



# AARM 2024 Conference Program



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Participants/Presenters/Authors	90

## **Round Tables**

RT1: Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic People. History and Actions

RT2: Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine and ASD

RT3: Autism, Public Health, and Social Challenges - Department of Public and One Health

RT4: Inclusion - Accessibility for Autism in the Municipality of Athens

RT5: The Impact of Late Diagnosis of Autism on both Parents and autistic adolescent

RT6: Setting the stage for the prevention and control of substance use among people with Autism, curated by the Lebanese Association for Medical Services for Addiction

RT7: Preventing, diagnosing and treating cancer among people with Autism: From the bench and the clinic to public health and policy

RT8: Opening up work "paths" on the Autism Spectrum




New Proceedings Book: Empowering Innovations in Advanced Autism Research and Management



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Date: Friday, 27 September 2024

<b>09:30 – 10:50</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>Opening Ceremony 11:00 – 12:00</b>	<p> <b>Professor Haris Doukas, The Mayor of Athens (Top 2% Scientists)</b></p> <p> <b>Deputy Minister of Health, Dr. Dimitris Vartzopoulos</b></p> <p>Professor Athanasios Alexiou, AARM 2024 Chair (Highly-Ranked in Computational Biomedicine)</p> <p>Professor Gevorg Tamamyan, International Society of Pediatric Oncology, Asia Continental President (online)</p> <p>Professor Mohammad Amjad Kamal (Highly-Cited Researcher in Biochemistry - World 2%) (online)</p>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session Chairs 12:00 – 15:30</b>	<p>1) Professor Athanasios Alexiou, AARM 2024 Chair</p> <p>2) Dr. Yeva Margaryan, Institute of Cancer and Crisis, Yerevan, Armenia</p>
<b>Keynote Lecture 12:00 – 12:30</b>	<p><b>Title: The Ethics of Autism: Bioethical and Philosophical Questions</b></p> <p>Professor Leandros Lefakis, West Attica University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>Keynote Lecture 12:30 – 13:30</b>	<p><b>Title: Current trends in Autism Spectrum Disorder</b></p> <p>Professor Athanasios Kamoutsis, AARM 2024 Chair, Agricultural University of Athens, President of the Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>Round Table 13:30 – 15:30</b>	<p><b>Title: Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic People. History and Actions</b></p> <p><b>Moderation:</b> Professor Athanasios Kamoutsis, Mr. Thomas Kapelos, Ms. Elissavet Stefou</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Panel</b></p> <p>1) Ms. Katerina Georgakopoulou – Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons, Psychologist at ‘ELENI GYRA’ Residential Care Facility for People with Autism in Ioannina</p> <p>2) Dr. Nikos Gouvas – Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons, Psychiatrist at ‘ARIADNI II’ Residential Care Facility for People with Autism in Thessaloniki</p> <p>3) Ms. Polyxeni Giannaki – Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons, Psychologist at ‘SEIRIOS’ Day Care Center for People with Autism in Athens</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>





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<p><b>15:30 - 16:30</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session Chairs 16:30 - 19:00</b></p>	<p>1) Professor Athanasios Kamoutsis, AARM 2024 Chair, Agricultural University of Athens, President of the Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons 2) Ms. Polyxeni Giannaki – Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons, Psychologist at ‘SEIRIOS’ Day Care Center for People with Autism in Athens</p>
<p><b>Keynote Lecture 16:30 - 17:30</b></p>	<p><b>Title: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Autism Spectrum Disorder</b> Professor Markos Sgantzos, University of Thessaly, President of the Hellenic Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine <b>Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>Round Table 17:30 - 19:00</b></p>	<p><b>Title: Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine and Autism Spectrum Disorder</b> <b>Moderation:</b> Professor Markos Sgantzos <b>Panel</b> 1) Dr. Kyriaki Stathi, Clinical assessment by a psychiatrist in a patient with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Assessment of muscle tone / sensory deficits 2) Dr. Styliani Papakosta, Targeting Movement disorders in a patient with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Potential interventions. 3) Professor Markos Sgantzos, Physiotherapist and Rehabilitation Team in the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder <b>Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session Chairs 19:00 - 21:00</b></p>	<p>1) Ms. Katerina Georgakopoulou – Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons, Psychologist at ‘ELENI GYRA’ Residential Care Facility for People with Autism in Ioannina 2) Mr. Konstantinos Kalianiotis, Speech Therapist – Special Educator, MSc, Research Fellow PhDc. 2nd Department of Pediatrics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece</p>
<p><b>Presentation 19:00 - 19:30</b></p>	<p><b>Title: Predictive Language Processing in Autism Spectrum Disorder and Developmental Language Disorder</b> Professor Georgia Andreou, Dr. Vasiliki Lymperopoulou, Dr. Vasiliki Aslanoglou <b>Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>Presentation 19:30 - 20:00</b></p>	<p><b>Title: GoAuti, innovative parent training therapeutic intervention protocol for families with children on the autism spectrum</b> Ms. Anna Konstantinidou <b>Discussion</b></p>





