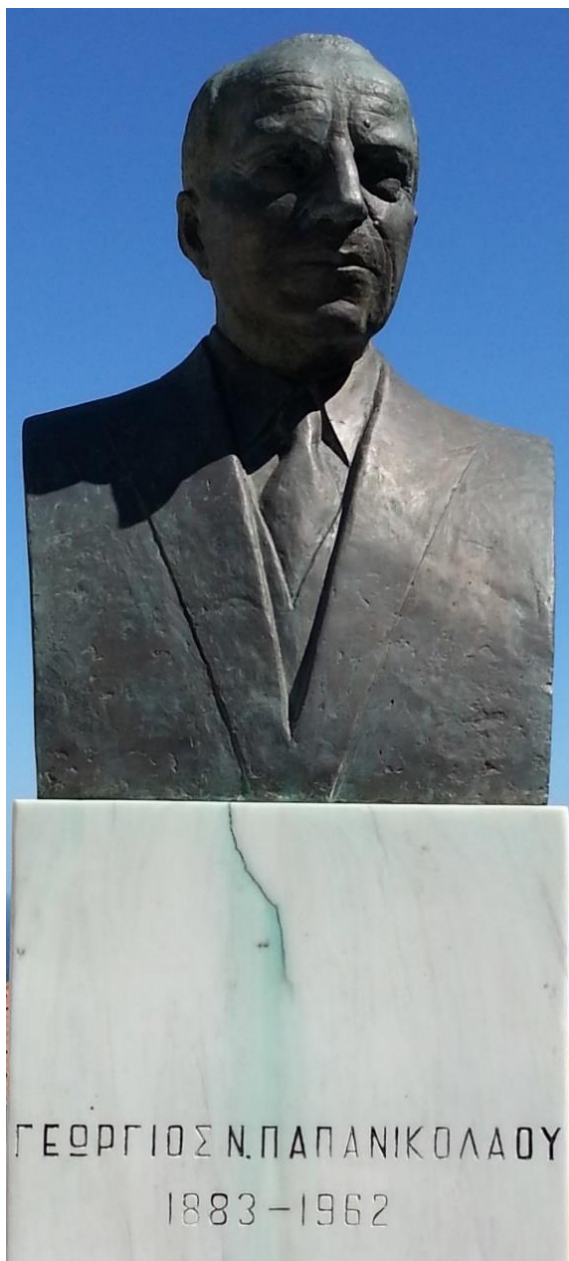


# HONORARY SYMPOSIUM

## GUIDANCE FOR ATTENDEES

SEPTEMBER 14, 15 & 16, 2023



The  
GN Papanicolaou  
Odyssey

*Honorary Symposium*  
Palace Hotel, Kymi, Greece  
September 14, 15 & 16, 2023

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ΓΝ Παπανικολάου

*Τιμητικό Συμπόσιο*  
Ξενοδοχείο Παλας, Κύμη, Ελλάς  
Σεπτεμβρίου 14, 15 & 16, 2023

Organized by: *CellPathology Plus*, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada  
In partnership with: The Hon. Mayor's Office of Kymi & Aliveri, Euboea, Greece

# WELCOME TO THE GN PAPANICOLAOU ODYSSEY

## HONORARY SYMPOSIUM

### *A Historical Milestone*

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On behalf of *CellPathology Plus*, it gives me great pleasure to welcome delegates from around the world to this Honorary Symposium, dedicated to the legacies of Dr. George N. Papanicolaou and of his wife, Andromache. This husband-and-wife team selflessly dedicated their lives for the betterment of science and humanity. In keeping, this Symposium has their memory deep at heart, and promises to be a celebration of their titanic achievements. During and after this Symposium, and from the lens of his birthplace, Kymi, Greece, we celebrate the meaning of Dr. Papanicolaou's life and work and, by natural extension, the inception and global scale of modern Clinical Cytopathology.

I extend sincere gratitude to the Office of the Mayor of Kymi & Aliveri, the Honorable Athanasios Bourantas, for embracing and supporting this Symposium. Likewise, no expression of appreciation may possibly suffice to acknowledge the enthusiasm and support received from friends and colleagues from around the world towards this event. The spontaneous convergence of so much energy can only be taken as a true reflection of our common passion for the work of Dr. G. N. Papanicolaou. In essence, this Honorary Symposium is an acknowledgement of inheritance. In Clinical Cytopathology, Dr. Papanicolaou is regarded our forefather; although, in our Hellenic culture and ethnic identity, he stands as majestic as the Parthenon against the blue sky. He shall remain an ageless beacon of inspiration for generations to come.

