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Welcome Messages

Join me in Larnaca for our District Conference, with the theme **The Role of Rotary in a Changing World**, as we come together to connect leaders, spark ideas, and explore how Rotary can lead the future, create lasting change, and unite people in service across our communities.

Peter Ashdjian
District Governor, 2025-2026

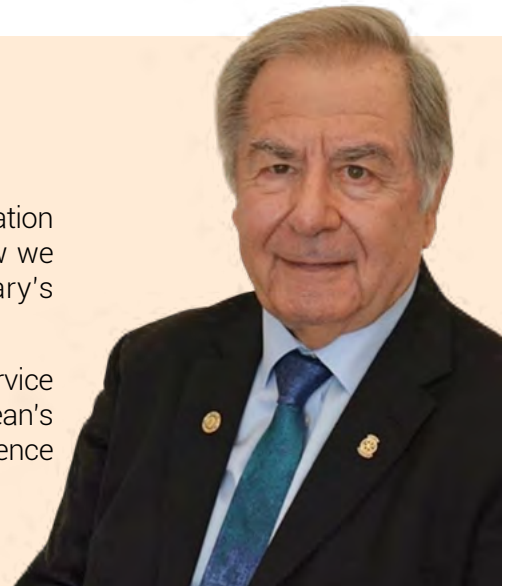


PP DEMETRIS PANTAZIS
CONFERENCE CHAIR
RC NICOSIA LEFKOTHEA - CYPRUS

We warmly invite you to the Rotary District 2452 Conference, a celebration of our shared values, achievements, and vision. Let us debate how we adjust to the seismic changes of the world and maintain Rotary's relevance.

Join us to share inspiring stories, exchange ideas, and reignite our service spirit. Enjoy fellowship, authentic Cypriot hospitality, the Mediterranean's blue waters, and rich local cuisine in Aphrodite's birthplace. Your presence will make this event truly unforgettable.

Join us today and be part of the experience!

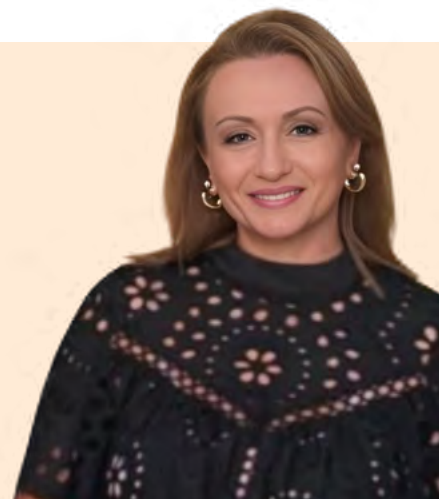


PP ANDRI CHARALAMBOUS ASHDJIAN
HEAD OF PARTNER PROGRAM
RC LARNACA KITION - CYPRUS

In the true spirit of Rotary friendship, I warmly welcome all Rotarians, non-Rotarians, partners and guests to Larnaca.

I invite you to join our excursions, where the history of Cyprus comes alive through its people and traditions, set within a relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere and genuine island hospitality.

I look forward to sharing these special moments with you.



PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Thursday, 21 May 2026

15:00 - 19:00 Registration & Handling of Proxies

20:00 Dinner - Psarolimano Fish Restaurant

Friday, 22 May 2026

08:30 - 13:00 Registration & Handling of Proxies

09:00 - 15:00 Tour Larnaca - Lefkara

17:00 - 18:00 District Governor's College

19:30 - 21:00 Opening Ceremony - Venue Hotel

21:00 Festive Dinner - Venue Hotel

Saturday, 23 May 2026

08:30 - 09:30 District Assembly - Venue Hotel

10:30 - 15:00 Tour Pierides Museum & Seafront

10:00 - 11:15 Session 1: *Building Bridges Amid Geopolitical Shifts*

11:30 - 12:45 Session 2: *Artificial Intelligence - a Blessing or a Curse*

12:45 - 13:45 Buffet lunch - Venue Hotel

14:00 - 15:15 Session 3: *The Role of Rotary in a Changing World - How does Rotary Remain Relevant?*

15:30 - 18:30 Resolutions, Wrap-up, District Awards and Brief Handover Ceremony

19:30 Buses leaving for Tamplios Tavern

20:00 Cyprus Night - Tamplios Tavern



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17:00 - 18:00 District Governor's College

