Dear

The development of of the Greek Scientists and entrepreneurs database from all over the world is an outcome of the discussion that had started in 2007 in Boston, USA, during the visit of Prof. Ioannis Tsoukalas, who was the General Secretariay of Research and Technology in Greece and now is a member of the European Parliament, as well asVice-chairman of a committee for Research and Technology. As a President and CEO of Patras Science Park (PSP) following the discussions of Boston, I have developed a pilot questionnaire to initiate the database..

The purpose of this initiative is strictly scientific and professional. The main and sole objective of this effect is to bring closer together Greek Scientists (from the academic and/or the research communities) and entrepreneurs from all over the world, that agree to actively participate in this exercise. There is not any political motivation behind this effort, and it will remain non- political. The information will be strictly confidential and **will not be released to anybody other than the PSP**.

The question is then what purpose another list of Greek scientists of diaspora, when in the past and even today there are number of such database lists, serves . The answer lies in the context of the questionnaire itself. As you can realize, the 10-page questionnaire provides a platform to build an interactive relationship among the involved parties. Indeed, a dynamic clustering or networking is scheduled to be developed within the next 18 months. In other words, the Database is not a simple list with only basic information of a scientist (academic, professional and residence). On a volunteer basis Part B, provides valuable information for many people to take advantage of them. For example: information about patents, spin-off schemes they have created or participating in, doctoral theses that have been completed under their supervision etc.

It should also be mentioned that participants will be invited for at least annual updates of their profiles.  Actually it will be OPEN SOURCE ONLY for those who decide to be part of the list. The real challenge for all the Greek scientists that live either in Greece or abroad is the perspective of such a dynamic Network. It remains an open question that will be answered only by those who decided to join many others that have responded so far **(UNCLEAR WHAT YOU MEAN)**.

I and my colleagues are at your disposal to discuss any questions and recommendations you may have.

Sincerely yours

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