

**PRESS RELEASE**

International Programs Launch Event of the University of Thessaly

The International Programs Launch Event of the University of Thessaly took place with much success last Thursday, 23 November 2023, at the Zappeion Megaron in Athens, Greece.

Many managing directors of large enterprises, ambassadors and consuls of foreign embassies of Greece, and representatives of educational organisations attended to voice their support for this momentous occasion for the University of Thessaly.

The Vice-Rector of International Relations, Extraversion and Lifelong Learning of the university, Spiros Karamanos, thanked everybody in attendance and expressed his enthusiasm for this historic move toward a more international and extroverted university.

The event’s main section included the presentations of the university’s five first international programs by their respective directors. Those were:

* + [Host-Microbe Interactions](https://hosmic.uth.gr/) by Kostas Kormas
	+ [Advanced Experimental & Computational Biosciences](http://aec.bio.uth.gr/) by Kostas Mathiopoulos
	+ [Εuropean Master in Sport & Exercise Psychology](http://postgrad.pe.uth.gr/pse/index.php/en/) by the Dean of the Physical Education Department, Athanasios Papaioannou
	+ [Lifestyle Medicine](https://www.mlm.edu.gr/) by Christina Karatzaferi
	+ [Dairy Cattle Management](https://as.uth.gr/en/studies/postgraduate-level/) by Andreas Foskolos

Some of the companies that participated incldued Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Konecranes, MAN Energy Solution Hellas, P3, Metropolitan General Hospital, ELTRAK S.A., Petsiavas SA, and the Cooperative Bank of Karditsa.

Two Ambassadors, Matthew Lodge of Britain and Tengku Dato' Sirajuzzaman Bin Tengku Mohamed Ariffin of Malaysia, attended the event, along with several other consuls and representatives of foreign embassies.

Finally, some educational institution directors honoured the university with their presence. Those included

* Ioannis Arkadianos, President of the European Lifestyle Medicine Organization
* Ioanna Koukli, President of Pharmassist
* Stella Tatsi, Director of Scholarships of the Onassis Foundation
* Maria Linou, President of the Hellenic Veterinary Medical Society
* Dr. Katerina Kouravelou, Director of the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation
* Prof. Christos Michalakelis, President of Study in Greece

The University of Thessaly thanks all its volunteers who made this event a possibility. It also expresses its appreciation to all those in attendance, who will promote the main concept of the event, the University of Thessaly’s internationalisation.