19:30 - 21:00 Opening Ceremony

Opening Ceremony at the Princess Conference Room of the Venue Hotel

- Flag parade
- National Anthems
- Moment of Silence
- Welcoming

Greetings

Message from the District Conference Chair

PP Demetris Pantazis

Message from the Mayor of Larnaca

Mr. Andreas Vyras

Message from the District Governor

Peter Asdjian and Recognitions

Message from the Past District Governor and Rotary International

President's Representative

Claudia Hendry

21:00 Festive Dinner with music and dancing in the gardens of the Venue hotel

Dress Code: Elegant | Venue: Radisson Beach Resort

Saturday, 23 May 2026

08:30 - 09:30 District Assembly

10:30 - 15:00 Half Day Tour for Partners to Pierides Museum with lunch at the sea-front

10:00 - 11:15 Session 1 Building Bridges Amid Geopolitical Shifts

Session Leader and Keynote Speaker:

Anna Koukkides-Procopiou, Rotarian, International Relations Expert, Yale Peace Fellow 2026, Ex Minister of Justice and Public Order of Cyprus Republic

Moderator:

Dr. Constantinos Adamides, Associate Professor of International Relations and the Head of the Department of Politics and Governance, at the University of Nicosia (UNic)

Members of the Panel :

Hussein al-Taee, Head of the Berghof Foundation Regional Office in Lebanon. Yale Peace Fellow 2026

James Ker-Lindsay, Visiting Professor at the European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and Research Associate at the Centre for International Studies, University of Oxford

11:30 - 12:45 Session 2 Artificial Intelligence - a Blessing or a Curse

Session Leader and Moderator:

Associate Professor Panos Markopoulos, Business and Public Administration Department University of Cyprus, PhD from University of Pennsylvania, Experience with IBM research, McKinsey consulting, Taught at Wharton Business School. Co- Director of MSc Data Science programme

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Nicky Zachariou, Leading Data and AI at Jinius, Bank of Cyprus, Strategic and AI and Data leader. International experience in UK including GOV.UK, PhD Imperial Co-founder Databeers London

Members of the Panel :

Mrs Monica Odysseos, AI and Data Lab Leader at Grant Thornton Cyprus. Chartered Accountant. Passionate on AI Ethics and AI revolution of Industry

Maher Al-Khaiyat, District Governor Nominee Designate. Building an AI Company

12:45 - 13:45 Buffet Lunch at the Venue Hotel

14:00 - 15:15 Session 3
The Role of Rotary in a Changing World

How does Rotary Remain Relevant?

Session Leader, Keynote Speaker and Moderator:

Nicki Scott, Past District Governor, Past Rotary International Vice President

Members of Panel:

Claudia Hendry, Past District Governor & Rotary International President's Representative MBA from University of Chicago, Qualified Banker, Founded Coachart empowering individuals and teams to achieve sustainable growth and transformative results

Davide M. Galasso, Past District Governor, Rotary Coordinator Zone 15, Extensive legal qualifications from Italy, USA, UK and Vietnam Major Donor and proud motorcycling Rotarian

