- Mezzanine Floor): Technology Issues in Health Care

Chair: Hulya Arslantas, Associate Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey.

- Mary Cramer, Professor, University of Nebraska Medical Center, USA. <u>Using Mobile Technology and Community Health Workers to Reduce Preterm Birth.</u>
- Maj-Helen Nyback, Principal Lecturer, Novia University of Applied Sciences, Finland. <u>Developing Virtual Learning Environments at DP in Nursing, NOVIA UAS</u>.
- Nicola Parker-Summers, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK & <u>Julia Marjorie Booth</u>, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK. <u>Introducing e-Portfolios to Post-Registration Nursing and Allied Health Professionals</u>.
- Damla Kizilca Cakaloz, Research Assistant, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey & Ayden Coban, Associate Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey. <u>The Effect of Hyperemesis Gravidarum on Pregnancy Adaptation</u>.

12:30-14:00 Session V (Room E-Mezzanine Floor): A Panel on Nursing Education

Chair: Vickie Hughes, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University, USA.

- <u>Katiuska Reynaldos-Grandon</u>, Associate Professor, Universidad Andrés Bello, Chile, Lissette Aviles-Reinoso, PhD Student, University of Edinburgh, UK & Carolina Henriquez-Galindo, Practitioner Nurse, Universidad Andrés Bello, Chile. <u>Generating Social Responsibility in Nursing through a Service-Learning Experience in Chile.</u>
- Abeer Orabi, Assistant Professor, King Saud Bin Abdull-Aziz University, Saudi Arabia. <u>Assessing Knowledge Regarding Vulvovaginal Candadiasis among Female University Students</u>.
- Mona Afifi, Assistant Professor, King Saud Bin Abdul Aziz University for Health Science, Saudi Arabia. Physical Assessment Skills among Nurses: "A Gap between What is Taught and What is Practiced".
- Pat Colliety, Senior Teaching Fellow, University of Surrey, UK & Amy Dopson, Senior Teaching Fellow, University of Surrey, UK. <u>Exploring Ethical Issues Through Performance Simulation – A Collaboration between Performance and Practice</u>.
- 5. Nurcan Ertug, Assistant Professor, Ufuk University, Turkey. The Effect of Research Activity on Nursing Students' Research Anxiety and Attitudes to and Awareness of Research and Development.

12:30-14:00 Session VI (Room F- Mezzanine Floor): Independent Prescribing

Chair: Mary Cramer, Professor, University of Nebraska Medical Center, USA.

- Clare James, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK, Alison Bardsley, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK & Neil Kelly, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK. <u>Nurse Independent Prescribing in the United Kingdom</u>.
- Alison Bardsley, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK, Clare James, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK & Neil Kelly, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK. The Use of Simulation to Develop Critical Thinking and Decision Making Skills in Student Independent Prescribers.
- 3. Neil Kelly, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK, Alison Bardsley, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK & Clare James, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK. Using Twitter to Facilitate the Dissemination of Information and to Provide a Platform for Continued Professional Development for Independent Prescribers.

14:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-17:00 Session VII (Room E-Mezzanine Floor): Health Care Issues I

Chair: Alison Bardsley, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK.

- 1. John Gammon, Professor, College of Human and Health Sciences, Swansea University, UK. The Curse of Wet Hands! The Significance of Hand Drying and Efficacy of Different Methods.
- 2. <u>Serife Karagozoglu</u>, Professor, Cumhuriyet University, Turkey & Emine Korkmaz, Specialist Nurse, Health Science University, Turkey. The Efficiency of Sand Bag, Close Pad and Cold Application in Combination with Sand Bag to Prevent Peripheral Vascular Complications Post-Coronary Angiography and Post-Percutaneous Coronary Intervention.
- 3. <u>Gulay Yildirim</u>, Associate Professor, Cumhuriyet University, Turkey, Sukran Ertekin Pinar, Assistant Professor, Cumhuriyet University, Turkey & Neslihan Sayin, Midwife, Kizilay Hospital, Turkey. <u>The Relationship between</u> the Support Needs and Pain-Fatigue Levels of Women Undergoing Postpartum.
- 4. Maria Eliete Batista Moura, Teacher, Federal University of Piaui, Brazil. Satisfaction of Family Health Strategy Users in a Capital of the Brazilian Northeast.
- Alexandra Koumoutsopoulos, Pain Management Coordinator, University of Michigan Hospital and Health Centers, USA & Mary Lynn Parker, Clinical Nurse Specialist, University of Michigan Health System, USA.
 Improving Orthopedic Patient Outcomes through Implementation of a Multimodal Pain Protocol.
- 6. <u>Tugba Kavalali Erdogan</u>, Research Assistant, Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey, Zeliha Koc, Associate Professor, Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey & Tugba Cinarli, Research Assistant, Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey. <u>Determination of Prevalence and Etiology of Medical Errors in Healthcare Practices</u>.

