

## **Phaedon Kaloterakis**

European Federation of Therapeutic Communities (EFTC)

Candidate for:

### **Chairperson**

I have been working in the Addictions Field since 1980. Most of these years I am part of KETHEA (Therapy Center for Dependent Individuals) in Greece, the last 18 in the capacity of the National Assistant Director.

KETHEA is the largest rehabilitation and social reintegration network in Greece. It has been providing its services to drug addicts and their families since Ithaki, the first Greek therapeutic community, was set up in 1983. Its services are offered free of charge on the street (harm reduction) and in prisons and rehabilitation units around Greece. KETHEA also helps people suffering from other forms of addiction including alcohol, gambling and the Internet.

KETHEA is in special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and is associated with the UN Department of Public Information (DPI).

KETHEA is also a member of the:

- World Federation of Therapeutic Communities (WFTC).
- European Federation of Therapeutic Communities (EFTC).
- International Council on Alcohol and Addictions (ICAA).
- Forum of Family Therapy Training Institutes of the European Family Therapy Federation (EFTA).
- Conference of NGOs in consultative status with the UN (CoNGO).
- Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (VNGOC).

I have the privilege to serve as:

- Vice President of the European Federation of Therapeutic Communities (EFTC).
  - Chair of the International Relations Committee and Chair of the Policies and Organizational Perspectives Committee of the World Federation of Therapeutic Communities (WFTC).
  - Member of the Board of Directors of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC) for Greece, Cyprus, Malta and Bulgaria.
  - Member of the Therapeutic Communities Journal's International Editorial Advisory Group.
  - Guest lecturer at the University of California San Diego (Department of Psychiatry), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (School of Law), Democritus University of Thrace (Department of Social Administration) and at the National School of Judges in Greece.
  - Scientific consultant of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
- Since 2001, I participated at most CND sessions in Vienna and at the UNGASS 2016 in New York.

I am also actively involved with VNGOC and its functions for the past decade.

On a more personal note, I have studied Philosophy and Psychology in the US and Canada, I am a composer, married and a father of four.

If I have the honor and privilege to be elected, I will do my best to represent our Committee with a strong and united voice, taking into consideration and bringing together ALL different points of view and perspectives.