

**Address by the Mayor of Limassol, Mr. Nicos Nicolaides at the PANTHEON ANNUAL  
CONGRESS 2019 13-14 April Amathus Hotel Limassol**

Dear Dr Potamitis,  
Distinguished Guests  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to our city, for the **PANTHEON ANNUAL CONGRESS 2019**. I would like to congratulate the organizers of this important and prestigious event: the Pantheon Eye Center, the Cyprus Ophthalmological Society, the Midland Ophthalmological Society-UK, and the University of Nicosia Medical School.

On behalf of the city of Limassol I would like to express our appreciation to the distinguished speakers, as well as all the participants, especially those of you who came from abroad.

The level of medical care in a society is a determining factor in measuring the quality of life of its population, which in turn determines the quality and the value of society itself. The Pantheon Eye Center, since its establishment in 2004, has been a tremendous force in upgrading the level of medical care in ophthalmology, not only in our city, but for the whole of Cyprus, as well as the rest of our region.

The high-quality of medical services offered by the Pantheon team, has given the center an international acknowledgement equivalent to the major ophthalmological centers around the world. This is something that makes Limassol very proud.

But what makes us even more proud, is the fact that in addition to its medical activity, the Pantheon Eye Center has exhibited over the years an extraordinary charity activity. Through various events, the Center has succeeded in raising considerable aid to a number of charitable organizations, proving that medical excellence and social sensitivity and responsibility go hand-in -hand as far as the Panthen and Dr. Potamitis are concerned.

Furthermore, the organization of its annual congresses, has given the Pantheon Eye Center an additional very important dimension, concerning medical education and scientific research. Through its annual congresses, the Pantheon Eye Center provides a prestigious international forum which has an important contribution to the promotion of ophthalmology as a science and as a practice.

I have no doubt that this year's Pantheon congress will be a memorable and successful event.

Our city, Limassol, warmly welcomes you, and invites you to enjoy our hospitality. I hope that you will find some time to experience what Limassol has to offer: Take a walk along our seaside, swim in the Mediterranean sea, visit the numerous archaeological monuments, or simply enjoy the many choices of entertainment and nightlife that characterizes Limassol.

I wish a very pleasant stay in our city and a very fruitful congress.