



H2020 SENSE-Cog project Public Engagement Event

“Fighting Dementia: The SENSE-Cog European initiative for professionals and families”

Date: Friday 26th October 2018

Time: 14:00 – 18:30

Venue: University of Cyprus, Nicosia

University House "Anastasios G. Leventis"

1 Panepistimiou Avenue, 2109 Aglantzia, Nicosia

Social Facilities Building No7, Room 010

The event is open to all: patients, carers, clinicians and academics, as well as members of the public and 3rd sector organisations. It is free of charge, but registration is mandatory, on <https://www.sense-cog.eu/registration-public-event-nicosia2018/> or you can register also by phone on these numbers: 22 89 51 90 or 96 00 81 78. For more information visit www.sense-cog.eu and follow us on twitter [@sense_cog](https://twitter.com/sense_cog) & LinkedIn SENSE-Cog Project.

The research programme SENSE-Cog aims at investigating the inter-relations between vision and/or hearing deficiencies and cognitive and mental health problems. With a 6.5M€ funding from the European Union, the SENSE-Cog programme, coordinated by Manchester University, gathers 80 researchers from 11 academic/scientific organisations, including European University Cyprus and University of Cyprus, two large industrial partners and three specialist SMEs. The SENSE Cog Project has planned an afternoon of short talks by leading experts to outline how SENSE-Cog investigates the impact of hearing/vision and dementia and develops new tools to improve quality of life of older persons. We discuss challenges faced when caring



for a person with dementia and how best to cope, and present support networks and professional help, to help care for the person with dementia.

Our experts and guest speakers:

- **Professor Iracema Leroi** from Manchester University is a Professor of Psychiatry in Aging and Dementia and an honorary consultant psychiatrist at Greater Manchester NHS Foundation Trust. Professor Leroi is the lead Investigator for SENSE-Cog.
- **Dr. Piers Dawes** from Manchester University is expert in experimental psychology, with a research interests in hearing loss, auditory processing and developmental psychology from childhood to old age, auditory plasticity, hearing genetics and developmental disorders.
- **Professor Antonis Politis**, Ass. Professor of Psychiatry at the 1st Department of Psychiatry, Eginition Hospital of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and involved in studies about genetics, behavioural disturbances in Alzheimer's disease and on the application of e-health in geriatric psychiatry.
- **Dr. Chryssoula Thodi**, is Associate Professor of Audiology at European University Cyprus. She is the Cyprus Newborn Hearing Screening Program Consultant Audiologist. Dr. Thodi focuses on investigation of hearing and balance disorders using behavioural and physiological measures, and on quality of life of people with hearing loss.
- **Ms. Evangelia Kontogianni**, University of Athens, Psychologist, MSc., at the 1st Department of Psychiatry, Eginition Hospital, Division of Geriatric Psychiatry and involved in home-based intervention-program for people with dementia and their caregivers and trained in Cognitive- Behaviour Therapy

Programme:

14:00 Welcome coffee and Registration

15:00 Welcome speech, *Prof. Ioannis Giapintzakis, Vice-Rector, University of Cyprus*

15:15 SENSE-Cog team in Nicosia Opening by Chair, *Prof. Fofi Constantinidou, University of Cyprus*

15:30 Introduction to SENSE-Cog project, *Prof. Iracema Leroi/ Dr Piers Dawes, Manchester University*

15:45 Key findings from SENSE-Cog, *Ass. Prof. Chryssoula Thodi, European University Cyprus*

16:15 Coffee Break

16:45 Anxiety and Depression, *Prof. Antonis Politis, University of Athens*

17:15 Empowering family and caregivers in supporting families, *Evangelia Kontogianni, University of Athens*

17:45 Patient and public involvement – our work with the research team, *Nicosia Research User Group*

18:00 Presentation of Research Awareness Training certificate, *Prof. Iracema Leroi/ Dr. Piers Dawes, Manchester University*

18:30 End of public event

