

2016-17 Academic Year

Mr. **Konstantinos Abatzis**, Science teacher, completed his **Postgraduate Specialization Diploma** entitled “Education Sciences – Educational Leadership and Administration” at the University of Nicosia. Mr. Abatzis submitted his dissertation entitled “The Relationship of School Club Activities with Secondary Education and Forming School Spirit: The Case of Pierce – The American College of Greece.”

Ms. **Evangelia Vlachogianni**, English Language teacher, attended the seminar entitled “The new era for IELTS in Greece: How to prepare students for IELTS Academic Writing and Speaking” which took place on November 16, 2016, in Athens and was organized by PEOPLECERT. Ms. **Vlachogianni**, also attended the webinar entitled “Empowering 21st Century Teenagers,” which took place on October 13, 2016. The webinar was organized by National Geographic Learning-Cengage Learning.

Mr. **Konstantinos Gakis**, Greek Language teacher, published the article “Self-regulation and learning strategies for Elementary students with learning difficulties” in cooperation with and approved by the scientific journal Pedagogical Reason (in a forthcoming edition).

Mr. **Iakovos Delatolas-Saveris**, English Language teacher, was invited by the organizers of the international conference “Teachers, Trends, Techniques - A world of change,” spoke on the topic “Teaching an Original Video-Based Lesson in an EFL Classroom.” The conference was organized by TESOL Macedonia Thrace Northern Greece and took place February 10 – 12, 2017 at the American College of Thessaloniki. Mr. **Iakovos Delatolas-Saveris**, English Language teacher, was invited by the organizers to speak at the “Teaching and Testing Young Learners” and “Integrating Technology into Classroom Teaching” seminars, which took place on November 12, 2016 at the Stanley Hotel in Athens. The seminars were organized by Cambridge English Language Assessment, in cooperation with the Hellenic English Council. Mr. **Iakovos Delatolas-Saveris**, English Language teacher, was invited by the organizers to speak at the “Top

Tips for B2 candidates” και “Top Tips for C2 candidates” seminars, which took place on November 5, 2016 at the Titania Hotel in Athens. The seminars were organized by Cambridge English Language Assessment, in cooperation with the Hellenic English Council.

Dr. **Spyridon Doukakis**, Mathematics and Computer Science teacher, was invited to deliver the keynote address entitled “Exploring the Role of Neuroeducation in Learning” at the 2nd Panhellenic Conference entitled “Education in the 21st Century: From Theory to Practice - In search of the Engaging and Effective School,” which took place May 19-21, 2017 in Athens. In addition, Dr. Doukakis was invited to take part in the conference, in collaboration with officials of the Institute for Educational Policy, with the paper “European Program Erasmus+ KA3, ACT – Role of the Active Citizen: Activities to Reinforce Students’ Social and Political Skills.” Dr. **Spyridon Doukakis**, Mathematics and Computer Science teacher, presented the keynote paper "Exploring the Role of Neuro-education in Software Engineering Education" at the China Europe Symposium on Software Engineering Education which was held on 24th - 25th May 2017 in Athens. Dr. **Spyridon Doukakis**, Mathematics and Computer Science teacher, took part in the Organizing Committee of the EDUCON2017, IEEE Global Engineering Education Conference which took place in Athens, April 26 – 28, 2017. At the conference he was Chair at Session: Open Online Education Resources and Tools. Dr. **Spyridon Doukakis** attended 1st Hellenic TISP Day Workshop, which took place at AEI Piraeus on December 11, 2016 and was organized by the Greek Section of IEEE. Dr. **Spyridon Doukakis**, Mathematics and Computer Science teacher, Mr. **Stylios Katsoulis**, Computer Science and Technology teacher and Ms. **Ioanna Pyloti**, Computer Science teacher, took part in the proceedings of the Hellenic Conference on Innovating STEM Education, which took place December 16 – 18, 2016 in Athens and was organized by the University of Patras, the Hellenic Open University and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Having been through the approval process, the teachers presented their paper “Experiential research for students in the field of STEM.” In addition, at the conference Dr. **Doukakis** took part in a collaboration on the paper “The development of Technological Pedagogical Knowledge Content for Educators in the

context of the STEM Graduate Program of the School of Pedagogical and Technological Education.” The papers will be published soon in an electronic issue of the minutes.

