κα. Μάρη Κουτσελλίνη
Πρόεδρος Φορέα
Διασφάλισης και Πιστοποίησης
της Ποιότητας της Ανώτερης Εκπαίδευσης
Υπουργείο Παιδείας και Πολιτισμού

Θέμα: Δεύτερη Αξιολόγηση του Προγράμματος Σπουδών με την Επωνυμία "Master of Business Administration with Shipping (12 months FT or/ 24 months PT, / 90 ECTS / Masters)" του Ιδρύματος Ανώτερης Εκπαίδευσης The Cyprus Institute of Marketing, Limassol

Αγαπητή κα. Κουτσελλίνη,

Σε συνέχεια της επιστολής σας με ημερομηνία 22 Ιουνίου 2017, σας υποβάλλουμε δια της παρούσης έκθεση τεκμηριώνοντας τις αλλαγές με πρόσθετα στοιχεία τα οποία έχουν κριθεί απαραίτητα για την πιστοποίηση του προγράμματος και την εύρυθμη λειτουργία του στο πλαίσιο των κριτηρίων διασφάλισης και πιστοποίησης της ποιότητας.

Είμαστε στη διάθεσή σας για τυχόν επιπρόσθετες πληροφορίες ή/και διευκρινίσεις.

Με εκτίμησήν π,

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Reply to the decision of the Cyprus Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education regarding the validation of CIM’s Master of Business Administration with Shipping (12 Months FT/24 Months PT), dated 13 June 2017

Dr Christos Hadjiyannis  
Director of Quality & Research

Dr Adamos Vlittis  
Academic Director, Limassol

Capt. Valentin Mavrinac  
Director of Shipping Studies & Programme Coordinator

Dr George Zachariades  
Director of Postgraduate Studies

Report approved by the Academic Committee and the Internal Quality Assurance Committee

Limassol, July 2017
Introduction

Our Institute would like to express its sincere gratitude towards the members of the Board of the Cyprus Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, who ratified their decision on its 19th meeting, on 13 June 2017.

Response to specific conditions required by the Board of the Cyprus QAA for Higher Education:

1. The programme should be adjusted so that it is of minimum of 13 months' duration (instead of 12 months' duration), a condition based on the relevant decision and announcement of the Board of the Agency

- We had never before been informed about the decision of the Cyprus QAA for Higher Education to extend the minimum duration of Master programmes to 13 months;
- Nevertheless, our Academic Committee has proceeded with all the necessary adjustments meaning that, as from 1 July 2017, all of our Master programmes have been extended to a minimum of 13 months' duration;
- Commencement date for the October intake is set as the first week of October and for the January intake, the second week of January;
- Completion date for the October intake is set as the first week of November of the following year and for the January intake, the second week of February of the following year;
- The programme specifications for all programmes concerned have been updated accordingly;
- Our website and publications/advertising material have been updated accordingly.
2. There is evidence of the need of enhancing the research activity of the Institute’s faculty based on the EEC’s comment 1.3.2.2 in their Report. In addition to this, we recommend the increase of academic staff with PhDs

- As detailed in the MBA with Shipping Accreditation Application, out of the 8 modules on the programme, 6 have as Module Leaders teaching personnel with a PhD. The percentage of teaching personnel having one qualification higher than that which they deliver is 75%; the remaining 2 Lecturers are in the final stages of their PhD programmes;

- Looking at the 6 modules that are currently active (i.e. that are being delivered at the moment), 5 out of 6 have as Module Leaders teaching personnel in possession of a PhD, making the percentage of teaching personnel having one qualification higher than that which they deliver 83%;

- In addition to the above, and prior to the QAA Board’s recommendation, we have, as part of our continuous efforts to better our academic programmes, to enhance our research activity, and continue to strive for academic excellence, we have recruited, as of 1 June 2017, two academics, one with considerable research output and experience and the other with a clear and provable potential for research excellent:

  i. Prof. Andreas Hadjis, formerly Dean of the Business School of European University Cyprus, has joined our management team as “Head of Research & Development”, with the primary objective to promote research collaboration and to lead a programme of research mentoring (see letter & CV attached).

  ii. Ms Myria Kkali, who has just completed her PhD at the University of Nottingham, and who joins our management team as “Director of Undergraduate Studies”, and whose job duties clearly include the undertake and promotion of research, including research collaborations (see letter & CV attached).