Dr. Papanicolaou was born in Kymi in 1883 but his professional odyssey took him to Cornell Medical College, New York, in 1914. There, his 44-year career was adorned by indelible accolades; meanwhile the impact of his work continues to impress and expand globally. Starting in 1920, he investigated his scientific method with his wife, Andromache, and her samples containing epithelial cells formed the basis for an emerging medical discipline. In 1925, Dr. Papanicolaou encountered cervical cancer cells in ill women and these foundations led to the development of the Pap test for the prevention of cervical cancer through population-based screening. The American Cancer Society endorsed the Pap test in 1948. And it was subsequently launched into screening service in the USA by 1957, from where it expanded into Europe and elsewhere. Due to the Pap test a near 80% reduction in the incidence and mortality of cervical cancer has been evidenced in developed nations applying it in systematic, population-based screening programs.

The GN Papanicolaou Odyssey, Honorary Symposium, marks a historical milestone just over 60 years since his death in 1962 and promises to leave behind a legacy of its own. The Symposium has enlisted distinguished national and international speakers to deliver 12 presentations commemorating Dr. Papanicolaou's work from varied perspectives. A presentation by Dr. Giouli Kokkori launches the Symposium with a true sense of inheritance. It is with utmost anticipation and gratefulness that I welcome all of you to Kymi. Net proceeds from this event will go to support the Dr. G. N. Papanicolaou exhibit in the Folklore Museum of Kymi, and to foster diagnostic services at the local George N. Papanikolaou General Hospital.

I wish you all a memorable Symposium. I also wish you a spectacular journey as you seek to discover all the splendors of both historical and modern Greece. Hopefully your schedule will allow you to also visit other historical and archeological attractions, and our unique islands, and not only.

*Dr. Nikolaos Chantziantoniou*

# HONORARY SYMPOSIUM

## *Highlights*

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- The month of September in Greece is typically characterized by calm, warm weather, warm seas for swimming, and ample availability at resorts throughout the country as the tourist season winds down by September 15.
- The GN Papanicolaou Odyssey, Honorary Symposium, capacity is **240** delegates.
- Attendance Fee: **125 Euro**, paid in **CASH** upon onsite registration, receipt to be given on demand (No means for electronic, or credit card payment available).
- Net proceeds from this event will go to support the Dr. G. N. Papanicolaou exhibit in the **Folklore Museum of Kymi**, and to foster diagnostic services at the local **George N. Papanikolaou General Hospital**.
- The **Palace Hotel** in Kymi hosts the Honorary Symposium.
- **Triaena Tours & Congress S.A.** may serve delegates' transportation and tourism needs (Contact: Ms. Albina Gegaj. Tel: +30 697 673 5257, +30 210 74 99 309, Email: [albinag@triaenatours.gr](mailto:albinag@triaenatours.gr)).
- Additional support for delegates, the formal Symposium Program, and further details to be announced in due course via email as they arise approaching the Symposium dates.
- For any inquiries, please contact Dr. Nikolaos Chantziantoniou ([cellpathology.plus@gmail.com](mailto:cellpathology.plus@gmail.com)).

*Thank You*



# GETTING TO KYMI, EUBOEIA, GREECE

## *Travel*

Delegates from all corners of the globe are welcome to attend this Honorary Symposium.

