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Press Release

HYGEIA: - Among the leading top 10 employers in Europe
- In the running for the European Employer of the Year award
- Already among the Ruban D'Honneur recipients

HYGEIA Hospital is among the top 10 employers in Europe, after the results of the 3rd round of the European Business Awards 2012/13 competition, having already received the National Finalist and National Champion titles.

HYGEIA is the only company in Greece to be running for the Employer of the Year award, while it is already among the Ruban D'Honneur recipients, being recognized as one of the 100 leading European businesses distinguished for their innovation, sustainability and dedication to the principles of corporate governance.

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) are being organized for the 6th year running and are widely recognized as forming the stage for the most powerful companies in Europe. They aim at highlighting the progress of companies that are distinguished for their innovation and for achieving the best possible business results, while at the same time, taking responsible action and having a positive influence on the social environment in which they operate. To date, the contest has brought to the limelight 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, Mrs Areti Souvatzoglou, noted, "Due to its significant investments and the policy followed over the last years, HYGEIA is included among the leading hospitals in Europe, while personnel within the company has increased by 3%. Being distinguished as one of the top 10 companies in Europe to represent Greece in the Best Employer of the Year category is for us a unique recognition, considering these demanding times for Greece."

About the European Business Awards:

The European Business Awards, the most renowned and significant business awards program in Europe, recognizes and rewards 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.