- In 2017, we increased our budget for research activity by more than 50% and many members of our faculty have taken the opportunity to present their research at international conferences. For example, see attached confirmation received only a couple of days ago for the acceptance of the paper submitted by Prof. Pete Mavrocdatos.

- Fanos Tekelas, a member of our Faculty, who has recently completed his PhD, has been appointed as of 10th July 2017 as a “Research Fellow” and received a significant grant from our Institute’s Research Committee in order work on his research in the field of Entrepreneurship and SMEs (see letter & CV attached).
- Our Institute is an academic partner of the University of West London and of London South Bank University. In January 2016, we organised in Cyprus an international research conference, jointly organised by our Institute, London South Bank University and British University of Egypt; this provided a platform for our faculty and postgraduate students to present work and to form collaborative research networks.

- As of January 2017, we have established a “Research Working Group” with the University of West London to explore possibilities of research collaboration between our Faculties; there is significant research activity underway (see attached letter).

- CIM is a member of more than 11 international organisations and forums which have as an objective that of promoting research collaboration – e.g. EURASHE, ACU, CABS, etc.

- CIM has signed more than 20 bilateral agreements with International Universities, including among them a research collaboration agreement through Erasmus + and otherwise.

- We are in the final stage of setting up a leading Research Centre for Management Sciences in Cyprus, in collaboration with overseas partners, especially from the Middle East. This Research Centre will follow the standards of world acclaimed Universities and will provide a platform for Research activity for CIM faculty but also for research collaboration within Cyprus and from abroad.

- We undertake to continue our efforts to enhance the research activity at CIM. As part of these efforts, we have institutionalized monthly research papers (open to all researchers) and work-in-progress seminars (closed to faculty); we have ‘writing clinics’ for faculty; we provide financial support (and reduce teaching/admin duties in these cases) to faculty engaged in research; and we provide administrative support to faculty engaged in research. Recipients of help from CIM in 2016-17 include Prof. Pete Mavrocordatos; Capt. Valentin Mavrinac; and Dr Maria Socratous, who’s applied for a British Academy of Management’s Grant with our support.

**Conclusion**

Based on the above, and with the attached supporting evidence in mind, we believe that we have conformed in full with additional requirements, and that we have implemented the conditions and recommendations of the Board of the QAA for Higher Education. We kindly ask the Board to confirm the accreditation of the above programme at the earliest convenient date, and remain at your disposal for any clarifications.
Names of personnel on the Panel that has produced the above Reply to the Report:

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to confirm that as of 1st July 2017, I Prof Andreas Hadjis, have assumed the role of "Head of Development & Research" at The Cyprus Institute of Marketing, Nicosia/Limassol.

The main duties of my role are:

➢ Promote Research Collaboration within the Institute and with the partners of the Institute
➢ Enhance research activity through my own personal experience as a researcher and organise research seminars/conferences
➢ Represent the Institute at International Forums
➢ Organise a Research Forum for CIM Faculty and Postgraduate Students
➢ Publish a CIM Academic Journal and setup a CIM Academic Research Website/Blog

Signed Today

Prof Andreas Hadjis
Curriculum Vitae

Name: Andreas Hadjis
Address: Office: Diogenes St. Engomi, P.O.Box 22006, 1516, Nicosia
Home: Ypatias 3, Apartment 42, Lykavitos, Nicosia
Telephone: Office: +357 22/713128
Home: +357 99/540759
Fax: +357 22/590539
E-mail: andreas@cima.ac.cy
Personal: Birthday: 23.09.47

Education:
Undergraduate work:
1972, B.Sc. in Physics and Mathematics, Athens University,
1990, Diploma in Marketing, Chartered Institute of
Marketing, UK,
Graduate work:
1991, MBA Degree, University of Sheffield, UK,
1995, PhD, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland,
Post- doctoral work:
1994-1996, Postdoctoral Research, University of St.Gallen,
(Research Fellow)

Languages:
1. English, fluent
2. German, fluent
3. Greek, fluent
4. French, proficient