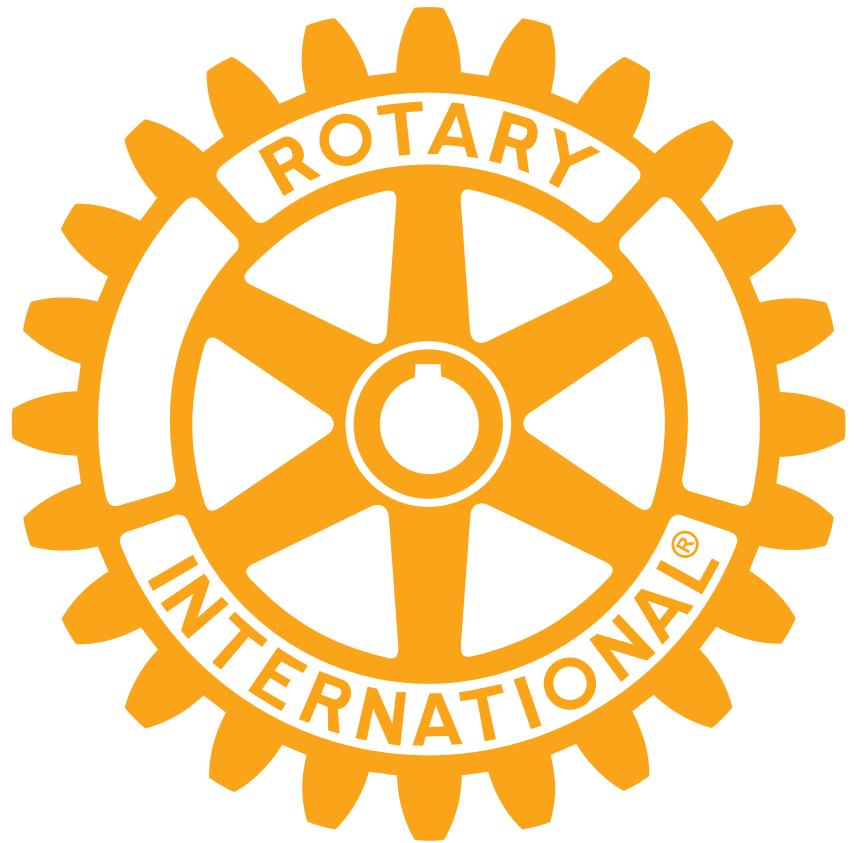
Mohammed Yaseen, Vice District Rotaract Representative. Educated in the USA and the UK and is a business development professional, entrepreneur and community builder

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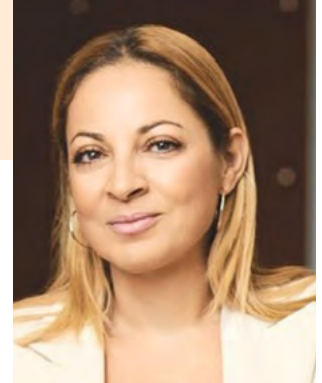


SPEAKERS/MODERATORS/
PANELISTS BY SESSION

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SESSION 1

Session Leader and Keynote speaker
Rotarian Anna Koukkides-Procopiou
YALE Peace Fellow 2026



Anna Koukkides-Procopiou is an international inclusive security and peacebuilding expert and the President of Politeia Centre for Socio-Political Thinking, based in Cyprus. She has extensive experience in the corporate sector and in government, as she is the former Minister of Justice and Public Order of the Republic of Cyprus (2023-2024), where she spearheaded an initiative on the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2467 on sexual violence during conflict, focusing on restitution and rehabilitation of survivors of such crimes committed in Cyprus.

A well-known public figure, commentator and activist, she has consistently worked on active citizen engagement, democracy, transparency and the empowerment of women in the public sphere. Anna has co-founded and currently serves on the steering committee of CWBC (Cyprus Women Bicomunal Coalition) campaigning for the implementation of UNSCR1325 and the meaningful participation of women in the Cyprus Peace process.

Anna read Economics and History at UCL and continued her postgraduate studies in International Relations at LSE. She also holds a certificate in Religion and Politics from MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University

Moderator
Associate Professor Constantinos Adamides



Dr. Constantinos Adamides is an Associate Professor of International Relations and the Head of the Department of Politics and Governance, at the University of Nicosia (UNic), where he also served as the Director of the Diplomatic Academy for the period 2014-2025. He currently also serves as member of the Executive Academic Board of the European Security and Defense College.

Constantinos holds a PhD in Political Science and International Studies, an MA in Diplomacy and International Relations, an MBA in Finance, and a BSc in Finance and Political Science.

His research area is conflicts/conflict resolution, EastMed geopolitics, hybrid threats, disinformation, AI and information operations, securitization, Cyprus conflict.

Members of Panel

Hussein al-Taee *YALE Peace Fellow 2026*

Hussein al-Taee is Head of the Berghof Foundation Regional Office in Lebanon, where he oversees operations across 30 municipalities and manages regional partnerships spanning Iraq and the wider Middle East.

Prior to his current role, Hussein served as a Member of the Finnish Parliament (2019–2023), representing the ruling coalition on the Economic Affairs Committee and contributing to national urban development and climate strategies, including Finland’s ambition toward carbon neutrality by 2030. Earlier in his career, Hussein worked with the CMI–Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation as adviser and project manager, designing and implementing dialogue, governance, and conflict-resolution projects across Iraq and the MENA region.

