

PRESS CONFERENCE

Press Conference: Promoting Healthy Nutrition and Eradicating Poverty- The work of Prolepsis Institute

The Institute of Preventive Medicine, Environmental and Occupational Health, Prolepsis will be hosting a press conference on Monday October 12, at 12 pm, in the “Alkis Argiriades” amphitheatre (Central building of the University of Athens., 30 Panepistimiou st.), on the occasion of **World Food Day (16/10)** and the **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17/10)**.

At this press conference, the work of Prolepsis Institute to promote healthy nutrition and to help eradicate poverty will be presented, as well as recent data regarding nutritional needs as they are being shaped by the prolonged economic crisis plaguing Greece. Additionally, the results of the Institute’s [Food Aid and Promotion of Healthy Nutrition Program - DIATROFI](#) for the 2014-2015 school year will be announced. These results illustrate the **socioeconomic status and food insecurity** of students and their families and underline the urgency of the aid.

Since the beginning of the current school year, over **2,000 schools** (corresponding to approximately **250,000 students**) from all around Greece have applied to participate in the **DIATROFI** Program, while the funds that have been secured so far are sufficient to cover a significantly smaller number of students. Ever since its launching back in 2012, the **DIATROFI** Program has provided on a daily basis **over 11,000,000 free, healthy meals** to school children in urban and rural areas making a significant contribution to thousands of families facing food insecurity and hunger.

The [Food Aid and Promotion of Healthy Nutrition Program - DIATROFI](#) is implemented with the generous support of its founding donor, The Stavros Niarchos Foundation, as well as the contribution of other foundations, companies and individuals. The program is managed under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs.

Lastly, reference will be made to the **National Dietary Guidelines**, the project carried out by Prolepsis Institute with a view to promoting healthy nutrition in Greece, by combining advanced scientific knowledge with the traditional Greek diet.

Prolepsis Institute is a nongovernmental, non-profit organization, active in the field of medical research, health promotion, environmental and occupational health since 1990. Its mission is to respond to public health needs by conducting rigorous academic research and translating it into education, advocacy and humanitarian projects.

For more information regarding the **DIATROFI** Program you can visit our websites <http://diatrofi.prolepsis.gr> and www.prolepsis.gr, or contact Mr. Yannis Koutelidas at +30 210-6255700 (int. 120) or at +30 6936631702