Academic Positions Held:
1. 1989-1996, City University, Zurich, Frankfurt, Senior
   Lecturer in Organization, Marketing and Strategic
   Management, MBA level.
2. 1994-1996, Institute of Management, University of
   St.Gallen, Senior Research Associate in Systems
   Methodology, St.Gallen, Switzerland.
3. 1992-1997, WIFI, Dornbirn, Austria, Course
   Development, Lecturing, Middle and Senior
   Management training in Marketing Management und
   Marketing Logistics
4. 1996-2000, University of Applied Sciences Vorarlberg
   (Fachhochschule), Austria, Professor for Process
   Management and Business Reengineering as Core
   Competencies, School of Process and Project
   Management.
5. 1997-2002, Strathclyde University MBA-Program
   (St.Gallen, Zurich, Switzerland), Senior Lecturer in
   Operations and Operations Management.
6. 2000 up to day, Associate Professor of Management with
   specialization in Strategic Management.
7. 2001, Adjunct Professor, Strategic Management of Information Systems, Arkansas University MBA, Fall 2001
11. 2011, promoted to the rank of full Professor.
12. 2017 up to day, Head of Development & Research, The Cyprus Institute of Marketing

Administrative Academic Duties/Positions.

1. 1997-2000, University of Applied Sciences Vorarlberg (Fachhochschule), Austria, Director of Program Business Process and Project Management, responsible for all budgets, more than 30 Lecturers, Project teams and 300 Students.
2. 2000 up to 2002, Head of Business Department, Cyprus College.
3. 2001-2006, ERASMUS Institutional Coordinator, Cyprus College.
5. Editor/Assessor American Marketing Association.
6. Editor/Assessor, Decision Sciences Journal
7. 2017, Head of the establishment of the CIM Research Centre

Industry Positions Held

3. LEANCOR LTD, General Manager, (Company owned by A.Hadjis and C. Damtsas)

Applied Research

4. 1995-1996, PICO, Project Inventory and Controlling, Swiss Bank Corporation, Basle Switzerland, Senior Consultant in INTRASOFT INTERNATIONAL.

Areas of Concentration/ Research Interests:


Professional Associations, Academic Societies.

1. 1994-2011, GWS (Gesellschaft fuer Wirtschaft und Sozialkybernetic), Society for Economic and Social Cybernetics (member).
2. 1994-2011, System Dynamics Society (member)
3. Chartered Institute of Marketing (Chartered Marketer)
4. 1995-1999, Project Management Austria (member)
5. European Marketing and Management Association, (member)

Funding (grants, contracts)

1. 1993-1994, Swiss Bank Corporation, SFr. 60000, Computerized Project Controlling and Management Information System
2. 1994-1996, University of St.Gallen Research Fund, SFr.150.000, Planning Models, Integration of PIMS and System Dynamics
4. 1998-2000, German Society of Project Management, D.M. 10000, New Ways in Project Management,
6. 2007-2010, European University Cyprus, Stages of Strategic Management Development of Listed Companies, funded by Bank of Cyprus
Basic Research

**Doctoral Dissertation:** 1. 1994, Composite Models in Strategy Development, University of St. Gallen,

**Books Edited, Written or Translated (written books, chapters in books)**


**Monographs/Chapters in Books**

6. 2000, System Dynamics as Innovation in Project-Management: How to master Dynamics of the Project Environment, Deutsches Projektmanagement Forum

**Refereed Journal Papers – in print or submitted for publication (indicative)**

Invited papers, speeches

1. 1999, Quick Respond Programs: A new Competitive Weapon after the Liberalization of Electricity Supply in Vorarlberg, Austria, Wirtschafts Forum (Economic Forum), University of Applied Sciences Liechtenstein.


5. 1999, Measuring Market Success, Kaderschule, St. Gallen Switzerland, for Strathclyde MBA Students.


8. 2002, The 6 sigma approach, Master’s Seminar, for Strathclyde University MBA program, Swiss Campus.