17:00-19:00 Session VIII (Room E-Mezzanine Floor): Special Topics in Nursing

Chair: Neil Kelly, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK.

- 1. Gary Mountain, Associate Professor, University of Leeds, UK & Jane Cahill, Lecturer, University of Leeds, UK, Sensitivity and Attachment Interventions in Early Childhood: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.
- 2. Ayse Ozkaraman, Asistant Professor, Eskisehir Osmangazi University, Turkey, Evrim Metcalfe, Eskisehir Osmangazi University, Turkey, Ozlem Kersu, Eskisehir Osmangazi University, Turkey, Nedime Kosgeroglu, Eskisehir Osmangazi University, Turkey & Guler Balcı Alparslan, Eskisehir Osmangazi University, Turkey & Guler
- 3. <u>Asnat Dor</u>, Senior Lecturer, Max Stern Academic College of Emek Yezreel, Israel & Michal Mashiach Eizenberg, Senior Lecturer, Max Stern Academic College of Emek Yezreel, Israel & Ofra Halperin. <u>Motivation and Empathy among Nurses in Hospitals and Community Clinics: The Mediating Role of Burnout.</u>
- 4. <u>Giulia Marchetti</u>, Nurse Researcher, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, <u>Julita Sansoni</u>, Associate Professor, Head of Nursing Research Unit, Department of Public Health, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, Milena Sorrentino, Nurse Researcher, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, Anna Rita Marucci, Nurse Researcher, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, Walter De Caro, Nurse Researcher, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy & Maurizio Marceca, Associate Professor, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy. <u>Functional Health Literacy of Asylum Seekers and Refugees.</u> A <u>Pilot Study in Italy</u>.
- 5. Fernando Riegel, PhD Student, Federal University of Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil & Maria Da Graça De Oliveira Crossetti, PhD Student, Federal University of Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil. Critical Thinking in Nursing: Reference Theoretical and Instruments for Your Assessment.
- 6. Dolly Shun, Charge Nurse, UF Heath Shands, USA. Shift Huddle: Culture of Safety and Window of Opportunity.

19:00-20:30 Session IX (Room D-Mezzanine Floor): A Small Symposium on Diabetes I

Chair: Andriana Margariti, Head, Medicine Research Unit, ATINER & Lecturer, Centre for Experimental Medicine, Queen's University Belfast, U.K.

- 1. Robert Sindelar, Professor and Former Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The University of British Columbia, Canada. Creating a Health and Wellness Paradigm in the "OMICS" Era.
- 2. Ayten Taspinar, Associate Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey & Selva Ozgul, Midwife, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey. The Effect of Maternal Obesity on Maternal and Neonatal Health.
- 3. <u>Judith Aponte</u>, Associate Professor, Hunter College, The City University of New York, USA, Karen Tejada, Hunter College, The City University of New York, USA & Mariel Acosta-Melo, Hunter College, The City University of New York, USA. Systematic Literature Review: Diabetes Internet-based Spanish Language Health Information.
- 4. Andis Klegeris, Associate Professor, University of British Columbia, Canada. Increased risk of Alzheimer's disease in Type 2 Diabetes: Neuroimmune Effects of Dysregulated Peripheral Factors as a Possible Link.
- 5. <u>Ramona DeJesus</u>, Assistant Professor, Division of Primary Care Internal Medicine, Mayo Clinic, USA, Robert Jacobson, Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, Mayo Clinic, USA, Kristin Vickers Douglas, PhD, Department of Psychiatry and Psychology, Mayo Clinic, USA, Debra Jacobson, MS, Division of Biomedical Statistics and Informatics, Mayo Clinic, USA, Patrick Wilson, Department of Health Sciences Research, Mayo Clinic, USA & Jennifer St. Sauver, PhD, Department of Health Sciences Research, Mayo Clinic, USA. <u>Impact of an Intensive 12-Week Wellness Coaching Program on Self-Care Behaviours among Adult Primary Care Patients with Pre-Diabetes.</u>

21:00-23:00 Greek Night and Dinner (Details during registration)

Tuesday 2 May 2017

07:45-11:00 Session X: An Educational Urban Walk in Modern and Ancient Athens

Chair: Gregory Katsas, Head, Sociology Research Unit, ATINER & Associate Professor, The American College of Greece-Deree College, Greece

Group Discussion on Ancient and Modern Athens.

