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Esteemed colleague,

My name is Kostas B Markou and I am a doctor and a professor at the Medical School of the University of Patras, Greece, and the president of the Central Board of Health (KESY) in Greece.

The Central Board of Health (KESY) is an advisory body related to the structure and operation of the National Health System. It was established in the Ministry of Health and Welfare in 1982 and it replaced the previous Supreme Health Council. KESY's competences include the following:

- It has major responsibility for planning, scheduling, identifying the objectives, guidelines and formulation of the national strategy on health and submitting relevant proposals to the Minister of Health.
- Provides opinions on any matter of current policy with regard to health, which refers to health and recommends measures for the implementation of program objectives.
- Monitors the programming process, the effectiveness of the program at central and regional level and recommends corrective action.

KESY has primary responsibility in all matters regarding the educational process of health personnel.

I am sending this email to inform and invite you to join and support KESY's initiative to connect with Greek healthcare professionals and scientists that work and excel in their fields abroad. The purpose of this initiative is to develop mutually beneficial relations between the scientific workforces within Greece and abroad. We hope that KESY will be the liaison between Greek scientists around the world. Attached to this message you will find the invitation in Greek.

In specific, KESY plans to develop a database consisting of the contact information of Greek expatriate scientists, which will be available on KESY's website. In this way, a channel of communication will be established to enable scientists in Greece to explore opportunities abroad as well as expatriate scientists to further support the scientific community in Greece. We invite the expatriate medical workforce to declare their availability and willingness to be contacted by and collaborate with individuals as well as scientific organisations (associations, universities, etc) in Greece.

This challenging period and the extraordinary circumstances, under which we are expected to perform our scientific duties, call for collaboration and solidarity in the healthcare community. In case you do wish to

join our efforts, please fill out the form below with your personal and professional details which will subsequently be available on KESY's website for any scientist that wishes to contact you.

**Form of Interest**

In addition, we encourage you to forward this email to any Greek healthcare scientists who could be willing to join our efforts.

We are looking forward to your positive response and we remain at your disposal for any further questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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