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PERSONAL DATA

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director – CIIM (Cyprus International Institute of Management)

2/2020- to date

CIIM is an international business school established in 1990. During its formative years, CIIM enjoyed the support of a wide range of government, business, and international organizations. CIIM has both academic degrees as well as Executive Education (EE) department dealing with all the topics related to vocational training and continuous professional development. CIIM is a co-founder of start-up development incubator centres (iDEA and ENTICE) as well as of the "CIIM BioEconomia Centre" which manages corporate and municipal projects within the spectrum of 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Commissioner for the Environment of the Republic of Cyprus (Nicosia)
3/2013 – 12 /2019

Basic Duties:

- Making suggestions to Government Ministries in relation to environmental issues and through the application of the relevant policy and legislation, either upon their request or ex officio.
- Submitting views on important proposals for the amendment of relevant legislation or for the approval of new laws on the protection of the environment.
- Providing advice to the Council of Ministers or/and to any Minister on issues of their responsibility and to the competent House Committee or the Plenary Session of the House of Representatives, when called upon to do so at the absolute discretion of the Committee or the House.
- Submitting an Annual Report to the Council of Ministers containing the Commissioner's remarks and recommendations on the environmental policy of the state.
- Organising and providing training and educational programmes or programmes or activities and issuing suitable material for the information of the public or the

training of individuals, who make decisions or are involved in the decision-making process in the public or private sector, on any issue concerning the environment.

- Commissioner's participation in the following:
 - The Council of the National Committee for "Environment and Health of the Child"
 - The Council of Cyprus Citizen's Energy Office
 - The Cycling Use Promotion Council
 - The Monitoring Committee of European Programmes
- The basic pillar for the policy and action of the Office of the Commissioner for the Environment during my tenure was the adoption of the 17 objectives of the UN 2030 Agenda for sustainable development (SDO) across all the policies of the state and activities of society. The 2030 Agenda promotes the incorporation of all three dimensions of development – social, environmental and economic – into all policy sectors, while at the same time advancing the interdependence and cohesion of SDO policies and legislative frameworks.

Director of I.P. GAIA OINOTECHNIKI LTD (Agios Amvrosios, Limassol) 12/1987 – 2/2013

- I.P. GAIA OINOTECHNIKI LTD was the first private Local Winery of Cyprus to be established. The first biologically cultivated vineyard of Cyprus belonged to Ioanna Panayiotou, producing the first certified organic Cypriot wine. I.P. GAIA OINOTECHNIKI LTD continues to market six of its own wine labels.

Accounts Department of Smart Line Cleaners Ltd

9/1984 – 12/1987

QUALIFICATIONS

Mediterranean Institute of Management

9/1985 – 9/1986

- Post-graduate Diploma in Marketing

Participation in a Programme of the Aristotle University of Salonica 6/1984 – 9/1984

- Planning the sustainable development of downgraded areas (Zagorochoria and Vlachohoria)

Aristotle University of Salonica

9/1979 – 3/1984

- School of Physics and Mathematics of the Aristotle University of Salonica
Biology Department
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CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- Was responsible for organising hundreds of conferences, seminars and day events concerning sustainable development in general (ecology – economy – society) as well as most of the 17 objectives of the UN 2030 Agenda (e.g. Health and well-being, education for sustainable development, gender equality, water management in the age of climate change, cheap and clean energy, industry, innovation and infrastructure, sustainable development of cities and communities, sustainable tourism, responsible consumerism and production, manufacture and promotion of biological and local products, Green Entrepreneurship, adaptation to climate change, life in water, protection of biodiversity and habitats, peace, justice, sound institutions, corporate social responsibility, et.al). Life-long learning has been and continues to be an important personal objective, as it constitutes a significant tool for sustainable development.
- Participating as speaker in hundreds of conferences, seminars and events organized by the public and wider public sectors, local authorities, political parties, universities, organizations/enterprises, non-governmental organizations and citizen's groups on most of the above issues.
- Organising cultural and environmental events (e.g. music concerts, stage plays, poetry evenings, environmental festivals, events for children) or participating therein.
- Attending conferences, seminars and events concerning the Cyprus problem, political ecology, economy, biology, viticulture – oenology, organic farming, food safety, environmental health, protection of the environment, green development, circular economy, energy and climate, green taxation, corporate responsibility, etc.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESS & MEDIA PRESENTATIONS

- Publications in daily and weekly newspapers and magazines, both on current affairs and scientific topics.

1987 – to date

- General editing of the monthly newspaper "ECOlogist"

2004-2013

- Editing of the two-page report "Environment" in the Sunday publication of SIMERINI newspaper.

2004-2009

- Participation in many television and radio broadcasts on current affairs, environmental and social issues touching on Cyprus' European Commitments.

1996- to date

OTHER INFORMATION

Participation in Networks and Councils

- Participation in the network SDSN (UN Sustainable Development Solutions Networks) which functions under the auspices of the UN Secretary General. The coordinator for Cyprus is the Cyprus Institute.
- Member of the National Committee for the Environment and Health of the Child (by decision of the Council of Ministers), 2013-2019.

Participation in Movements and Organizations

- Founding member of the Ecologists Movement Citizens Cooperation. Press Spokesman 2002-2009, General Secretary (participating in the National Council as well as in all the fora attended by the party leaders) 2009-2013. Member of the Central Committee 1996-to date.
- Founding member of the Cyprus Association for Organic Agriculture
- Member of the Association of Environmental Scientists and Engineers of Cyprus – Pasmep
- Member of the Biological Society of Cyprus
- Member of the Ecological Movement
- Member of the Cyprus Centre for Environmental Research and Education (CCERE)
- Member of Together Cyprus volunteer network
- Member of the Friends of Forests Association
- Member of the Women Ecologists' Movement (WEM)
- Member of the Pancyprian Ecological Agricultural Association
- Member of Despina's Children Diabetes Foundation

LANGUAGES

- Greek (mother tongue)
- English