



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Republic of Cyprus



45th BIMR Conference

Limassol - Cyprus, 24 - 27 May 2015

PROGRAMME

FOR THE 45th BRITISH ISLES & MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL (BIMR) CONFERENCE

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Official Arrival Day: Sunday, 24 May 2015

Official Departure Day: Wednesday, 27 May 2015

Venue & Accommodation: Amathus Beach Hotel, Limassol

International Relations Service

Sunday, 24 May 2015

- All day Arrival of conference participants.
(Participants make their own way to Amathus Beach Hotel).
- 11.00-17.30 Registration at the hotel lobby.
- 18.30-20.30 Welcome cocktail hosted by
H.E. The President of the Cyprus House of Representatives,
Mr Yiannakis L. Omirou,
at the hotel pier.

Monday, 25 May 2015

- 08.00-09.00 **CWP Steering Committee Breakfast Meeting.**
(Calypso Restaurant)
- 09.30 Official Opening and welcoming address by
H.E. The President of the Cyprus House of Representatives,
Mr Yiannakis L. Omirou.
(Demetra room)
- 09.45 Family photo
- 10.00-11.30 **First Plenary Session: Parliaments and Unemployment**
(Demetra room)
- Chair: Dr Pambos Papageorgiou, MP, Cyprus
Expert Speaker: Mrs Fiona Mullen, Director of Sapienta Economics.
Guest Speaker: Mr Alexandros Alexandrou, Director,
Department of Labour, Ministry of Labour, Cyprus
- Secretary: Ms Emily Pignon, BIMR Secretariat, UK
- Questions and Answers
- 11.30-12.00 Coffee break
(Athenaeum terrace)
- 12.00-13.30 **Workshop A: Parliaments and Youth Unemployment**
(Ares room)
- Coordinator: Mr Allister Langlois, Deputy, Guernsey
Rapporteur: Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, MP, UK
- Secretary: Mr Simon Ross, Guernsey

Workshop B: Parliamentary Scrutiny of Government Employment Policies

(Poseidon room)

Coordinator: Mrs Skevi Koutra-Koukouma, MP, Cyprus

Rapporteur: Mr David Melding, AM, Wales

Secretary: Mrs Margaret Neal, Scotland

13.30-15.00

Buffet lunch
(Calypso restaurant)

15.00-16.30

BIMR AGM
(Demetra room)

Chair: Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, MP, UK

BIMR Representative: Mr Carmelo Abela, MP, Malta

BIMR Representative: Councillor Wilson Duncan, St-Helena

BIMR CWP Representative: Mrs Patricia Ferguson, MSP, Scotland

Secretary: Mr Andrew Tuggey, BIMR Secretariat, UK

17.00-18.00

CWP Business Meeting: Challenges and successes for women in Parliament
(Aphrodite room)

Chair: Mrs Patricia Ferguson, MSP, Scotland

Secretary: Ms Emily Pignon, BIMR Secretariat, UK

19.30

Departure from the hotel.

20.00

Dinner hosted by the CPA Cyprus Branch Delegation,
at "Karatello" tavern, Limassol.
Welcoming by Mr Sophoclis Fittis, Member of CPA Cyprus Branch Delegation

22.30

Return to the hotel.

(approx.)

Tuesday, 26 May 2015

09.30-10.45

Second Plenary Session: Parliaments and Accountability
(Demetra room)

Chair: Mr Prodromos Prodromou, MP, Cyprus

Expert Speaker: Dr Kypros Chrysostomides, Advocate,
former Minister, former MP, Cyprus

Guest Speaker: Dr Adonis Pegasiou, Research Associate, part-time Lecturer,
European University, Cyprus

Secretary: Mr Al Davies, Wales

Questions and Answers

- 10.45-11.00 Coffee break
(*Athenaeum terrace*)
- 11.00-12.30 **Workshop C: Broadcasting the parliament - pros & cons**
(*Ares room*)
- Coordinator: Mr Themis Themistocleous, Journalist,
former Director General of Cyprus Broadcasting
Corporation (CyBC), Cyprus
- Rapporteur: Mr Alfred Cannan, MHK, Isle of Man
- Secretary: Ms Lisa Hart, Jersey
- Workshop D: What responsibilities for MPs regarding professional ethics?**
(*Poseidon room*)
- Coordinator: Dr Christos Clerides, Advocate, former MP, Cyprus
- Rapporteur: Mr Chris Thomas, MP, Isle of Man
- Secretary: Mrs Nicola Crawford, Northern Ireland
- 13.00-14.30 Buffet lunch
(*Calypso restaurant*)
- 14.30-16.00 **Closing Session: Reports from Workshops**
(*Demetra room*)
- Chair: Dr Pambos Papageorgiou, MP, Cyprus
- Secretary General: Mrs Vassiliki Anastassiadou, Cyprus
- Director, International Relations Service: Mrs Evie Stavri-Hadjjiyianni, Cyprus
- Secretary: Mrs Christiana Solomonidou/ Mrs Avgousta Christou, Cyprus
- Final Conference Remarks
- 20.00 Departure from the hotel.
- 20.30 Farewell official dinner hosted by
H.E. The President of the Cyprus House of Representatives,
Mr Yiannakis L. Omirou,
at "Sailor's Rest" seaside restaurant, Limassol.

Wednesday, 27 May 2015

- All day Departure of conference participants.
(Participants make their own way to the airport).

Optional Tour Day: A 'walk' through Cyprus history and its wines

09.00	Departure from the hotel. Drive along the seafront of Limassol.
09.30	Guided visit to the Medieval Museum, at the Medieval Castle of Limassol.
10.15	Coffee break at the Marina of Limassol.
11.00	Drive through Fassouri, largest citrus grove area of Limassol.
11.30	Guided visit to Kourion ancient City Kingdom (12 th cent. BC), the Greco Roman Theatre (2 nd cent. AD) and the House of Eustolios (4 th cent. AD).
12.00	Drive to Omodos village.
12.45	Guided visit to the Monastery of the Holy Cross. Guided walk in the village.
13.15	Wine tasting at "O Linos tou Charilaou", an old wine press.
13.45	Lunch at "Katoi" tavern. <i>Farewell toast by Mr Sophoclis Fittis, Member of CPA Cyprus Branch Delegation</i>
15.15	Departure for the hotel.
16.00 (approx.)	Arrival at the hotel.