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<b>Presentation</b> <b>20:00 – 20:30</b>	<b>Title: Person-Centered Nursing Care for Adults with Autism and Epilepsy: Addressing Complex Needs.</b> Ms. Ioanna Dimitriadou, Ms. Eleni Tsiara, Ms. Dimitra Palitzika, Professor Evangelos C. Fradelos, Professor Aikaterini Toska, Professor Maria Saridi <b>Discussion</b>
<b>Presentation</b> <b>20:30 – 21:00</b>	<b>Title: Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Arab countries and the effects of culture and religion on its diagnosis and management</b> Dr. Hashim Talib Hashim <b>Discussion</b>

**Date: Saturday, 28 September 2024**

<b>9:00 – 09:50</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Session Chairs</b> <b>10:00 – 13:00</b>	1)Professor Markos Sgantzios, University of Thessaly, President of the Hellenic Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine 2)Professor Athanasios Alexiou, AARM 2024 Chair
<b>Keynote Lecture</b> <b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Title: Autism challenging the developing skeleton: A pediatric orthopaedic approach (TBC)</b> Professor Dr. Med. Thomas Dreher, Chief Physician at the University Children's Hospital Zurich and the Balgrist University Hospital in Zurich, Switzerland <b>Discussion</b>
<b>Round Table</b> <b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Title: Preventing, diagnosing and treating cancer among people with Autism: From the bench and the clinic to public health and policy</b> <b>Moderation</b> 1)Dr. Christos Tsagkaris, Horizon Europe Cancer Mission Board, Brussels, Belgium 2)Mr. George Kapetanakis, President, Hellenic Cancer Federation (ELLOK), Athens, Greece <b>Commentator:</b> Professor Athanasios Alexiou, AARM2024 Chair (Hellenic Bone Marrow Transplanted Patients Association Member) <b>Panel</b> 1)Dr. Andreas Koulouris, Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden, The Oncologist's viewpoint: Understanding and treating cancer in the context of autism spectrum disorders 2)Professor Eleni (Lina) Tolma, University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus/Horizon Europe Cancer Mission Board, Brussels, Belgium, The Public Health viewpoint: Health promotion in the intersection of cancer and neurodivergence





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	<p>3)Dr. Yeva Margaryan, Institute of Cancer and Crisis, Yerevan, Armenia, The Syndemic approach: Preventing and treating cancer in people with neurodivergence in crisis setting</p> <p>4)Dr. Christos Tsagkaris, The health policy viewpoint: The Horizon Europe Cancer Mission and the European approach towards quality of life for cancer patients and survivors</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Session Chair</b> <b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	1)Dr. Andreas Koulouris, Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden
<b>Round Table</b> <b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<p><b>Title: Setting the stage for the prevention and control of substance use among people with Autism, curated by the Lebanese Association for Medical Services for Addiction (Hybrid)</b></p> <p><b>Moderation:</b> Dr. Anna Orfanidou, Attikon General University Hospital of Athens, Athens, Greece</p> <p><b>Commentator:</b> Dr. Zeina Moukarzel, Lebanese Association for Medical Services for Addiction, Beirut, Lebanon (online)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Panel</b></p> <p>1)Dr. (DDS). Muriel Dib, Saint George University, Beirut, Lebanon (online)</p> <p>2)Dr. Yvonne Élise Germanos, Lebanese Association for Medical Services for Addiction, Beirut, Lebanon; Médecin interne au service de pédopsychiatrie de l'enfant et de l'adolescent, Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève, Genève, Switzerland (online)</p> <p>3)Dr. Christos Tsagkaris, Head of the Public Health and Policy Working Group of the European Student Think Tank, Amsterdam, Netherlands</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Session Chair</b> <b>15:30 – 18:00</b>	<p>1)Professor Eleni (Lina) Tolma, University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus/Horizon Europe Cancer Mission Board, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>2)Dr. Christos Tsagkaris, Horizon Europe Cancer Mission Board, Brussels, Belgium</p>
<b>Keynote Lecture</b> <b>15:30 – 16:30</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title: Strategic Planning and Actions for Individuals with Autism</b></p> <p>Professor Eleni Lachana, Head of Health Services Management at the Department of Public and One Health, University of Thessaly</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>Round Table</b> <b>16:30 – 18:00</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title: Autism, Public Health, and Social Challenges - Department of Public and One Health, University of Thessaly</b></p> <p><b>Moderation:</b> Professor Eleni Lachana</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Panel</b></p> <p>1)Professor Vasilios Diamantopoulos, Autism and Public Social Policy</p>