Hussein holds a Master’s degree in International Business from the University of Warsaw and a joint Bachelor’s degree in International Management from Metropolia University of Applied Sciences and the University of Lincoln. He serves on the Board of Advisers of International IDEA, actively promoting democratic transitions and good governance, and is a recognized public speaker on peacebuilding, governance, and regional stability.



James Ker-Lindsay, Professor

James Ker-Lindsay is a Visiting Professor at the European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and Research Associate at the Centre for International Studies, University of Oxford. His research is focused on conflict, peace and security in the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean (in particular the Cyprus Problem, Greek-Turkish relations and Kosovo), EU enlargement, and recognition in international politics.

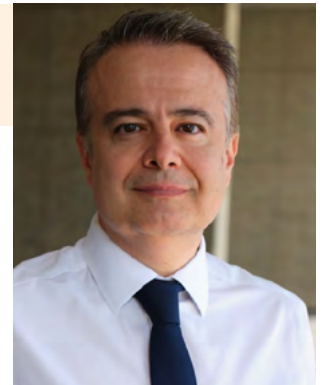


SESSION 2

Session Leader and Moderator

Panos Markopoulos, Associate Professor, University of Cyprus

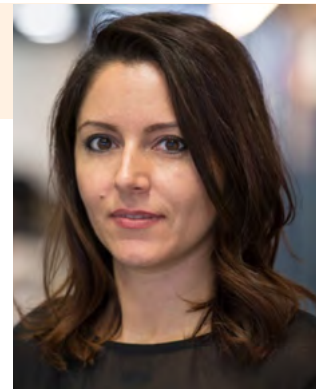
Dr. Panos Markopoulos is an Associate Professor at the Business and Public Administration Department, University of Cyprus, with a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania (2004) on how consumers receive information in electronic markets. His professional experience spans the Athens Stock Exchange, IBM Research, and McKinsey & Co, where he advised top management at Fortune-500 corporations across Europe, the US, and Canada. He has taught undergraduate and MBA courses at Cornell University and the Wharton Business School. His research on electronic markets and AI agents has been published in top academic journals. At the University of Cyprus, he has directed the Centre for Entrepreneurship and is co-director of the MSc in Data Science program.



Keynote speaker

Dr. Nicky Zachariou, Data & AI Lead, Jinius

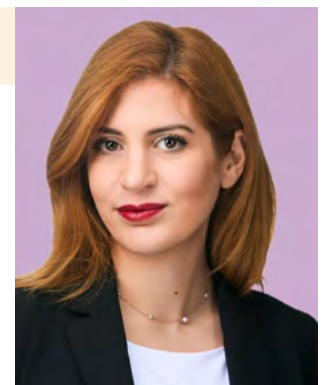
Dr. Nicky Zachariou is a mathematician and data scientist leading Data + AI at Jinius by Bank of Cyprus, where she shapes strategy, governance, and culture for responsible AI adoption. Previously, she led data science in the UK Government, including as Head of Data Science for the Prisons and Probation Service at the Ministry of Justice, led data science work on GOV.UK, co-authoring the UK Government's guide to AI in the public sector, and identifying potential victims of modern slavery at the Border. She holds a PhD in Physics and an MSci in Mathematics from Imperial College London, with research in sustainability and resilience through complex systems and network science. A TEDx speaker and co-founder of DataBeers London, she is passionate about making complex ideas accessible and showing how human-centered AI can serve organisations and society.



Members of Panel

Mrs Monica Odysseos, AI and Data Lab Leader

Monica Odysseos is the AI and Data Lab Leader at Grant Thornton Cyprus, a chartered accountant (ACA, ICAEW) with a career spanning software development on governmental projects in the UK, seven years at PwC, and the creation of her own AI and Data Lab in 2024 at Grant Thornton. She holds a degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Bath and a MSc in Risk Management from the University of Southampton and brings a rare cross-disciplinary perspective to artificial intelligence.



