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MITERA PAEDIATRIC CLINIC: Integrated treatment of paediatric eye disorders

MITERA Paediatric Clinic of HYGEIA Group marked a new era in integrated treatment of paediatric eye disorders by launching its new Paediatric Ophthalmology Department and the 1st Annual Workshop of Paediatric Ophthalmology on Saturday, March 21st 2009.

As Mr. Konstandinos Stavrou, Chairman of MITERA BoD, stated among others in his greeting speech, "Establishing the first integrated Paediatric Ophthalmology Department in Greece, we opened a new chapter for an integrated treatment of paediatric eye disorders. With its fully-equipped outpatient offices and operating theatres, and its experienced and specialized staff, the Department can offer an effective solution to any child suffering from an eye disorder."

Mr. Christos Bartsokas, Emeritus Professor of Paediatric - Director of MITERA Paediatric Clinic also said that "The new Paediatric Ophthalmology Department does not only fill a gap but also meets a need for a more global treatment of all paediatric eye disorders. MITERA Paediatrics Clinic can fully cover any paediatric cardiosurgery case and now we are in a position to treat ALL paediatric eye cases."

Mrs Georgia Chroussou, Professor of Ophthalmology - Directress of MITERA Paediatric Ophthalmology Department pointed out that "It's the very first time in Greece that all subspecialties of Paediatric Ophthalmology are gathered under a single roof." We can therefore ensure an integrated treatment of all children's eye disorders, such as strabismus, eye trauma, retina detachment, cornea surgery, eyelid and orbital disorders with the contribution of eminent scientists:

- <u>Vitreous-Retina and Paediatric Trauma</u>: **Ioannis Stavrakas**, ophthalmologist, member of FRCS and MRCO.
- <u>Cornea, Anterior Segment and Refractive Surgery:</u> Charilaos Brilakis, ophthalmologist, MD, MPH.
- <u>Ophthalmic Plastic, Orbital and Lacrimal Apparatus Surgery</u>: **George Charonis**, ophthalmologist, MD and **Athanasios Roumeliotis**, ophthalmologist, MD.

During the scientific workshop that followed, indicative cases of each subspecialty, successfully treated at the new Paediatric Ophthalmology Department of MITERA, were presented.