Dr. **Spyridon Doukakis**, Computer Science and Mathematics teacher, Dr. **Ioannis Stamatellos**, IB DP Coordinator and Dr. **Nektaria Glinou**, Pierce School Psychologist, took part in the conference, the 2nd World Congress “Genetics, Geriatrics and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research”, whose subject was: “Health, Aging and Mental Wellness in the new digital era.” It took place October 20-23 in Sparta. At the conference, in a special session on “Reframing Cognitive Enhancement Perspectives,” they presented, having been approved, their paper: “Cognitive enhancement using ICT and its ethical implications.” The paper will be published in the near future in a special edition.

Upon invitation, Dr. **Spyridon Doukakis**, Computer Science and Mathematics teacher and Dr. **Petros Korovesis**, IT Director at the American College of Greece, held a workshop, in collaboration with other specialists on the subject: "Environments of distance learning. The case of BigBlueButton and the BlackBoard Collaborate," at the 8th Conference on Informatics in Education – Computer Science in education (8th CIE2016), which took place October 14-16, 2016, at the University of Piraeus. Dr. **Doukakis** participated in the 10th Panhellenic and International Conference “Information Technology in Education,” which took place September 23-25, 2016, at the University of Ioannina. At the conference, in collaboration with Professor Mary-Angela Papalaskari of Villanova University in the USA, he published and presented the paper: “Suggestions for Learning Activities and Technological Pedagogy: Knowledge and Content for Teachers of Computer Science.”

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USA, he published and presented the paper: “Suggestions for Learning Activities and Technological Pedagogical Knowledge Content for Computer Science Teachers.”

Ms. **Penelope Theodoropoulou**, Art teacher, attended the proceedings of the 34th Conference of the Association of Art Teachers in Secondary Education, which took place September 5 – 9, 2016 at the School of Fine Arts. The conference was organized by the Association of Art Teachers in Secondary Education.

Ms. **Angeliki Kehagia**, Greek Language teacher, attended the distance professional development program entitled “Practical Exercises in Creative Writing, which took place from October 3, 2016 to December 19, 2016. The professional development program was organized by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and lasted 50 hours. Ms. Kehagia successfully completed the program, for which she received certification.

Ms. **Charikleia Loizou**, French Language teacher, made a presentation at the one-day conference “Innovative Activities in French class” entitled “Lesson plan for teaching a specific linguistic practice.” The conference took place on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at the Varvakeio Model Gymnasium in Psychico.

Ms. **Sofia Mourouti**, Greek Language teacher, writes an article on the electronic newspaper newspaper <http://www.liberal.gr/>, presenting daily the word of the day in the column Glossary.

Mr. **Elias Minas**, Economics teacher, was invited by the organizers to speak at the two-day seminar entitled “Innovative Technologies in the Educational Process,” which took place April 4 – 5, 2017 at the Avgouleia-Linardatou Schools, under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religion. The topic of Mr. Minas’s talk was “Suggestions for Teaching Economics at the General Lyceum.”

Ms. **Chrysoula Barabouti**, Theology teacher, completed the **Graduate Diploma Specializing** in the Psychology of Religion, in the field of Religion, Philosophy and

Sociology, in the Department of Social Theology of the School of Theology of Athens University. Ms. **Barabouti** submitted her Master's thesis on the subject: "Orthodox Religiousness as a factor in the prevention of smoking in 13-18 year-old students at the American College of Greece," which received the grade "Excellent."

Ms. **Barabouti** also attended the experiential seminar of the Directorate of Secondary Education B Athens entitled "Introduction to the methodology of Promoting Health" on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at the 1st Gymnasium of Neo Psychico. Ms. **Barabouti** successfully completed the seminar, for which she received certification. Ms. **Barabouti** was a member of the organizing committee of the 7th Panhellenic Conference "Education for a World without Smoking." The conference took place at the Thessaloniki Science Center and Technology Museum NOESIS on November 29, 2016. Ms. Barabouti met with the Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, His Beatitude Ieronimos, at the Archdiocese of Athens on December 20, 2016. At the meeting, they discussed the introduction of subchapters on the preventive and therapeutic dimension of religion, regarding psychogenic and sociogenic illnesses among adolescents, such as smoking, alcoholism, drugs and depression, into the New Curriculum for Religious Education.

Ms. **Anna Xenou**, Greek Language teacher, published the article entitled "The Fine Line between Sanity and Insanity – Comments on the latest book by author Argyri Chioni" in the scientific electronic journal "The Reader." It was published on October 22.

