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Environment, Health and Safety Office
University of Nicosia



Highlights

Academic year 2012-2013

LOGO

The EH&S Office proudly introduces its new logo.

EH&S Officer

As of July 1st 2013, Ms Maria Stavrou was promoted to EH&S Officer. We congratulate her and wish a lot of success in her new position! Dr Stella Nicolaou is currently the new EH&S Supervisor.

Website

In the academic year 2012-2013 the EH&S Office launched its new website as part of the University of Nicosia official website.

Poster Competition

As part of the Antismoking Campaign, the EH&S Office collaborated with the Cyprus Ministry of Health and organized a Poster Competition for the World No Tobacco Day Campaign.

New Office

As of July 2013, you can find us at the Central Building, Ground Floor, Room Number B4 (next to our previous office ☺).

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Anti-smoking campaign

"SMOKE FREE IS THE WAY TO BE" campaign

Every year, the EH&S Office dedicates some of its efforts in promoting a smoke-free environment for students and employees.

In collaboration with exsmokers.eu, a booth was set-up in the Millennium Cafeteria during Club and Societies registration week. As a result, we had the opportunity to interact with students and give them valuable information as well as some freebies (stress balls and cups). Additionally, the Cyprus Ministry of Health took carbon monoxide measurements which quickly became a very popular activity.

A special thanks goes at the Department of Student Affairs that provided the space for our booth.



Poster Competition

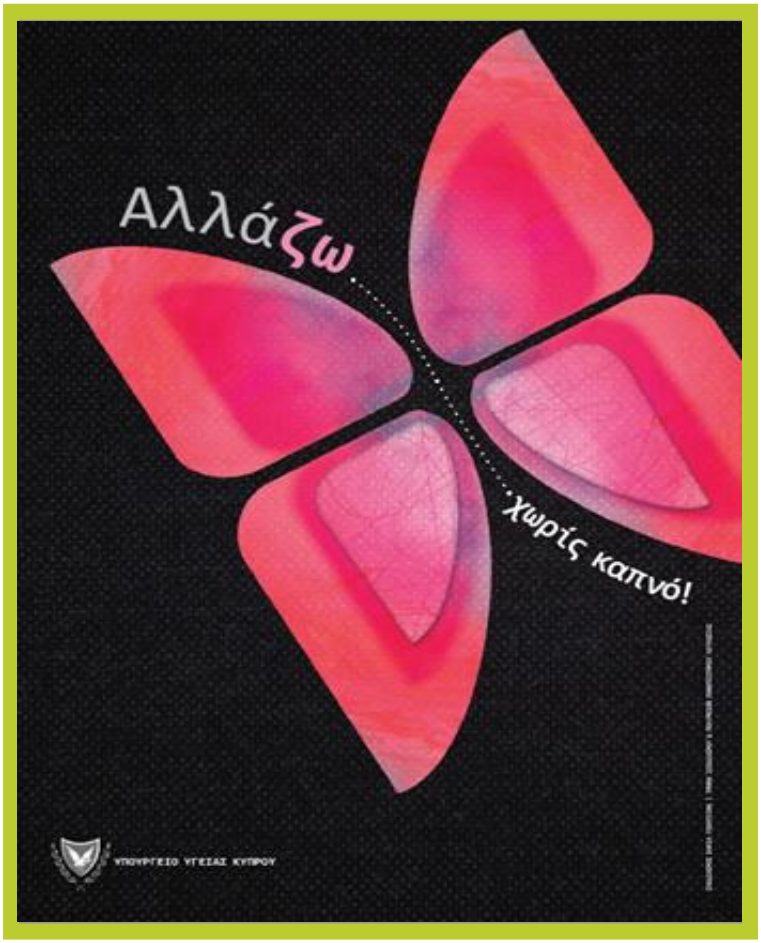
This year the EH&S Office in collaboration with the Ministry of Health organized a Poster Competition for the World No Tobacco Day Campaign.

We are happy to announce the winner of the competition, our student Fedotkina Daria!

The winning poster will be published by the Ministry of Health and will be used as the official poster of the Ministry for the year 2013-14.

OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO DARIA!!

