Health Executives Initiatives Against Recession: Report on 16th Congress of Hellenic Health Services Management Association (HHSMA)

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INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

It is widely known that the last five years Greece has been under severe recession, which has resulted in a drastic curtailment of public funds, especially the ones in the Public Health Sector. Public hospitals receive much fewer funds, yet at the same time, they have to maintain -when possible- their qualitative services. This demands new internal solutions, through personnel alertness and initiative development.

Hellenic Health Services Management Association (HHSMA), a scientific institution for all specialties of health professionals, has dedicated its annual conferences, in the past few years, to this cause. The conferences’ general titles were: “Professional Specifications and Best Practices at Hospital” (2011), “Innovation in Hospital Management” (2012), “Hospital Excellence and Transparency” (2013).

The recent 16th Panhellenic conference, held in Athens (17-18 October 2014), was titled “The ‘Intelligent’ Hospital” and its target being to promote already realized initiatives, best practices and intelligent ideas with the aim of achievable quality, regardless of budgets reduction.

AWARDED PRESENTATIONS

From the numerous submitted papers, the scientific committee opted for 42 oral presentations (no posters), three of which were awarded.

“Panacea”

The Regional Health Directorate of Crete participated in the 16th Conference with 4 projects, one of which titled “MIS for Medical and Nursing Flows ‘Panacea’”, Moschovakis G., Malas K., Karampetsos D. It is a platform which presents potentials and characteristics, which cannot be found in any other Greek Regional Health Directorate. The information system was internally developed and based on a concept that emerged when one of the writers

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