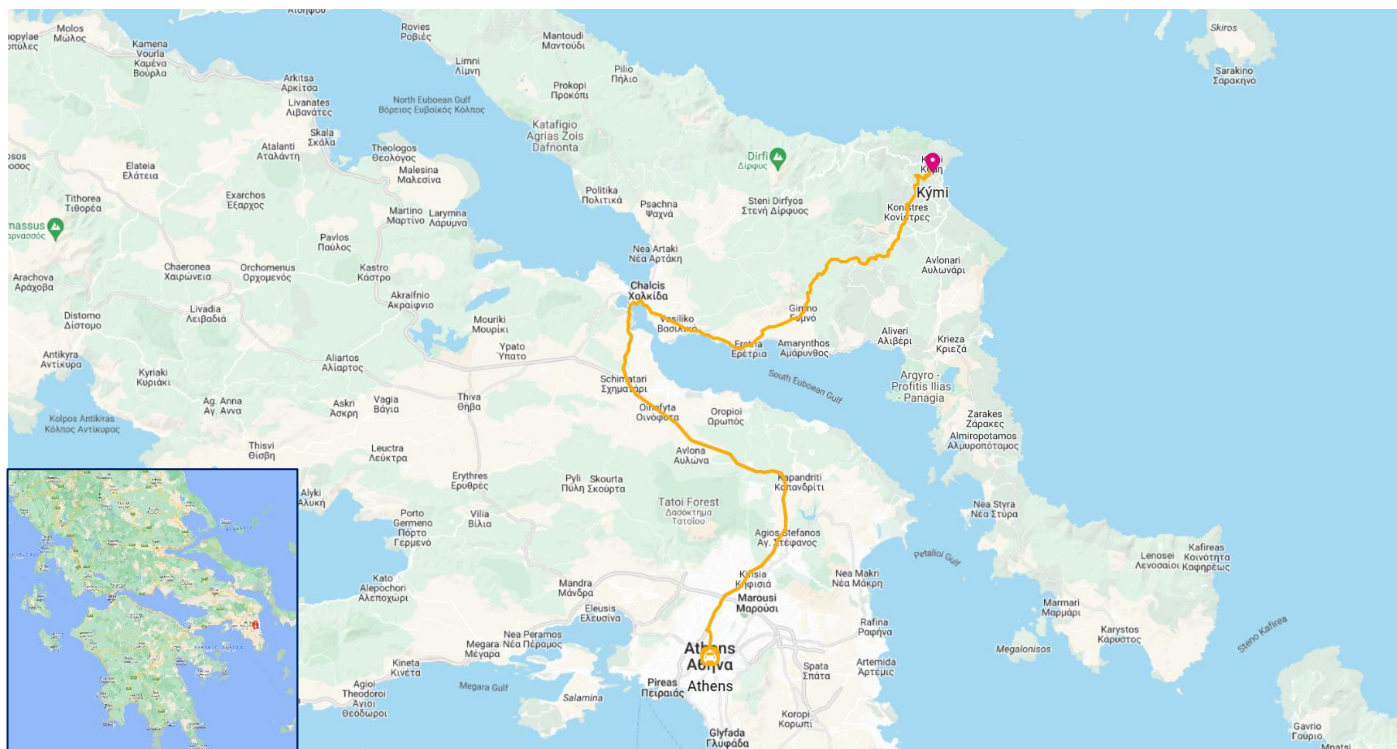
International attendees may arrive at the **Athens International Airport - Eleftherios Venizelos** (<https://www.aia.gr/traveler/>) in Spata at the eastern margin of the Capital city of Greece, Athens.

Kymi is located north-east of Athens, on the eastern shoreline of Euboea, overlooking the Aegean Sea.

Kymi is 148 kilometers from Athens by road, approximately a 2.5-hour drive. For international visitors, this would be the easiest way to reach Kymi.

From the airport, delegates have the option of renting a vehicle and driving to Kymi, although may hire a taxi instead. Bus services to Kymi are also available from the central bus station in Athens.

To legally drive in Greece, international visitors must carry a valid **International Driver's License**. It is advisable to reserve car rentals in advance.



# SYMPOSIUM HOTELS

## *Accommodation*

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The **Palace Hotel** hosts the Honorary Symposium. Adjacent to the Palace Hotel is the Corali Hotel.

Additional hotel options located nearby are listed below.

All the hotels listed have assigned preferred room rates specifically for the Honorary Symposium, and reservations may be arranged using the contact details provided or through their online booking systems.

Room rates vary between 40 Euro for a 1-occupancy room, through to 150 Euro for a 4-occupancy room, depending on hotel, type of room, and if breakfast is requested.

As rooms have been reserved for this symposium, online registration may not be feasible. Attendees are advised to contact the hotel of their choice directly using the email or telephone contacts provided.

### Palace Hotel, Kymi, Greece

Contact: Helen Kouimtzi or John Spanos

Tel: +30 2222 022500

Email: [reservations@kymipalace.gr](mailto:reservations@kymipalace.gr)

[www.kymipalace.gr](http://www.kymipalace.gr)



## Coral Hotel, Kymi, Greece

Contact: Michael Bogdanos  
Tel: +30 697 944 5548, +30 2222 022212  
Email: [info@coralihotel.gr](mailto:info@coralihotel.gr)  
<https://www.coralihotel.gr/el/>



## Valledi Village Hotel, Kymi Beach, Greece

Contact: Giota Kampouri (Hotel Manager)  
Cell: +30 697 432 9297  
Tel: +30 2222 029150  
Email: [reserve@valledivillage.gr](mailto:reserve@valledivillage.gr)  
<https://www.valledivillage.gr/>



## Beis Hotel, Kymi, Greece

Contact: Nancy Papaskyrianou  
Tel: +30 698 024 8383, +30 2222 022604  
Email: [Hotelbeis@gmail.com](mailto:Hotelbeis@gmail.com)  
<https://hotelbeis.gr/>



## Hotel Panorama, Kymi, Greece

Contact: Katerina Karava

Tel: +30 2222 071252, +30 694 650 2180, +30 694 778 0143

Email: [katerinakarava@yahoo.gr](mailto:katerinakarava@yahoo.gr)

[www.panorama-kimi.gr](http://www.panorama-kimi.gr)



# SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

## *Limitations*

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The GN Papanicolaou Odyssey, Honorary Symposium, capacity is **240** delegates.