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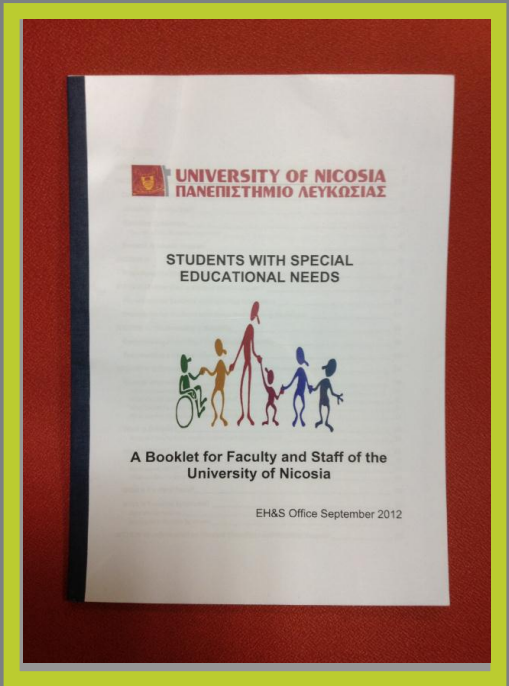
Students with Special Educational Needs

The University of Nicosia acknowledges that it is its proactive duty to serve the educational needs of all its students. As such, it is committed to providing equal opportunities for people with disabilities in accordance with the policy of the University by doing its utmost to secure the necessary means, facilities and personnel.

In our effort to inform and support faculty and staff we organized a seminar titled “How to Work with Students with Special Educational Needs”. Through the seminar we informed our faculty and staff about the services available at KESY and the ways of identifying and communicating with students with special educational needs.

Further information can be found in our handbook How to work with students with special educational needs.

A special thanks to Dr Stasinos Demetrios and Dr Petronda Stella for delivering the seminar.



“HOW TO WORK WITH PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS”

Food Safety for the Owners of the Cafeterias and Restaurants

The EH&S Office acknowledges that it is its duty to ensure the food safety in our cafeterias and restaurants.

As part of our proactive activities, we have organized a seminar for the owners of the cafeterias and restaurants to discuss the relevant issues and raise awareness on food safety.

The seminar provided food providers with the opportunity to gain additional knowledge as to how to evaluate the results of microbiological analysis, properly arrange food in the refrigerators and personal hygiene.

A special thanks to Ms Chara Papastefanou from FoodLab for delivering the seminar.

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B. Website

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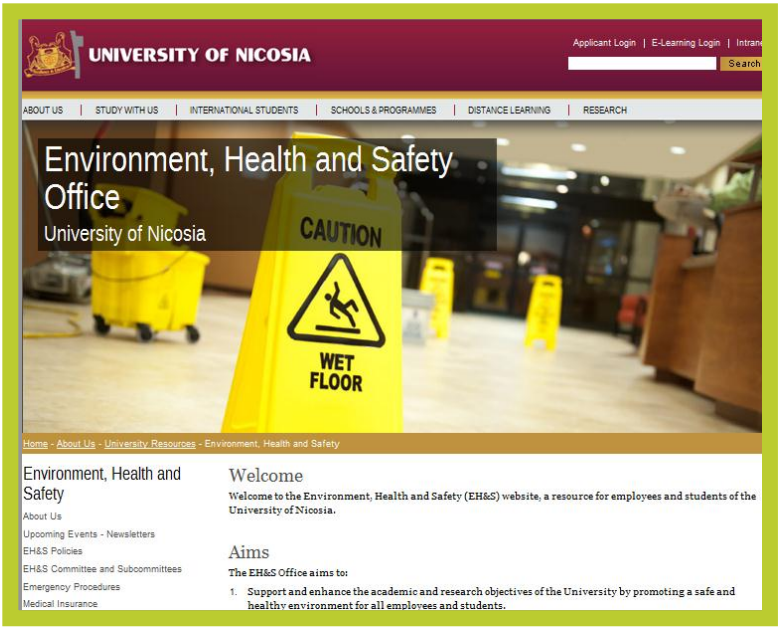
The EH&S website is a great resource for employees and students of the University of Nicosia. One can find the main aims and policy of the EH&S Office as well as Emergency Procedures documents or safety guidelines established for all employees, students and visitors in the event of emergency.