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	<p>2)PhD(c) Georgios Napas - PhD(c) Olympia Lioupi, Legislative Framework and Autism Spectrum Disorders</p> <p>3)Professor Anastasios Kotrotsios, Autism and Quality of Life</p> <p>4)Professor Konstantinos Tsiamis, Vulnerability of Moving Populations to Autism</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Session Chair</b> <b>18:00 – 19:30</b>	1) Ms. Eleni Zontirou, President of the Culture, Sports and Youth Organization of the City of Athens (OPANDA)
<b>Round Table</b> <b>18:00 – 19:30</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title: Inclusion - Accessibility for Autism in the Municipality of Athens</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderation:</b> Ms. Maria Iliopoulou</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Panel</b></p> <p>1)Ms. Elena Mantzavinou, Special Municipal Councilor for Accessibility, Vice President of KYADA (Municipal Social Services)</p> <p>2)Ms. Eudoxia Ioannidou, Head of the Department of Planning, Organization &amp; E-Governance</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title: Best Practices - Presentation of JobsLink program by the Greek Association for Asperger Syndrome (E.I.s.s.A) focuses on finding and maintaining employment for individuals on the autism spectrum.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderation:</b> Elena Mantzavinou</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Panel</b></p> <p>1)Participants from the Greek Association for Asperger Syndrome Ms. Maria Iliopoulou, Psychologist, President of E.I.s.s.A</p> <p>2)Mr. Giorgos Nathanail, Business Consultant, Member of the Scientific Committee of E.I.s.s.A</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Session Chair</b> <b>19:30 – 21:00</b>	1) Ms. Evagelia Markopoulou, Psychologist, PhDc., WHO Youth Research Forum Member
<b>Round Table</b> <b>19:30 – 20:15</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title: Opening up work ‘paths’ on the Autism Spectrum, Koi.S.P.E. ‘Diadromes’</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderation:</b> Ms. Eugenia Lianou, Scientifically Responsible Koi.S.P.E. ‘Diadromes’</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Panel</b></p> <p>1)Ms. Katerina Sidiropoulou, Job Coach / Occupational Therapist</p> <p>2)Ms. Anna Polychronopou, Job Coach / Speech Therapist</p> <p>3)Ms. Anastasia Galani, Communication Specialist</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>Round Table</b> <b>20:15 – 21:00</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title: The Impact of Late Diagnosis of Autism on both Parents and autistic adolescent (Interview of a Father and a Son)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Panel</b></p>





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	<p>1)Mr. Kalianiotis Konstantinos, Speech Therapist – Special Educator, MSc, Research Fellow PhDc 2<sup>nd</sup> Department of Pediatrics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece</p> <p>2)Mr. Athanasios Thirios, MSc Pediatrician, PhDc Academic Fellowship Medical School, University of Athens, Developmental and Adolescent Health</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>
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**Date: Sunday, 29 September 2024**

<b>9 : 0 0 – 0 9 : 5 0</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Session Chairs 10 : 0 0 – 1 2 : 3 0</b>	<p>1)Professor Kimon Volikas, Scientific Consultant, Aktios Elderly Care Units and St George's, University of London Medical School at University of Nicosia</p> <p>2)Professor Aristotle Koutsiaris – School of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece</p>
<b>P r e s e n t a t i o n 10 : 0 0 – 1 0 : 3 0</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title: Increasing accessibility of radiological Services for autistic people: a paradigm shift</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Professor Christina Malamateniou (online video)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>Keynote Lecture 10 : 3 0 – 1 1 : 3 0</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title: Autism Spectrum Disorder and related Neurodegenerative Disorders (online)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Professor Ghulam Md Ashraf, Department of Biological Sciences, School of Science, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, Suzhou, Jiangsu, China (Top 2% Scientists)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>P r e s e n t a t i o n 11 : 3 0 – 1 2 : 0 0</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title: Autism and Dementia: Shared Traits</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Emmanouil Dimarellis, Dr. Eleni Baldimtsi, Ms. Varnali - Kontopoulou Zoi, Professor Magda Tsolaki</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>P r e s e n t a t i o n 12 : 0 0 – 1 2 : 3 0</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title: Autism Spectrum Disorder and their Relevant Role in Brain Tumor (online)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Nikshitha, Professor Saurabh Kumar Jha</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Session Chair 12 : 3 0 – 1 5 : 0 0</b>	<p>1)Professor Marios Papadakis, Witten/Herdecke University, Germany</p> <p>2)Dr. Nikolaos Kyriakopoulos, MRI Department, 251 General Airforce Hospital, Athens, Greece</p>







