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# EVOLUTIONARY MEDICINE

Democritus University of Thrace  
University of Zurich

Friday  
**24 April**  
2026  
**11:00 - 16:00**  
Amphitheater  
**School of Humanities**  
Komotini

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# Evolutionary Medicine MSc Presentation Day

Understanding health & disease through the lens of evolution

## Conference Program

**10:30 - 11:00** Registration

### Welcome Greetings

**11:00 - 11:10 Prof. Fotios Maris**

Rector, Democritus University of Thrace

**11:10 - 11:20 Prof. Marirena Grigoriou**

Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Student Affairs & Lifelong Learning, Democritus University of Thrace

**11:20 - 11:30 Prof. Efthymios Lampridis**

Dean, School of Humanities, Democritus University of Thrace.

### Session 1

**Chair: Prof. Konstantinos Zafeiris,**

Laboratory of Biological Anthropology, School of Humanities, Democritus University of Thrace.

**11:30 - 11:50** Joint Master program in Evolutionary Medicine, Democritus University of Thrace and University of Zurich

**Prof. Christina Papageorgopoulou**

Director Laboratory of Biological Anthropology, School of Humanities, Democritus University of Thrace.

**11:50 - 12:00** The Evolution of the Institute of Evolutionary Medicine

**Prof. Frank Rühli**

Dean Faculty of Medicine, University of Zurich, Director Institute of Evolutionary Medicine, University of Zurich.

**12:00 - 12:20** Biomedical imaging of ancient mummies: Impact and challenges

**Prof. Frank Rühli**

Dean Faculty of Medicine, University of Zurich, Director Institute of Evolutionary Medicine, University of Zurich.

**12:20 - 12:40** Approaches of the Evolutionary Morphology Group to musculoskeletal disorders  
**PD Dr. Martin Häusler**

Head Evolutionary Morphology Group, Scientific Head Human Remains Collection, Institute of Evolutionary Medicine, University of Zurich.

**12:40 - 13:00** Evolutionary approaches to the 'love hormone' and to neurodiversity

**Prof. Adrian Jäggi**

Head Human Ecology Group, Vice Director, Institute of Evolutionary Medicine, University of Zurich.

### 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break

### Session 2

**Chair: Prof. Aliko Fiska**

Director Laboratory of Anatomy, School of Medicine, Democritus University of Thrace.

**14:00 - 14:20** Evolutionary Medicine in the Archive: The Medical Science Collections at University of Zurich.

**Sabina Carraro**

Conservator-Restorer, Head of Medical and Human Remains Collections, Institute of Evolutionary Medicine, University of Zurich.

**14:20 - 14:40** Human remains as historical evidence: Perspectives from the Criminology Museum at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Medical School.

**Prof. Konstantinos Moraitis**

Head of Forensic Anthropology Unit, Director of Criminology Museum, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

**14:40 - 15:00** Ancient medical history in the service of evolutionary medicine: reappraisal of existing knowledge.

**Prof. Niki Papavramidou**, School of Medicine, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

**15:00 - 15:20** Medico-historical aspects of One Health: European health transition and susceptible populations.

**Ass. Professor Konstantinos Tsiamis**

Department of Public and One Health, University of Thessaly.

**15:20 - 15:40** Evolutionary Perspectives on Breastfeeding and Early-Life Nutrition.

**Dr. Elissavet Ganiatsou**

Laboratory of Biological Anthropology, School of Humanities, Democritus University of Thrace.

**15:40 - 16:00** Closing remarks



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