Attendees will be registered on a *first-come-first-serve* basis chronologically, starting from the date of the Symposium announcement (May 13, 2023 – Dr. George N. Papanicolaou's birthday anniversary).

Registrants will be assigned a number from 1 through to 240.

Registrants that cancel their attendance will relinquish their registration number to the next applicant, chronologically.



# SYMPOSIUM AIMS

## *Museum, Diagnostic Cytopathology Services*

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<https://www.ghkymis.gr/nosokomeio/istoriko/>



### ***“OUR HOSPITAL***

*The General Hospital - Kymi Health Center of Evia, was founded with the 87 FEK 29/05/1964 square A, with the name "Kymi General Hospital" as NPDD and with a capacity of 30 beds. In the first years it was housed in a large home in the center of the city, while later it was moved to another, more spacious building. In the mid-70s, efforts began to rebuild the Hospital, which was inaugurated on 15/08/1980.*

*Within the framework of the National Health System, new specialties were added and the operation of the Health Center was added, giving another dimension to the provision of Primary Health Care.*

*Today it provides health services in basic specialties, it has developed 40 beds, with a pathological and surgical department and a specialized nephrology department with an Artificial Kidney Unit with 7 beds. In parallel, within the framework of the Health Reform, new actions and operations are planned that aim to upgrade the health services provided, both to the permanent residents and to the thousands of tourists of the wider area of Kymi."*

# KYMI, EUBOEIA, GREECE

## *Things To Do*

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Kymi is adorned by breathtaking landscapes, beaches, churches, and monasteries, all steeped in history and cultural beauty.

All delegates will enjoy a remarkable panorama overlooking the Aegean Sea, with so many picturesque islands that are easily accessible either from Athens or Kymi by ferry.

Delegates are encouraged to explore Greece.



# HONORARY SYMPOSIUM

## *Welcome Reception - Palace Hotel, Kymi, Greece*

Thursday, September 14, 2023, 6-9 pm

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We look forward to receiving delegates and their guests from near and afar.

The Symposium registration desk will be open Thursday, September 14, 2023, in the Palace Hotel Kymi from 9 am onwards.

All are invited to attend the Welcome Reception also on Thursday, September 14, in the Palace Hotel from 6 to 9 pm.

This will be an opportunity to socialize by greeting friends and colleagues, and to enjoy traditional delights to get us into the spirit of the Symposium and its surroundings.

Bring along an appetite and enjoy Greek hospitality.

Remember to sign the stand-up Honorary Symposium banner by the auditorium entrance. It will become a living memento of the event. After the closing of the Symposium, this banner will be relocated to the Folklore Museum by the G. N. Papanicolaou exhibit. With this gesture, all attendees will become a part of an ongoing Odyssey towards future events.



# HONORARY SYMPOSIUM

## DAY 1

Palace Hotel, Kymi, Meeting Auditorium

Friday, September 15, 2023

0700 - 0800	Registration
0800 - 0815	<b>Opening Remarks - Day 1</b> <i>Dr. Helen Koutselini (Moderator)</i>  The Birthday Spirit behind the Honorary Symposium
0815 - 0830	<b>Welcome Address</b> <i>The Honorable Athanasios Bourantas</i>  Mayor of Kymi & Aliveri, Euboea, Greece
0830 - 0910 Special Guest	<b>A Collage of G. N. Papanicolaou's Early Student Years</b> <i>Dr. Giouli Kokkori</i>
0910 - 0950 Presentation 1	<b>What Happened 100 Years Ago?</b> <i>Dr. Nikolaos Chantziantoniou</i>
0950 - 1030	Coffee Break
1030 - 1110 Presentation 2	<b>George Papanicolaou: The Power of a Grand, Driving Dream</b> <i>Dr. R. Marshall Austin</i>
1110 - 1150 Presentation 3	<b>Panel Discussion - Papanicolaou and Babes: Knowns and Unknowns</b> <i>Dr. Mathilde E. Boon, Dr. R. Marshall Austin, Dr. Aristidis G. Diamantis</i>
1150 - 1300	Lunch Break
1300 - 1340 Presentation 4	<b>George N. Papanicolaou: Role Model of a Hippocratic Doctor</b> <i>Dr. Aristidis G. Diamantis</i>