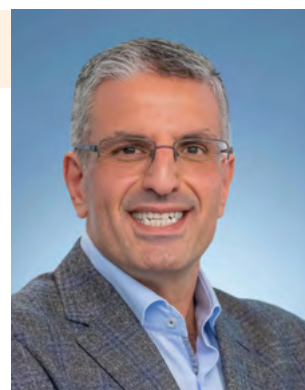
She serves on two ICAEW advisory boards – the Ethics Standards Committee and the Data Analytics Community Advisory Group – and is appointed as Cyprus' AI Trainer under the EU-funded EULEP programme. Monica has authored a series of internationally published articles through ICAEW that explain AI in accessible, buzzword-free terms, regularly speaks to students and teachers on navigating an AI-driven world, and is passionate about AI ethics and the ways artificial intelligence is reshaping industries and education.

Maher Al-Khaiyat, District Governor Nominee Designate

Maher is a long serving Rotarian and served as Club President and AG prior to his recent election to the post of District Governor Nominee Designate 2028-2029.

He has considerable experience in the technology sector and now works mostly at the intersection of technology and economic development.

He is currently building an AI company focused on enterprise AI agents while also working on initiatives that help position Jordan in the global digital economy.



SESSION 3

Session Leader, Keynote Speaker and Moderator **Nicki Scott, Past District Governor, Past Rotary International Vice President**

Nicki has a wealth of industry background in corporate finance, strategic planning and change management consultancy. Having started her career with KPMG, Nicki then owned a promotional product business for 12 years and developed expertise in branding and entrepreneurship. She went on to be a mentor and coach for CEOs and business owners for Vistage Worldwide in 2016 before returning to England. In March 2021 she joined the Trusted Executive Foundation as Business Development Partner and has now launched her own Executive Leadership Coaching business called Lead for Good.

As a global citizen, Rotary felt immediately like home when she joined in 2000 in the Chicago area, USA. After serving as District Governor 6450 in 2014-15, she was appointed Rotary Coordinator for Zone 28 2016-2018, Zones 28 & 29 Institute Chair 2017, International Assembly (IA) Training Leader 2017 & 2018 and Seminar Trainer for IA 2019 and 2020. She was also a member of Rotary's Strategic Planning Committee: a three year appointment ending in June 2019. She was honoured to have been selected by Jennifer Jones, RI President 2022/23 to serve as her Vice President and most recently served as International Assembly Moderator for President-Elect Yinka Babalola.

In January 2018 Nicki returned to her birthplace in England and immediately joined the Leadership Development and Training Team for Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland. In December 2019 she was elected as Rotary International Director and Leader of the Association 2021-23. In 2019-20 she was honoured with Rotary's 2019-20 Service Above Self Award.

Nicki is a strong supporter of The Rotary Foundation: a founding member of the Paul Harris Society, a Major Donor and member of the Bequest Society.

Nicki's core passions are strategy, leadership coaching & development and motivational speaking. She aims to use these skills in service to Rotary to help bridge the gap to the next generation of leaders for our second century of service.

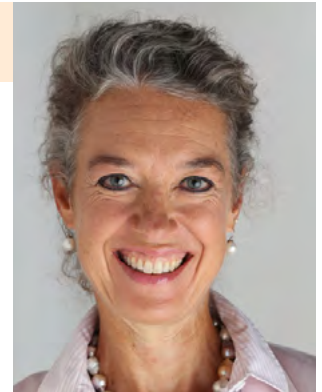


Members of Panel

Claudia Hendry, PDG Claudia Hendry D2000 | RC Ufenau | Switzerland

Leadership & Management Development | Private Banking Expert | Rotary Leader

Claudia Hendry holds an MBA from the University of Chicago and a degree as a Swiss Certified Banking Professional. After 18 years working in the Banking Industry, she founded CoachArt and is passionate about empowering individuals and teams to achieve sustainable growth and transformative results. Claudia has been a Rotarian since 2002, is a founding member of the Rotary Club of Ufenau, D2000 – Switzerland and was Governor in 2013-14. In D2000 she was active as Membership chair and Moderator at RYLA for several years. She served RI as Vice Chair IC2023 Melbourne, International Assembly Training Leader, Assistant Rotary Coordinator and as President’s representative. Claudia served as a Seminar Trainer for the 2024 & 2025 International Assembly.



Davide M. Galasso, Past District Governor, Rotary Coordinator

Davide joined Rotary in 2001 and served as District Governor in 2022-2023. Currently he is Rotary Membership Coordinator in Zone 15 for the term 2025-2028.

He is a Major Donor and a proud motorcycling Rotarian!

Professionally he is an international contracts lawyer qualified in Italy, USA, UK and Vietnam.

