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Dear Esteemed Colleagues, Friends, and Fellow Hellenes:

On behalf of The Federation of Hellenic Medical Societies of North America, a 501 c 3 non-profit organization, representing approximately five thousand physicians throughout the United States and Canada, and the main sponsor of this conference, I would like to welcome you to our fourth global meeting of Hellenic physicians and bioscientists.

This initiative named **Global Hellenic Medical and Biosciences Network** started on the island of Kos, birthplace of Hippocrates in June 2007 under the auspices of the President of the Hellenic Republic and the Hellenic Ministry of Health. In 2008, the Republic of Cyprus hosted the global biomedical conference under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Cyprus and the Cypriot Ministry of Health. In 2009, in Lagonissi near Athens participation surpassed 300 from Greece and 22 other countries. The mission has been to network the Hellenic physicians and bioscientists professionally, to mentor new physicians and bioscientists, and to upgrade the national health care systems in Greece and Cyprus.

This year, the 4th Annual Conference of the Global Hellenic Medical and Biosciences Network is occurring in New York City, home of the oldest and strongest Hellenic Medical Society outside Greece under the leadership of distinguished cancer surgeon Dr. George Tsioulis. The Hellenic Bioscientific Association-USA and its Past President Dr. Costas Drosatos were instrumental in the organization of this meeting. This conference at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan is featuring 30 speakers presenting **New Advances in Medicine and Community Health**, is attracting almost 200 participants of many specialties and ethnicities, offers eight AMA Category 1 CME credits from St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, New York, and showcases the Hellenic presence on the cutting edge of medicine and community health. The five scientific sessions include diabetes and metabolism, cancer, interventional cardiology and cardiovascular surgery, basic science/immunology/gastrointestinal medicine, and neuropsychiatry. A 3-hour Community Health Fair will be offered at medical offices in Astoria, Queens on Saturday, December 4, 2010.

I congratulate the physicians who gained company support for this outstanding annual biomedical symposium: Dr. George Bakris, Dr. Michael Michelis, Dr. Angelos Stergiou, Dr. Gerasimos Petratos, Dr. Nicholas Skipitaris, Dr. Elias Iliadis, Dr. Stylianos Papadakos, and Dr. Nicholas Mezitis. I am hoping next year we have more financial support and a greater turnout.

At this conference you will learn the latest advances in medicine and enjoy the tourist attractions of New York City. You are all invited to attend the Annual Scholarship Gala of the Hellenic Medical Society of New York at the New York Athletic Club on Saturday, December 4, 2010.

With warm regards for a Happy Holiday Season,

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