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PRESS RELEASE

**Aristotle Innovation Forum
How Technology Can “Heal” Generations: Honorary Screening of a
Documentary at the Aristotle Innovation Forum**

Thessaloniki, 14 May 2026

“From Darkness to Light: When Technology Heals Generations” is the title of the documentary by creator Victoria Bousis, which was shortlisted for the Academy Awards and will be screened during a special honorary event on Monday, 18 May 2026, from 19:00 to 21:00, at Olympion Cinema, as part of the Aristotle Innovation Forum (AIF).

According to the organizers, the film explores how virtual reality can transform memory into a lived experience, raising the profound question: “Can technology help us heal what was never spoken?”

Former Secretary General for Greeks Abroad, Giannis Chrysoulakis, will deliver the keynote address. A discussion will follow with the participation of creator Victoria Bousis; Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ioannis Loverdos; Director of the Thessaloniki International Relations Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Katerina Tsapikidou; and Artistic Director of the National Theatre of Northern Greece, Asterios Peltekis. Elena Sokou, Coordinator of the Prime Minister’s Office in Thessaloniki and journalist, will moderate the discussion.

The discussion will focus on the role of technology in shaping global politics and creating social impact.

From Darkness to Light: When Technology Heals Generations

The documentary “From Darkness to Light: When Technology Heals Generations” follows a 14-year-old girl from Cambodia who, through virtual reality, enters the

memories of genocide survivor Yathay Pin. As she retraces his journey through love, loss, and survival, she confronts the silence inherited by her generation. While she experiences his most painful decisions and his path toward redemption, the boundaries between past and present begin to dissolve. Combining authentic cinematography, archival footage, and immersive storytelling, the film raises a central question: can technology heal what was never spoken?

Short Biography of Victoria Bousis

Victoria Bousis is a director, technologist, and pioneer in the fields of extended reality (XR) and artificial intelligence, as well as the founder of UME Studios. She is a member of the Emerging Technology Group of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Producers Guild of America. She also writes for Rolling Stone and serves as a commentator on technology and AI issues for media outlets including TalkTV UK and BBC Radio.

She began her career as a prosecutor before turning to filmmaking, where she established herself as a leading voice in contemporary storytelling that integrates technology across multiple platforms. Her directorial debut, *Stay Alive My Son*, premiered at major international festivals, including Cannes, Venice, and SXSW, winning the prestigious 2023 PGA Innovation Award along with numerous international distinctions for its innovative and impactful approach.

Her work carries a strong social impact. In collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), *Stay Alive My Son* contributes to raising awareness about refugee displacement and family reunification. In 2025, she received the United Nations Humanitarian Award for her contribution to storytelling as a tool for empathy and social change.

Victoria Bousis is a sought-after speaker at international forums such as TEDx MIT and SIGGRAPH. She holds a master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a doctorate in law specializing in international law and human rights.

The event is not open to the public, and admission requires an invitation. Interested participants may send a message to: aif@auth.gr

The Aristotle Innovation Forum—one of the most dynamic innovation forums in Southeastern Europe—is organized by Aristotle University and will take place from 17 to 23 May 2026.

The AIF operates under the auspices of His Excellency, the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Konstantinos An. Tasoulas. The forum is held with the support of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, the Municipality of Thessaloniki, and the Region of Central Macedonia. The Thessaloniki International Exhibition serves as a strategic partner. Major sponsors include PPC and Piraeus Bank.

Video:

[Documentary Video Preview](#)

More information:

[Aristotle Innovation Forum Website](#)

Photos of Victoria Bousis are attached.

Journalists may attend free of charge.

We kindly request that this event be published, broadcast, and covered by the media.