For our employees, our website is a valuable source of information with useful forms that relate to the areas of emergency, complaints, indemnity and medical insurance.

Furthermore, information regarding the University Environmental policy, EH&S committee and subcommittees and students with disabilities are provided.

Our website can be accessed at:

http://www.unic.ac.cy/about-us/university-resources/environment-health-and-safety



C.Trainings

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First Aid

In July, EH&S Office with the help of Ms Liana Ellina organized a First Aid training program for a number of people.

D. Manuals

This year, we are introducing a new manual for students:

- Students with Special Educational Needs for Students

The Environment, Health and Safety Office produces / up-dates the following manuals:

1. Environment, Health and Safety Policy and Practice
2. Instructions to Faculty and Staff for Environment, Health and Safety Issues
3. Students with Special Educational Needs for Faculty and Staff
4. Floor Leaders Manual on Environment, Health and Safety at Work Issues
5. Emergency Evacuation Plan

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E. EH&S Logo

This year the EH&S Office introduced its new logo, shown below:

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F. Environment, Health and Safety Committee and Sub-Committees

Under the Health and Safety at Work Law, safety committees have the function of keeping under review the measures taken to ensure the health and safety at work of employees and others.

The objective of the committee is to promote cooperation between employers and others in instigating, developing and carrying out measures to ensure Environment, Health and safety at work.

For the Academic year 2012/13 the EH&S Committee consisted of:

- Dr Solomou Emilios, Executive Vice President for Administration
- Dr Nicolaou Stella, Environment, Health and Safety Officer
- Dr Antonaras Alexandros, Director of the Consultancy Unit
- DrHadjigeorgiou Photos, Associate Dean of the Human Biology Department
- Dr Petronda Stella, Phsychologist at KESY
- Dr Stasinos Demetrios, Professor at Education Department and specialized for people with special educational needs
- Dr Valiantis Marios, Director of the Environmental Unit / Ecognosia
- Dr Kyriakides Ioannis, Assistant Professor of Electrical Computer Engineering
- Ms Ellina Liana, Head Receptionist and Head First Aider
- Ms Makrides Voula_Head of Facilities Department
- Ms Pelides Katia, Associate Lecturer of the Nursing Programme and ex-EH&S Officer
- Ms Stavrou Maria, Environment, Administrative Assistant, EH&S Officer
- Ms Thrassou Myria, Head of Student Affairs Department

The four sub-committees that deal with specific issues and report to the EH&S Committee for 2012/13 consisted of:

Environment subcommittee:Dr Valiantis Marios (chair), Dr Antonaras Alexandros, Dr Nicolaou Stella, Ms Makrides Voula

Disabilities subcommittee:Dr Stasinos Demetrios (chair), Dr Petronda Stella, Dr Nicolaou Stella, Ms Ellina Liana, Ms Pelides Katia, Ms Stavrou Maria, Ms Thrassou Myria, Ms Perdicogianni Maria, Ms Ioannou Skevi

Laboratory safety subcommittee:Dr Hadjigeorgiou Photos (chair), Dr Kyriakides Ioannis, Dr Demoliou Kaiti, Mr Orphanides Nicolaos, Mr Chad Schou, Mr Georgiou Michalis and Ms Korae Eva

Facilities and Risk Assessment subcommittee:Dr Solomou Emilios, Dr Nicolaou Stella, Ms Makrides Voula

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EVENTS	MONTH	
Orientation – New Faculty	September	
UNISCO - Orientation	September	
Medical School – Orientation	September	
Anti-Smoking Campaign	October	
Students with Disabilities – Seminar	October	February
EH&S Sub-Committees Meetings	October	March
Food Safety - Seminar	October/November	
EH&S Committee Meeting	November	April
EH&S Coordinators Meeting	November	April
Insurance Liability Committee Meeting	June	December
Medical Scheme Insurance Committee Meeting	As needed	
Trainings – Floor Leaders	As needed	

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