Refereed Conference Proceedings


Administrative Projects managed for

(a) University of St. Gallen

1. Development of System Dynamics Team and Industry network.

2. Curricula development for teaching System Dynamics

3. Organization of International Conferences in Systems Thinking.

4. Development of System Dynamics Doctoral Seminar
(b) University of Applied Sciences Vorarlberg:
1. Development of Program Business Process and Project Management
2. Core and support processes in the FH (Fachhochschule).
3. Organizational Development in the FH.
4. Quality Management in the FH.
7. Development and Accreditation of Masters Program „Integrated Product Development“.
8. Development and Accreditation of Executive Study Masters Program “International Management Studies”.
9. Pilot Project Distance Learning, development of the Module Project Management with Open University UK
10. Pilot Project Distance Studies in Law (video-conferencing) with the University of Linz Austria and Open University UK

(c) Graduate Business School St. Gallen
1. 1999-2000, Development of Module Operations and Operations Management for the Swiss Masters programs,

(d) University of Applied Sciences Liechtenstein
1. 2000-2003, Development and Teaching of Seminar Strategic Management of Information Systems,

(e) Cyprus College and EUC, 2000-2003
1. Re-examination and Proposal for Research activities
2. Development of Bachelor’s’ Study Programs for Registration and Accreditation.
3. Re-examination and proposal for the Faculty self-evaluation system
4. Proposal and Implementation of a new Grading Policy
5. Organisation of participation in Socrates/Erasmus program
6. Organization of internal training seminars (Effective Lecturing)
7. Introduction of ECTS.
8. Development of a Doctorate Program
9. Development of the MBA Program (accreditation)
10. Development of new courses (Supply Chain, Ethics and Society).
11. Development of a PhD program.

Advisory (students supervised, theses directed etc)
Advisor to more than 1700 students in Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Cyprus. Theses directed
more than 200 (in above countries) at Bachelors, Masters and Postgraduate level

Teaching (selected seminars designed, courses taught)
1. 1996, Seminar on Process and Project Management for Jacobs Suchard, Switzerland
2. 1997, Seminar for Masters Students on Strategic Management of Information Systems, University of Applied Sciences in Liechtenstein
3. 1998, Seminar on Project Management, Productivity Center, Vorarlberg Austria
5. 1989-2011, Hundreds of hours of teaching, in Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Cyprus, at undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate level in various Management Fields (see Working experience)

Extra Curricular Activities: Management Consultant.

References:

a. Prof. P. Gomez, Rector, University of St. Gallen.
b. Prof. M. Schwaninger, Institute of Management, University of St.Gallen.
c. Prof. L. Leonidou, School of Business and Public Administration, University of Cyprus
d. Mr. Uranios Joannides
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to confirm that as of 1st July 2017, I Ms Myria Kkali, have assumed the role of “Director of Undergraduate Studies” at The Cyprus Institute of Marketing, Nicosia/Limassol.

The main duties of my role are:

➢ Coordinate the Undergraduate programmes of the Institute
➢ Supervise the Faculty of the Undergraduate programmes
➢ Promote Research Collaboration within the Institute and with the partners of the Institute
➢ Enhance research activity through my own personal experience as a researcher and organise research seminars/conferences
➢ Represent the Institute at International Forums
➢ Provide lecturing where so required

Signed Today

Myria Kkali
Curriculum Vitae
MYRIA KKALIS
myria@cima.ac.cy

EDUCATION

Sept 2012 - Current
The University of Nottingham, Nottingham University of Business School, UK
PhD Marketing (Funded by Graduate Teaching Assistant PhD Scholarship)
- Supervised by Professor Andrew Smith and Dr Robert Cluley (Complete Viva Voice on 24/05/17, expected to graduate December 2017)
- Title: Sensemaking in a data-based marketing setting: an investigation into marketers' meaning-creation in a data world
- This study concentrated on the sensemaking processes of marketers in data-based marketing roles. The study identified identity characteristics of marketing professionals that enable and hinder sensemaking and shared meaning creation in data-driven environments. The implications of such identities on data interpretation were also explored. The study also illuminated the social aspect of sensemaking in data analysis and interpretation whilst also emphasising the importance of supportive practices in the workplace. Lastly, the study presented routines as vital to data-based marketing tasks, as preserving practices that enable stability through which marketers can tackle the uncertainty and ambiguity that comes with data analytics.
- PhD Taught modules: Research Design and Philosophy, Development of Management Research, Qualitative methods and Further Qualitative Research.

