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PRESS RELEASE

75 Years of AHEPA: A Shared History with Aristotle University, a New Outlook for the Future

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The AHEPA University General Hospital completes seventy-five years since its founding, an institution inextricably linked with the history of Aristotle University, the development of Greek Medicine and the contribution of public Health to society.

A special event titled "UGHT AHEPA: Past–Present – Future" will honor the anniversary on Wednesday 25 November 2026 at 19:00 in the Ceremony Hall of Aristotle University.

AHEPA, which the Greek community of the United States founded in 1951 on its own initiative, has represented from the outset an important investment in Health and Education. It has evolved into one of the most important University Hospitals in the country, combining public care with the training of young scientists, clinical research and scientific innovation.

This year's anniversary coincides with a new institutional starting point. The agreement between the Greek State and Aristotle University, ratified in 2026, secures the continuation of AHEPA's public operation for another thirty years, while the University retains ownership of the facilities and the hospital keeps its university character.

Aristotle University's central aim is to develop AHEPA into a modern University Ecosystem of Health, Education, Research and Innovation that will connect the upgraded hospital with new rehabilitation and biomedical research infrastructure.

The program of the anniversary event consists of four thematic sections: "Past," "Present," "Future" and "People & Stories." It includes speeches by the Chair of the

AHEPA Hospitals Committee and member of the AHEPA Board of Directors, Alfred Baritz; the Chair of the Department of Medicine of Aristotle University, Professor Stefanos Triaridis; and the Hospital Administrator, Panagiotis Panteliadis.

At the anniversary event, the Rector of Aristotle University, Professor of Cardiac Surgery Kyriakos Anastasiadis, will present the vision for the AHEPA of the new era, stressing that "*the AHEPA of the future cannot simply be a renovated version of today's hospital*."

The "People & Stories" section will feature experiences from the Hospital's history, with the participation of the Regional Governor of Central Macedonia, Athina Athanasiadou-Aidona.

A musical tribute by the "Giannis Mantakas" Choir and the Choral Workshop of Aristotle University, under the direction of Eriphyli Damianou, will conclude the program with works from "Mikres Kyklades" (Small Cyclades) by Mikis Theodorakis and Odysseas Elytis.

Reaching 75 years is therefore not only an opportunity to honor AHEPA's historic contribution, but also a starting point for redefining its role on the country's health, education and research map.

The event takes place with the support of Aristotle University and under the auspices of the 4th Health Region of Macedonia and Thrace.

We kindly ask you to publish or broadcast this announcement and to cover the event.