

...in the news

LIBRA GROUP: CHIEF INNOVATION OFFICER

The Libra Group has appointed its first Chief Innovation Officer, Phaedra Chrousos, to advance and embed the use of innovation and technology across its 30 global businesses. The appointment is part of a strategic drive by the Libra Group to harness the power of emerging and disruptive technology and innovation within its operating sectors of aviation, energy, finance, hospitality, real estate, and shipping.

GREEK PHYSICIST: NEW HORIZONS PRIZE

Greek physicist Asimina Arvanitaki was among six “promising junior researchers” awarded the 2017 New Horizons in Physics Prize. The 100,000-dollar prize was given to Ms Arvanitaki “for pioneering a wide range of new experimental probes of fundamental physics.” She graduated from Athens University and received her post-graduate degree from Stanford University in California. In 2014 she joined the Perimeter Institute and since 2016 she took over the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Aristarchus Chair in Theoretical Physics at the Perimeter Institute.

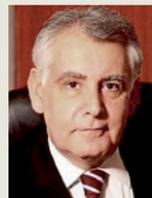
GREEK SOFTWARE ENGINEER BOOSTS NEW YORK TIMES

Katerina Iliakopoulou is a young Greek who developed software that caught the eye of The New York Times, which hired Ms Iliakopoulou. The software engineer, who has a Masters degree in Journalism and Computer Science from Columbia University, developed software that focuses on the research and development of an automatic Tagger system for news outlets to help index stories efficiently and increase traffic for their website.

UNIVERSITY OF CRETE RANKED HIGH

University of Crete maintains its leading position in terms of research influence among the 300 ranked universities, according to the latest edition of ‘BRICS & Emerging Economies Rankings’ published by Times Higher Education World University Rankings, which ranks 300 universities from 41 countries, up from 200 institutions in 35 countries last year. For Greece, 6 HEIs are included, with University of Crete maintaining its leading position at #34 overall and #2 in terms of research influence among the 300 ranked universities.

HELLENIC PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY HONORS DENIS FILIOTIS



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The Hellenic Pharmaceutical Society (HPS) awarded Denis Filiotis with an honorary distinction and proclaimed him an **Honorary Partner of HPS** for his significant and lasting contribution in the field of medicinal products in the domestic market and the contribution of Mr Filiotis' company to the Greek economy. Mr Filiotis is the former President of the **Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Companies (SFEE)**, the **President & CEO of the Pharmaceutical Company Pharmaserve - Lilly**, the **President of the pharmaceutical forum EphForT**, a pharmacist and a member of HPS. Mr. Filiotis is a leader in the pharmaceutical and health industry and has earned recognition at a national and international level.

ANDREW LIVERIS IN NEW ROLE



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President-elect **Donald J. Trump** announced that **Dow Chemical CEO Andrew Liveris** will be leading his **Manufacturing Council**. Mr Liveris, a Greek-Australian, was elected chairman of the Dow Chemical board in 2006 after becoming CEO in 2004. He was also appointed by U.S. President **Barack Obama** as Co-Chair of the **Advanced Manufacturing Partnership**.

WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF



REINCE PRIEBUS

U.S. President **Donald Trump** has appointed Greek-American **Reince Priebus White House Chief of Staff**. Mr Priebus was Chairman of the Republican National Committee. Born in 1972, in Dover, New Jersey, his mother is of Greek descent. Reince Priebus appears regularly with his family at the Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Washington D.C., as he has been a lifelong member of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Q&A



DIMITRIS TSELIOS
CEO, THEONI SPRINGS

Theoni Water— Pure and Natural

Tell us about Theoni Water.

Theoni water is a unique mineral water originating from the Goura water springs, sourced from the natural underground reservoirs of the Agrafa Mountains, an area UNESCO describes as “one of the top five regions of environmental purity on the planet.” Theoni is bottled at an altitude of about 1100 meters, without any added ingredients or processing, so that its distinctive natural flavor and quality are preserved.

What awards have you received?

In 2016 Theoni won the gold prize of superior taste and quality at the 26th annual Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting, the largest water tasting in the world, winning the best bottled mineral water among 700 entries. Theoni has received golden awards from the International Taste Institute and Quality “iTQi” (2014, 2015, 2016 and the special Crystal Award), the International Organization “Monde Selection” (2015, 2016), the European competition “DLG” (2016, 2017), the international award “AABA” (2016) and the certificate “Emirates Quality Mark” (2016) by the United Arab Emirates.

What makes Theoni Water so special?

The purity of the environment and the distinctive geological formations of the area compose a unique alkaline water of superior taste, low in sodium, salt, nitrates and chlorine and absence of heavy metals.

GIANNIS ANTETOKOUNMPO COVERS SPORTS ILLUSTRATED



Milwaukee Bucks star **Giannis Antetokounmpo** is featured on the cover of the Sports Illustrated January 9 issue! The popular sports magazine features a story that documents Antetokounmpo's journey from the streets of Greece to being “the tallest—and most intriguing—point guard in NBA history.”

STIRIXIS GROUP—BEST RETAIL INTERIOR

Stirixis Group received the prestigious Best Retail Interior in Europe Award for its Kostarellos Deli Chain project at the recent International Property Awards held at the Savoy Hotel in London, on December 12.

WISTA HELLAS 2016 ANNUAL FORUM

The WISTA Hellas 2016 Annual Forum brought key players from the Greek and international shipping community together for a panel discussion on the uncertainty dominating the global market at the Intercontinental Hotel in Athens on December 8. More than 300 shipping professionals attended the debate entitled “The Shipping industry maintaining its resilience in a continuously unstable environment” and follow-up dialogues. Eftimios Mitropoulos, Secretary-General Emeritus of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and Chairman of the Maria Tsakos Public Benefit Foundation, opened the Forum.

PRESIDENTIAL EARLY CAREER AWARD



Panos Roussos, an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Genetics and Genomic Sciences at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York was among more than a hundred researchers to be awarded the **Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE)** by President **Barack Obama**. Roussos received his medical and doctorate degrees from the University of Crete.

MUSEUMS AND TOURISM

The U.S. Embassy Athens, in partnership with the Benaki Museum and the British Council, organized the conference “Museums and Tourism: A Working Relationship” held December 8 at The Benaki Museum. The Conference hosted museum and arts administrators, curators, artists, tourism professionals and students.

SPEAKERS CORNER

THE ME GENERATION—REDUX

Men can starve from a lack of self-realization as much as they can from a lack of bread.

—RICHARD WRIGHT

SELFIES AND SOCRATES

To find yourself, think for yourself.

—SOCRATES

THE ROAD TO REALITY

Each man's life represents a road toward himself.

—HERMAN HESSE

A REAL ESTATE

If a man happens to find himself, he has a mansion which he can inhabit with dignity all the days of his life.

—JAMES A. MICHENER

THE MAN MAKES THE CLOTHES

Know, first, who you are, and then adorn yourself accordingly.

—EPICTETUS