

Androulla Eleftheriou

Biography



Androulla Eleftheriou, Executive Director, Thalassaemia International Federation, will join the IAPO Governing Board in August 2016.

Dr Androulla Eleftheriou obtained her graduate and postgraduate degrees in Biochemistry, Microbiology and Virology, and Business Administration from London universities. She has been awarded a number of scholarships by the Cyprus government, the WHO and the Fulbright Commission. Her postdoctoral fellowship was completed at the Centre for Disease Control (Atlanta, GA, USA).

From 1990 until August 2006, she was Head of the Virus Reference Centre of the Cyprus Ministry of Health. Since 2005, she held the post of Director of the Cyprus WHO Collaborating Thalassaemia Centre and worked closely with the Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF) on a volunteer basis since 1993 as Scientific Coordinator of its educational programme. Since 2006 she has served as the Executive Director.

Through her work with TIF, and as a member of the Cyprus Haemoglobinopathies forum, Dr Eleftheriou has carried out numerous projects at the national, regional and international level, in close collaboration with international and local health professionals and patients' associations worldwide. As a member of EU health-related organizations, she was involved in the development and coordination of many joint activities-projects. Her latest assignment is her election as the President of the newly established CARD (Cyprus Alliance for Rare Disorders).

Dr Eleftheriou has also published extensively in peer reviewed journals and is the Chief Editor of TIF Magazine, issued quarterly and distributed to 3,500 subscribers worldwide. The author of numerous position papers, she has received a certification for Capacity Building from Harvard University and been awarded the Panos Englezos Award by TIF in 2003 for her contribution to the promotion of TIF's mission.