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EVENT PROGRAM MAY 2025

09:00-10:00 **REGISTRATIONS**

10:00-11:00

Moderator: Eri Toka

Head of Technology Transfer and Innovation Unit, AUTH



10:00-10:30 **OPENING**

Nikolaos Tzollas

Vice-Governor, Region of Central Macedonia



Kyriakos Yakinthos

Vice-Rector of Research & Innovation, AUTH



Prof. Panagiotis Sarigiannidis

*Professor with University of Western Macedonia,
Co-founder of MetaMind Innovations*



Thanassis Bouras

Research Strategy Director, UBITECH



Dr. Alexis Papadimitriou

Managing Director, Infoteam Hellas



10:30-11:00 **Data foundation in the age of generative AI**

Ippokratis Pandis

VP/Distinguished Engineer, Amazon web services



11:00-12:15

Exploring Collaborative Innovation: Case Studies from Central Macedonia



Moderator: Stavros Mantzanakis
Lead Technical Expert,
O.S.L.O. Region of Central Macedonia

Open Innovation | Round Table

Round table participants:

1. Representative of Alumil S.A.



2. Dr Dimitrios Tsitsamis

*Head of Innovation Dept., Thessaloniki Port Authority -
ThPA SA*



3. Konstantinos Karystinakis

CDXi Solutions, Business Developer



4. Nikolaos Tsoniotis

Ideas Forward, Partner



5. Paschalis Sideridis

ITI, CERTH, Researcher



12:15-13:15

LUNCH BREAK



13:15-13:45

Medical Innovation from Idea to Market – The road less travelled, a guide of risks and opportunities

Dr. Efstathios Vassiliadis (Ph.D., MBA, FLC, M.Sc.)

CEO Envia Group



13:45-14:45

Building a successful company and funding opportunities

Moderator: Manos Macromallis

Chairman, SEKEE



Round Table

Round table participants:

1. Antonis Ilias

Co-founder & Partner, TECS Capital



2. Dr. Evangelos Kosmidis

CEO & General Partner, Loggerhead Ventures Fund



3. Michalis Stangos

Entrepreneur – Investor



4. Angelos Manglis

Founder of Atlantis Consulting S.A.



14:45-15:15

COFFEE BREAK



15:15-16:15

ATTRACTING FUNDING

15:15-15:45

The Innovation Odyssey: My Path from Academia to Leading a Global Tech Team

Michael Petychakis
Chief Technology Officer, Orfium



15:45-16:15

PITCHING PART

Coordinator: Manos Macromallis, Chairman, SEKEE



16:15-17:15

Is Data Our Stairway to Heaven or The Gates of Hell?

The appeal of AI, despite its shortfalls, is growing our appetite for data collection and digitization. Data is vulnerable: no matter what regulations say, or what cyber security experts try, once a bomb is built, some idiot human (not a fictitious Skynet AI), some day, will explode it intentionally or accidentally; Chekhov's Gun will always fire by the end of the play. Three notable experts on deriving value from data will share their thoughts on whether (and, if so, how) we can draw enough positive value from data collection to justify not just the risk but the certainty of its inevitable misuse.



Moderator:
Apostolos "Toli" Lerios
Serial Entrepreneur

Round Table

Round table participants:

1. Ippokratis Pandis
VP/Distinguished Engineer, Amazon web services



2. Stathis Vassileiadis
CEO, Envia Group



3. Michael Petychakis
CTO Dialectica, Board Member, Orfium



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