1340 – 1420 Presentation 5	<b>The Evolution of Cytology Education in the United States since the Memphis-Shelby Trial in 1951</b> <i>Dr. Amber D. Donnelly</i>
1420 – 1500 Presentation 6	<b>Art for Dr. Papanicolaou: The story of Hashime Murayama</b> <i>Dr. Daniel F. I. Kurtycz (Virtual Presentation)</i>
1500 - 1530	<b>Coffee Break</b>
1530 – 1610 Presentation 7	<b>The Women Behind the Man and the Elusive Nobel Prize and other Events</b> <i>Mr. Paul A. Elgert (Virtual Presentation)</i>
1610 - 1630	<b>Day 1 Closing Remarks</b>  Dr. Helen Koutselini Dr. Nikolaos Chantziantoniou



# HONORARY SYMPOSIUM

## *Museum & Birth Home Visits, Dinner & Festivities*

Kymi Town Square, St. Athanasios Cathedral

Friday, September 15, 2023, 6-10 pm

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Delegates and guests are invited to enjoy the Honorary Symposium traditional dinner and festivities. These events will be organized in the Kymi town square adjacent to the splendid St. Athanasios Cathedral, just steps from the bronze bust of Dr. G. N. Papanicolaou and a few yards away from his birth home.

Kymi and the surrounding region has a rich history, and is renowned for almond deserts, olive oil, and figs.

Delegates and guests will be transported from the Palace Hotel to the Folklore Museum in upper Kymi which houses the G. N. Papanicolaou exhibit amongst other cultural displays. The Folklore Museum showcases the region's inheritance through curated exhibits and artifacts from traditional clothing to embroidery and pottery. From the Museum's amphitheatric vantagepoint, one beholds the blue Aegean Sea; and for this, Kymi is also romantically known as the '*Balcony of the Aegean*'. In this veranda we shall enjoy traditional music and dance. From the Museum we will proceed to visit the Papanicolaou family homestead; and from there, stroll along towards the town square just yards away.

Kymi is also known for her magnificent St. Athanasios Cathedral in the center of the town square in pristine Byzantine architecture. The St. Athanasios Cathedral and the GN Papanicolaou Odyssey, Honorary Symposium, share a rather unique commonality as the name '*Athanasios*' in Greek literally means: *Immortal*. This relationship marks a striking symbolism for a scientist whose life and work we celebrate and immortalize through this event.

The dinner and planned festivities aim to tantalize the senses. The event should leave you with unforgettable memories of Kymi and of her local traditions, and of our Hellenic culture under a blue sky.



# HONORARY SYMPOSIUM

## DAY 2

Palace Hotel, Kymi, Meeting Auditorium

Saturday, September 16, 2023

0700 - 0815	Registration
0815 - 0830	<b>Opening Remarks - Day 2</b> <i>Dr. Efstratios Patsouris</i> (Moderator)  The Centennial Celebration.
0830 - 0910 Presentation 8	<b>George N. Papanicolaou: The Greek Doctor, the Universal Life-Saving Pioneer</b> <i>Dr. Nikolaos Margetis</i>
0910 - 0950 Presentation 9	<b>Reflections of Dr Papanicolaou, Andromache (Mary) Papanicolaou, Kymi, and of a Book – One Very Special Appearance and Guest Editorial: J HIPPOCRATES (1983)</b> <i>Dr. D. Erskine Carmichael</i> (Through <i>Dr. Nikolaos Chantziantoniou</i> )
0950 - 1030	Coffee Break
1030 – 1110 Presentation 10	<b>Significance and Impact of the Pap Class Reporting System in the Evolution of Gynecological Cytopathology</b> <i>Dr. Panagiota Mikou</i>
1110 – 1150 Presentation 11	<b>Pap test in the Era of Molecular Cytopathology: Is this the end?</b> <i>Dr. Ekaterini Politi</i>
1150 - 1230 Presentation 12	<b>Dr. Papanicolaou's Legacy: A Prerequisite for Uncovering the Viral (HPV) Etiology of Cervical Cancer</b> <i>Dr. Kari Syrjanen</i>
1230 - 1330	<b>Symposium Closing Remarks &amp; Presentations</b> <i>Dr. Nikolaos Chantziantoniou</i> <i>CellPathology Plus</i>

*Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada*

**Farewell**

*Honorable Athanasios Bourantas*

*Mayor of Kymi & Aliveri*

*Euboea, Greece*



# HONORARY SYMPOSIUM

## *Registration, Inquiries & Assistance*

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Join us for an historic celebration of inheritance.

Kymi, Greece, welcomes you.

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