He teaches law professionally.

He is married to Minh Mai and they have 3 children.



Mohammed Yaseen, Vice District Rotaract Representative

Mohammed Yaseen is a business development professional, entrepreneur, and community builder with experience across business setup consulting, supply chain management, investor relations, and marketing. He is the Founder & Managing Director of SKYM, helping entrepreneurs establish businesses and secure opportunities in the UAE while expanding international partnerships between the UK and UAE.

Alongside his corporate career, Mohammed is deeply involved in community-led initiatives through Rotaract UAE, Dubai Chambers, and the gaming industry, where he has led impactful social, networking, and awareness campaigns. Known for his leadership, networking abilities, and passion for collaboration, he believes in building strong communities where people grow further together.



TOURISM PROGRAMME

Friday, 22 May 2026

OPTIONAL FULL DAY TOUR TO LARNACA & LEFKARA

09:00 - 15:00 Pick Up from Radisson Beach Resort and designated hotels.
Bus transportation will be arranged

09:00 Departure from Radisson Beach Resort

Dress Code: Neat Casual

Discover Byzantine Heritage & Traditional Crafts

- Church of Saint Lazarus – Stunning 9th-century Byzantine basilica in Larnaca's center, built by Emperor Leo VI. Home to the tomb of Saint Lazarus, with a remarkable gold-covered Baroque iconostas
- Hala Sultan Tekke – One of Islam's most revered monuments (1760-1817), built over the grave of Umm Haram on the salt lake's western bank. Active mosque and important pilgrimage site
- Kamares Aqueduct – 18th-century Ottoman engineering marvel; open-air Roman-style structure carrying water 10 km to Larnaca.
- Lefkara Village – A Living Treasure. Picturesque narrow alleys with Venetian-Frankish architecture nestled amphitheatrically around the village spring
- Lefkaritiko Lace – Famous handmade embroidery tradition dating to the Venetian period, enhanced by local artisans over centuries
- Browse local craft shops; enjoy traditional coffee or homemade lemonade

Includes: English Speaking Guided tour + lunch at nearby village

Saturday, 23 May 2026

HALF DAY TOUR TO PIERIDES MUSEUM

Tour for Partners to Pierides Museum with lunch at the sea-front

10:30 - 15:00 Pick Up from Radisson Beach Resort and designated hotels.
Bus transportation will be arranged

10:30 Departure from Radisson Beach Resort

Dress Code: Neat Casual

Discover Cyprus Through Time

- Pierides Museum – the District Governor's Ancestral Mansion and private archaeological collection
- Oldest private museum in Cyprus, housed in the Pierides family's 1825 colonial-style ancestral home
- Collection spans 4000 BCE to 15th century AD, showcasing Cyprus' economic, social & cultural evolution
- Highlights: Early Bronze Age red polished ware, Roman glass vessels, medieval ceramic plates
- Enjoy lunch at Makenzy Beach

Includes: English Speaking Museum tour + lunch by the beach

DELEGATES INFORMATION

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK

A Registration Desk will be operating throughout the duration of the conference. The Registration Desk will also be operating as an Information Desk for any information or assistance participants may require during the conference.

Registration Desk Opening Hours:

Thursday, 21st of May: 15:00 – 19:00 | Friday, 22nd of May: 08:30 – 21:00 | Saturday, 23rd of May: 08:30 – 18:30

DELEGATE BADGE

The tickets in the pocket of the Badge give access to the participant’s requested events, sessions, dinners, lunches & tours of the Conference.

LOCATIONS

Radisson Beach Resort

Dhekelia Rd, 7041 Larnaca

[CLICK HERE](#)

Psarolimano Fish Restaurant

Piale Pasa 118, Larnaca

[CLICK HERE](#)

Tamblios Traditional Tavern

9 Archbishop Makarios III Ave., Athienou

[CLICK HERE](#)

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday, May 21st, 20:00 | Fish Dinner

Dress Code: Casual

Venue: Psarolimano Fish Restaurant in Larnaca

Transportation to the restaurant. Complimentary pick-up and drop-off from Radisson Beach Resort and designated hotels for overseas delegates.

Pick up time: 19:30 | Pick up point: Hotel Entrance



Friday, May 22nd, 21:00 | Festive Dinner

with music and dancing in the gardens of the Venue hotel

Dress Code: Elegant

Transportation will be arranged for overseas delegates from designated hotel.

