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Press Release

HYGEIA Hospital Represents Greece at the European Business Awards 2012/13

HYGEIA is the only Greek hospital among 14 leading businesses that are representing the country at the prestigious European Business Awards 2012/13.

HYGEIA Hospital entered the “Employer of the Year” award category and successfully moved to the second round of the Awards.

As announced during a ceremony hosted at the residence of the British Ambassador to Greece, Dr. David Landsman, the 14 National Champions will be evaluated by a panel of judges, who will award the Ruban D’Honneur prize. The names of the overall winners will be revealed at a Gala awards ceremony in April 2013. The companies will be evaluated by an international panel of judges of the European Business Awards, which includes distinguished individuals of the European business and academic world.

The **European Business Awards** (www.businessawardseurope.com), organized for the 6th year running are widely recognized for setting the stage for the most powerful companies in Europe. Their aim is to highlight the progress of companies distinguished for their innovation and for achieving the best possible business results, while at the same time, taking responsible actions and having a positive influence on the social environment in which they operate. To date, the contest has brought to light some of the most prestigious companies in Europe, based on their ability to apply three main principles: innovation, business superiority and sustainability.

HYGEIA Group's CEO, Ms Areti Souvatzoglou, notes "The distinction achieved by HYGEIA to represent Greece in this prestigious competition is a special recognition for us. We have been operating in the healthcare sector for over 35 years and being recognized as one of the leading companies in Greece as well as our sector is a great honor for our organization."

About the European Business Awards:

The European Business Awards, the most renowned and significant business awards program in Europe, recognize and reward excellence, best practice and innovation in companies across the European Union.

The competition is free to enter and open to organizations of all sizes and from any industry sector.

The European Business Awards program serves three purposes for the European business community:

- *It provides examples for the business community to aspire to*
- *It celebrates and endorses individuals' and organizations' successes*
- *It provides case studies and content for learning from these exceptional organizations.*

An innovative, strong and thriving business community makes a successful and prosperous Europe.