Mr. **Panagiotis Polydoropoulos**, Greek Language teacher, attended the one-day conference entitled "Language classes once again in the forefront: Thoughts, concerns, suggestions," which took place on Saturday, December 10, 2016, at the 2nd Experimental Gymnasium of Athens. The conference was organized by Scientific Supervisory Council (ΕΠ.Ε.Σ.) of the 2nd Experimental Gymnasium of Athens, in collaboration with the School Advisor of the Directorate of Secondary Education A Athens Ms. Christina Petropoulou, with the approval of the Administrative Committee for Model and Experimental Schools.

Ms. **Eleni Sarri-Stratiki**, Italian Language teacher, took part in the proceedings of the 2nd Panhellenic Conference entitled “Education in the 21st Century: From Theory to Practice – In search of the Engaging and Effective School,” which took place May 19-21, 2017 in Athens. At the conference Ms. Sarri-Stratiki presented a paper on the subject of Burnout: The “illness” that also afflicts Greek educators.

Ms. **Vasiliki Sioziou**, English Language teacher, followed the webinar entitled: “Empowering 21st Century Teenagers” which took place on October 13, 2016. The webinar was organized by National Geographic Learning-Cengage Learning.

Mr. **Evangelos Stamateris**, Science teacher, attended the professional development program concerning the promotion of mental health in school, entitled “Standing on my own feet,” which took place September 30 – October 2, 2016 at the ARGO Center for the Prevention of Dependencies and the Promotion of Mental Health. The professional development program was organized by the Directorate of Secondary Education B Athens in cooperation with the ARGO Center for the Prevention of Dependencies and the Promotion of Mental Health and took 25 hours.

Mr. **Konstantinos Tambakis**, Science teacher, was a member of the organizing and academic advisor committees of the 1st international conference on the subject “Modern Science and the Orthodox Tradition. An uneasy relationship?” which took place February 24 – 25, 2017 in Athens, in the context of the project “Science & Orthodoxy around the World.” The conference was organized by the National Research Foundation.

Ms. **Aikaterini Tsioufi**, Physical Education teacher, also attended a seminar entitled “A Contemporary Teaching Suggestion Beyond the Classroom: Decision-Making Skills in Times of Change, The Group Dynamic and its Significance for Knowledge of Self and Community,” which took place September 10, 2016, at the Hellenic American Educational Foundation. The seminar was organized by SY.N.TH.E.S.I – The Society of Resourceful Educators and by the Hellenic American Educational Foundation Athens College-Psychico College and lasted 8 hours.

English Language teacher Ms. **Evangelia Alexopoulou**, Science teacher Ms. **Margarita Zonga**, Greek Language teachers Ms. **Athina Pitta**, Ms. **Maria Korda** and Ms. **Christina Koronaïou**, Mathematics teacher Mr. **Dimitrios Georgantidis** and Mathematics and Computer Science teacher Dr. **Spyridon Doukakis** attended and successfully completed the Postgraduate Program “Learning Difficulties & Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).” The Postgraduate Program, which lasted 8 months, was organized by the Adolescent Health Unit of the University of Athens B Pediatric Clinic at the “P. & A. Kyriakou” Children’s Hospital, the Greek Society of Adolescent Medicine, the Hellenic Society for the Study of ADHD, and the American College of Greece Institute of Public Health.

Greek Language teachers Ms. **Ioli Despi**, Ms. **Maria Lada** and Ms. **Maria Touriki**, Physical Education teacher Ms. **Aikaterini Tsioufi**, Religion teacher Ms. **Chrysoula Barabouti**, Home Economics teacher Ms. **Georgia Panagiotakopoulou** and the Pierce school psychologist Dr. **Nektaria Glinou** attended the professional development program entitled “Development of healthy attitudes and prevention of dependencies in adolescents, Boys & Girls Plus”, which took place November 4 and 5, 2016, at the Center for the Prevention of Dependencies and Promotion of Psychosocial Health “PRONOI” in the Municipality of Kifissia. The program lasted 12 hours and was organized by the Center for the Prevention of Dependencies and Promotion of Psychosocial Health “PRONOI” in the Municipality of Kifissia and the Directorate for Secondary Education in B’ Athens, the Regional Directorate of Primary Education & Secondary Education for Attica of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religion.

Science teachers Ms. **Margarita Zonga**, Ms. **Kalliopi Salpea**, Mr. **Evangelos Stamateris**, Religion teacher Ms. **Chrysoula Barabouti** and Home Economics teacher Ms. **Georgia Panagiotakopoulou** attended a professional development program entitled “Introductory professional development seminar on the methodology of promoting Health,” which took place on October 12, 2016 at the 1st Gymnasium of Neo Psychico. The professional development program was organized by the Directorate of Secondary Education B Athens and took 5 hours.