Venue: Radisson Beach Resort



Saturday, May 23rd, 20:00 | Cyprus Night featuring a Village Taverna experience with traditional Cypriot food, live Greek music and folklore dancing

Dress Code: Casual

Venue: Tamblios Restaurant, Athienou Village

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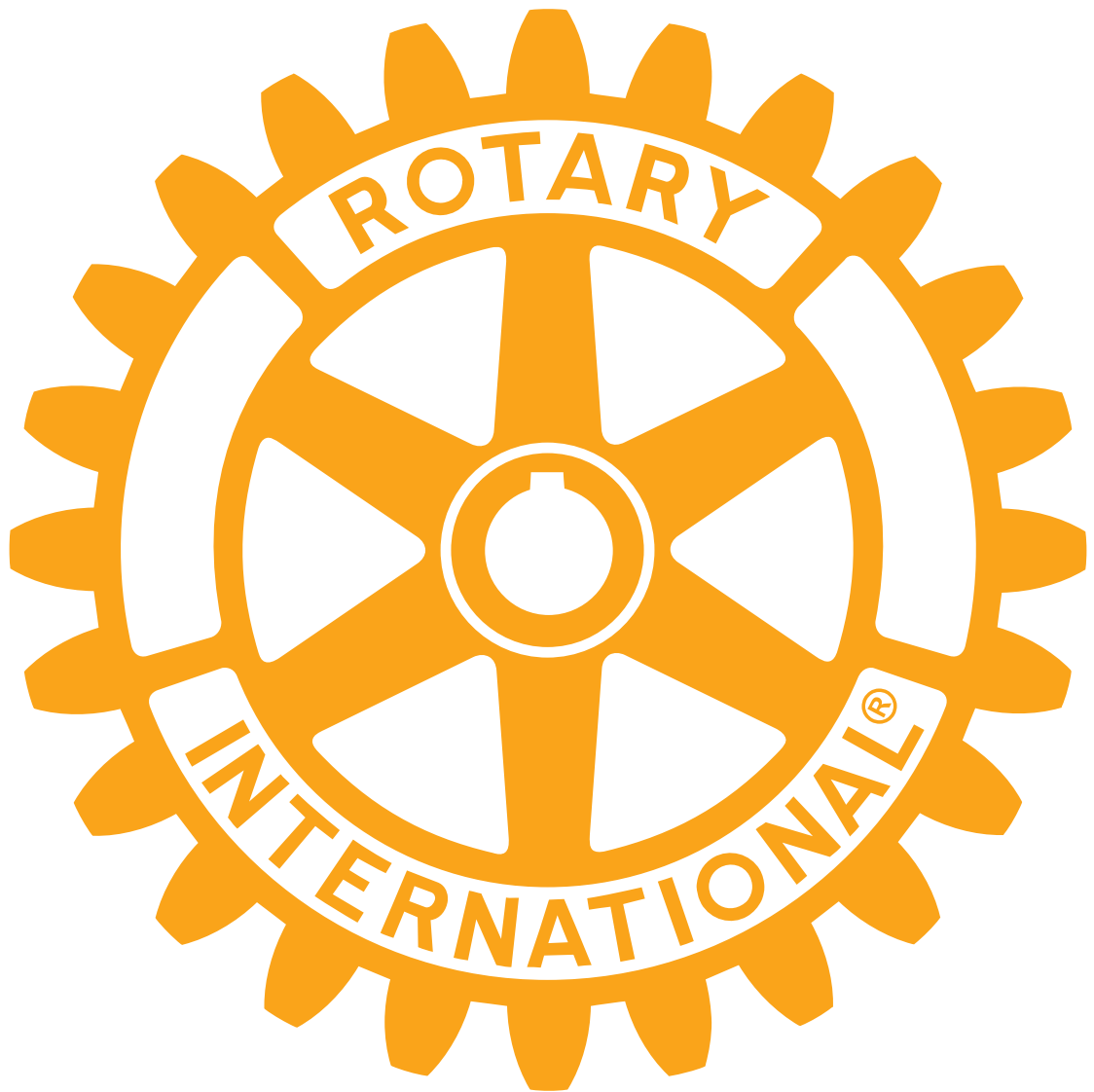
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