Sept 2012 – Sept 2016
The University of Nottingham Graduate School Short courses, UK
- ILTP Teaching Qualification
- Small Group Teaching
- Research Interview Skills
- Marking and Assessment
- NVivo Training (QDA computer software package)
- Academic Writing: Achieving clarity
- Essential information skills for new researchers in Business
- Keeping up to date with new research in the Social Sciences
- Endnote introduction for referencing and citing

Oct 2011 – June 2012
Professional Seminars, Cyprus
- "Sales During an Economic Crisis", Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- "Social Media Marketing", Knowledge Training
- "Persuasion Skills in Sales", Knowledge Training

Sept 2009 - Sept 2010
The University of Nottingham, Nottingham University of Business School, UK
MA Marketing (Awarded Mark: Distinction)
- Main modules: Marketing Management, Consumer Behaviour, International Marketing, New Product and Service Development, Qualitative Research
Methods, Marketing Theory and Product Market Strategies.
- Dissertation topic: "The Power of the Tribe and Advertisement Avoidance in Online Communities".

Sept 2006- July 2009 The University of Nottingham, Nottingham University of Business School, UK
BA (Hons) Management Studies (2:1)

Sept 2004 – June 2006 The Grammar School, Nicosia, Cyprus
- School Leaving Certificate: 90%
- LCCI Book Keeping: Higher Examination (Distinction)
- GCE A’ Level: Greek (A), Accounting (B) and Politics (C)

PUBLICATIONS

Sept 2015 Exploring the Organisational Cross-Functional Processes in Transforming Customer Data into Marketing Strategy
- Paper published in the Conference Proceedings from the 2015 British Academy of Management Conference, hosted by the University of Portsmouth.

CONFERENCES

Sept 2015 Exploring the Organisational Cross-Functional Processes in Transforming Customer Data into Marketing Strategy
- Paper presented at the 2015 British Academy of Management Conference, hosted by the University of Portsmouth.

TEACHING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

June 2017- Current Lecturer in Marketing, Cyprus Institute of Marketing
- Expected to begin teaching in October 2017 in the following modules: Research Methods, Behavioural Studies, Global Marketing, Principles of Marketing and Consumer Behaviour.

June 2013 Received ILTP (Intensive Learning and Teaching Programme) certificate at the University of Nottingham

Sept 2012- June 2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Marketing Department, Nottingham University of Business School
- Small group teachings in marketing modules to assist students comprehend and digest the material taught during lectures using case studies.
- Had the opportunity to give a lecture to a large audience (400 students) about Social Marketing. The lecture took place in a large lecture theatre which demands the presenter to move around the front of the room and be as vibrant as possible
to keep the audience's attention.

- Co-creative process in teaching obligations: Assisting in seminar design together with module conveyors and other teaching assistants. This includes topic design and slide preparation.
- Providing feedback to module conveyors after the completion of seminar/tutorial sessions and discuss possible alterations to improve teaching and learning method.
- Modules taught: Managing the Marketing Mix, Introduction to Marketing, Marketing and Society, Marketing Strategy

WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2017- Current  
**Director of Undergraduate Studies, Cyprus Institute of Marketing, Cyprus**

- Coordinating the Undergraduate programmes of the Institute
- Supervising the Faculty of the Undergraduate programmes
- Promoting Research Collaboration within the Institute and with the partners of the Institute
- Enhancing research activity through my own personal experience as a researcher and organising research seminars/conferences
- Representing the Institute at International Forums
- Providing lecturing where so required

**Media Sales Coordinator, Nottingham Trent Students’ Union, UK**

- Coordinated and drove all commercial media sales within the Students’ Union, maximising sales and ensuring that agreed targets were met throughout the year.
- Met with clients and developed advertising and sponsorship packages to meet their requirements.
- Maintained up to date clientele databases and sourced new clients.
- Administered the accounts of advertising clients, ensured excellent customer service by maintaining communication with clients and ensuring client satisfaction post-publication/ activity.
- Developed a short and long term sales strategy
- Coordinated and drove Students’ Union media sales including stall space at the Freshers' Fairs and Housing Fairs; advertising in Students' Union publications and digital channels; on-site brand engagement activities; sponsorship of activities and main events such as the Nottingham Varsities Series and Graduation Balls; Customer relationship management.
- Collaborated with large UK national and international corporations such as eBay, Amazon, Spotify, Asos, Etsy, The Co-operative, Endsleigh Insurance and Dominos.