Visit to the Most Important Historical and Cultural Monuments of the City (be prepared to walk and talk as in the ancient peripatetic school of Aristotle) (Note: The simple registration fee of the conference does not cover the cost of this session. More details during registration).

11:30-13:00 Session XI (Room E-Mezzanine Floor): Issues Affecting Nurses in Working Environment: Behavior-Emotions

Chair: Nurten Tasdemir, Assistant Professor, Bulent Ecevit University, Turkey.

- 1. Maxim Topaz, Associate Professor, University of Haifa, Israel & Brigham Women's Health Hospital, USA. From Established to Emerging Research Trends in Health Information Technology for Nurses.
- 2. Zeynep Saglam, Lecturer, Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey, Zeliha Koc, Associate Professor, Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey & Selin Keskin Kiziltepe, PhD Student, Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey. Factors Affecting Clinical Decision Making Skills of Nurses.
- 3. Sacide Yildizeli Topcu, Lecturer, Trakya University, Turkey. My Emotions & My Patients' Care Effect of Nurses' Emotions on Nurses' Caregiving Roles in Surgical Wards.
- 4. Peter Vermeir, Head Nurse, Ghent University Hospital, Belgium. Nurses' Well-Being as a Quality Indicator for Improved Care.
- 5. Victor Contreras Ibacache, Project Manager, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Chile. Nursing Work Environment in a Hospital in Santiago, Chile.

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Session XII (Room E-Mezzanine Floor): Nursing Education II

Chair: Peter Vermeir, Head Nurse, Ghent University Hospital, Belgium.

- 1. Sevim Celik, Professor, Bulent Ecevit University, Turkey, Tulin Kurt, Nurse, Zonguldak State Hospital, Turkey, Nurten Tasdemir, Assistant Professor, Bulent Ecevit University, Turkey & Elif Dirimese, Assistant Professor, Bulent Ecevit University, Turkey. Determination of Intensive Care Nurses Knowledge about Spirituality and Spiritual Care.
- 2. <u>Nurten Tasdemir</u>, Assistant Professor, Bulent Ecevit University, Turkey, Nigar AK Turkis, MSc Student, Bulent Ecevit University, Turkey, Elif Dirimese, Assistant Professor, Bulent Ecevit University, Turkey & Sevim Celik, Professor, Bulent Ecevit University, Turkey. <u>The Effects of Preoperative Education on Postoperative Compliance: Dental Surgery Patients.</u>
- 3. <u>Filiz Adana</u>, Assistant Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey, Duygu Yesilfidan, Research Assistant, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey, Belgin Yildirim, Assistant Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey & Gülengün Türk, Associate Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey. <u>The Effect of Health Behaviour Education on Life Style Behaviours: University Example</u>.
- 4. <u>Fatih Gogus</u>, Research Assistant, Bulent Ecevit University, Turkey, Sevim Celik, Professor, Bulent Ecevit University, Turkey, Nurten Tasdemir, Assistant Professor, Bulent Ecevit University, Turkey & Elif Dirimese, Assistant Professor, Bulent Ecevit University, Turkey. <u>Nursing Students' Knowledge and Practices on the use of Peripheral Venous Catheter</u>.
- 5. <u>Hilal Hatice Gulludere</u>, Research Assistant, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey, Filiz Adana, Assistant Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey, Gulengun Turk, Associate Professor, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey & Duygu Yesilfidan, Research Assistant, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey. <u>Healthy Lifestyle Behaviour of First Year Students in Nursing School</u>.
- 6. <u>Ilkin Yilmaz</u>, Research Assistant, Dokuz Eylul University, Turkey, Dilek Ozden, Associate Professor, Dokuz Eylul University, Turkey & Gulsah Gurol Arslan, Assistant Professor, Dokuz Eylul University, Turkey. <u>Investigation of Intensive Care Nurses' Knowledge and Attitudes Regarding Closed Suctioning System.</u>

16:00-17:00 Session XIII (Room E-Mezzanine Floor): A Panel on Children and Young People's Nursing

Chair: Carol Anne Chamley, Academic Member, ATINER & Associate Professor, School of Health and Social Care, London South Bank University, UK.

- 1. Carol Chamley, Associate Professor, London Southbank University, UK, <u>Jason Pritchard</u>, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK & <u>Louise Price</u>, Senior Lecturer, Coventry University, UK. <u>The Great Debate: The Future of Children and Young People's Nursing in the United Kingdom.</u>
- 2. Wafaa Elarousy, Assistant Professor, King Saud Bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences, Saudi Arabia. Explore Nurses', Doctors' and Parents' Perceptions on Family Needs in Pediatric Critical Care Units at King Khaled Hospital in Jeddah.