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<b>Presentation</b> <b>12:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Title: Microbiome and Brain-Gut Microbiota's Influence on Autism Pathogenesis: GBA and Autism Pathogenesis (online)</b> Professor Aman Babanrao Upaganlawar, Professor Nitu Wankhede, Professor Mayur Kale, Professor Sandip Rahangdale, Professor Manish Aglawe, Professor Brijesh Taksande, Professor Milind Umekar <b>Discussion</b>
<b>Presentation</b> <b>13:00 – 13:30</b>	<b>Title: Emerging Trends and Transdisciplinary Approaches in Autism Spectrum Disorder Management: Implications for Pharmacotherapy and Healthcare Practice (online)</b> Mr. Umar Ishaq, Mr. Hamza Ishaq <b>Discussion</b>
<b>Presentation</b> <b>13:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Title: Insights on Prospects of Natural Products in the Management of Autism (online)</b> Mr. Rajat Goyal, Mr. Namish Manchanda, Professor Rupesh Gautam <b>Discussion</b>
<b>Presentation</b> <b>14:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Title: Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders by Mitochondrial-targeted Drug: Future of Neurological Diseases Therapeutics (online)</b> Dr. Andleeb Khan, Dr. Showkat Ul Nabi, Dr. Muneeb U. Rehman, Dr. Azher Arafah, Ms. Syed Taifa, Ms. Iqra Shafi Khan, Dr. Summya Rashid, Ms. Fatimah Jan, Dr. Hilal Ahmad Wani, Dr. Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad <b>Discussion</b>
<b>Presentation</b> <b>14:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>Title: Insights of Perspectives of Autism Spectrum Disorder (online)</b> Ms. Sapna Sirswal, Ms. Rajat Goyal, Ms. Karan Goel, Ms. Manisha R, Professor Rupesh Gautam, Professor Sumeet Gupta <b>Discussion</b>
<b>15:00 - 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Session Chairs</b> <b>16:00 – 18:30</b>	1)Dr. Polyxeni Simou, Department of Theatre Studies, University of Athens 2) Professor Athanasios Alexiou, AARM 2024 Chair
<b>Keynote Lecture</b> <b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Title: Empathy in the operating room: Understanding Autism in Surgical Care</b> Professor Marios Papadakis, Witten/Herdecke University <b>Discussion</b>
<b>Presentation</b> <b>17:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Title: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Early Identification of Autism Spectrum Disorder</b> Ms. Avgi Vitanidi, Dr. Anastassios Nanos <b>Discussion</b>







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<b>Presentation</b> 17:30 – 18:00	<b>Title: Integration Education of a Student on the Autism Spectrum through Participation in a Theatrical Performance: An Action Plan for Internal Evaluation</b> Professor Maria Drossinou Korea, Ms. Athina Avramidi, Mr. Dimitrios Bantes <b>Discussion</b>
<b>Presentation</b> 18:00 – 18:30	<b>Title: CYGNET Enhancing Support for Children with Autism Through Collaborative Engagement</b> Ms. Avgi Vitanidi <b>Discussion</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Session Chairs</b> 18:30 – 20:30	1)Mr. Thomas Kapelos, General Secretary of the Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic Persons 2)Mr. Konstantinos Tsirkas, Funogen
<b>Keynote Lecture</b> 18:30 – 19:15	<b>Title: Neuroinformatics and Artificial Intelligence in Early Diagnosis and Art Therapy</b> Professor Athanasios Alexiou, AARM 2024 Chair, Funogen (Highly-Ranked in Computational Biomedicine) <b>Discussion</b>
<b>Presentation</b> 19:15 – 19:45	<b>Title: The museum experience for autistic people. The example of the National Museum of Contemporary Art</b> Ms. Elisabeth Ioannides, EMΣT Education Curator – Art Psychotherapist <b>Discussion</b>
<b>Presentation</b> 19:45 – 20:30	<b>Title: Mythical audio-narratives at the Acropolis Museum</b> Ms. Polyxeni Giannaki, Mr. Konstantinos Kalianiotis, Professor Athanasios Alexiou <b>Discussion</b>
<b>20:30</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>

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