17:00-18:30 Session XIV (Room E-Mezzanine Floor): Health Care Issues II

Chair: Wafaa Elarousy, Assistant Professor, King Saud Bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences, Saudi Arabia.

- 1. Bruno Cotter, Associate Professor, University of California San Diego, USA, HIV and Cardiovascular Disease: The Newest Chronic Disease.
- 2. Maria Reinaruth (Reina) Carlos (Imaizumi), Professor, Ryukoku University, Japan. The Stepwise International Migration of Philippine-educated Nurses and Its Policy Implications on Japan's Recruitment and Retention of Foreign Workers in the Elderly Care Sector.
- 3. <u>Asuman Sener</u>, Lecturer, Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey, Zeliha Koc, Associate Professor, Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey & Zeynep Saglam, Lecturer, Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey. <u>Determining the Use of Herbal Medicine among the Hospitalized Patients of the Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Unit.</u>
- 4. Ayfer Acikgoz, Lecturer Assistant Professor, Eskisehir Osmangazi University, Turkey, Dilek Sayik, Nurse, Eskisehir State Hospital, Turkey, Semra Songut, Lecturer, Gaziosmanpasa University, Turkey, Yeliz Kaya, Assistant professor, Eskisehir Osmangazi University, Turkey & Imdat Koksal, Lecturer, Gaziosmanpasa University, Turkey. The Burdens of Sitter Mothers at Paediatrics Clinics and the Effect of Hospital Stay on Depression, Anxiety and Stress Levels.
- 5. Malgorzata Stefaniak, Lecturer / Midwife, Medical University of Warsaw, Poland. Caring for a Pregnant Patient with a Diagnosed Cancer Case Report.

18:30-20:00 Session XV (Room D-Mezzanine Floor): A Small Symposium on Diabetes II

Chair: Andis Klegeris, Associate Professor, University of British Columbia, Canada.

- Mahua Ghosh, Assistant Professor, University of Calcutta, India & Kankana Das, Senior Research Fellow, University of Calcutta, India. Management of Diabetic Nephropathy using Structured DAG Oils in Murine System: A
 Comparative Assessment of Redox-Regulated Signaling System.
- 2. Khemaradee Masingboon, Lecturer, Burapha University, Thailand, Saifone Moungkum, Lecturer, Burapha University, Thailand & Suwannee Mahakayanun, Assistant Professor, Burapha University, Thailand. Risk Perception among Persons with Pre-Diabetes, Thailand.
- 3. <u>Irina Gette</u>, Senior Researcher, Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin, Russia, Victor Emelyanov, Assistant Professor, Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin, Russia, Irina Danilova, Head of the Department of Medical Biochemistry and Biophysics, Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin, Russia & Tatyana Bulavintceva, Junior Researcher, Institute of Immunology and Physiology, Russia. Impact of 1,3,4-Thiadiazine Derivative on Pancreas Islets in Diabetic Rats.
- 4. Sophia Kelaini, Research Fellow, Queen's University Belfast, UK. The RNA Binding Protein Quaking is a Key Regulator of Endothelial Cell Differentiation, Neovascularization and Angiogenesis through Direct Binding of the 3'UTR of STAT3.

21:00- 22:30 Dinner (Details during registration)

Wednesday 3 May 2017 Cruise: (Details during registration)

or

Mycenae and Epidaurus Visit: (Details during registration)

Thursday 4 May 2017
Delphi Visit: (Details during registration)

The Academic Committee of the conference was:

- 1. Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER & Honorary Professor, University of Stirling, UK.
- 2. Nicholas Pappas, Vice President of Academic Membership, ATINER & Professor of History, Sam Houston University, USA.
- 3. Zoe Boutsioli, Vice President of Publications & Research, ATINER & President, Athens Centre for Greek & International Education (ACEGIE).
- 4. Paul Contoyannis, Head, Health Economics & Management Unit, ATINER & Associate Professor, McMaster University, Canada.
- 5. Sue Coffey, Associate Professor of Nursing, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Canada.

The Organizing Committee of the conference was:

- 1. Fani Balaska, Research Assistant, ATINER.
- 2. Hannah Howard, Research Assistant, ATINER.
- 3. Despoina Katzoli, Researcher, ATINER.
- 4. Eirini Lentzou, Administrative Assistant, ATINER.
- 5. Konstantinos Manolidis, Administrator, ATINER.
- 6. Vassilis Skianis, Research Fellow, ATINER.
- 7. Kostas Spyropoulos, Administrator, ATINER.