Sept 2011 – Sept 2012  
**Sales Executive, Radio ASTRA 92.8 (Radiostage Co. Ltd), Cyprus**

- Generating income for the radio station from advertising sales and sponsorships.
- Account management and new customer recruitment
- Managing online advertising for both the company and customers.
- Assisting in planning and promotion of large-scale events and implementing through them the company’s marketing policy.
• Monitoring industry trends, media ratings and translating it to useful information.

July 2008 – Aug 2008  
**Summer Intern in Marketing Department, KPMG Nicosia, Cyprus**  
Assisted in the day-to-day tasks of the marketing department  
• Provided assistance by sharing my ideas in the development of an advertising campaign and various corporate events, which helped me improve my innovation and creativity skills as well as my written communication skills.

June 2007- Aug 2007  
**Summer training in Marketing Research, David Salon Services Ltd, Cyprus**  
• Individually carried out Market research for induction of new products in the market, and analysed whether it would be profitable for the company to add these products to its list of retail products.  
• Assisted in inventory management procedures.  
• Assisted in preparing a presentation for launching a new range of hair products to salons across Cyprus.

**SKILLS**

• Small group teaching and mentoring  
• Excellent communication skills  
• Problem-solving skills  
• Working effectively on tight schedules  
• Multitasking while coordinating and prioritising tasks  
• Team working/ leading skills  
• Presentation skills using PowerPoint Presentations

**QUALIFICATIONS**

• ILTP (Intensive Learning and Teaching Programme)  
• NVivo QDA  
• Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)  
• Microsoft Windows and Macintosh Operating System  
• Computer designing using creative suits – Adobe  
• Languages: English (fluent), Greek (native)

**REFERENCES**

**Professor Andrew Smith (PhD Supervisor)**  
Marketing Division, Nottingham University Business School  
The University of Nottingham  
Nottingham  
NG8 1BB

**Dr Sally McKechnie**  
Marketing Division, Nottingham University Business School  
The University of Nottingham  
Nottingham  
NG8 1BB
June 29, 2017

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Cyprus Institute of Marketing (CIMA), Dep. Of Economics
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Stan Stascinsky
Tarrant County College, Dep. Of Mathematics
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Number: IAC201711009

Subject: The invitation letter to the IAC-MEBM 2017 held in Austria

Dear Authors,

Based on the decision of the conference chair, your proposal entitled “A Statistical and Historical Analysis of India’s Economy” has been accepted for oral presentation at the International Academic Conference on Management, Economics, Business and Marketing in Vienna 2017 (IAC-MEBM in Vienna 2017), which will be held in Vienna, Austria, on November 24 - 25, 2017 and publication in the “Proceedings of IAC in Vienna 2017”, ISBN 978-80-88203-04-9.

Conference organized by the Czech Institute of Academic Education z.s. and Czech Technical University in Prague.

Please use your reference number listed above in all future correspondence.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Cordially,

Radek Kratochvíl, Ph.D.
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to confirm that Mr Fanos Tekelas, previously a part-time member of the Faculty at The Cyprus Institute of Marketing, Nicosia/Limassol, has been appointed as of 10th July as a “Research Fellow” and have received a grant from the Institute in order to enable me to pursue further research on my area of expertise. My research expertise lies on SME, retailing, strategy and recession.

Moreover, as part of my duties I will:

- Promote Research Collaboration within the Institute and with the partners of the Institute
- Enhance research activity through my own personal experience as a researcher and organise research seminars/conferences
- Represent the Institute at International Forums
- Provide lecturing where so required

Signed Today

[Signature]

Fanos Tekelas
Fanos Tekelas

Curriculum Vitae

RESEARCH

My principal research interests focus on the retail environment in Cyprus with special reference to fashion retail SMEs and their strategic orientation. I am currently completing my doctoral research project on fashion retail SMEs under uncertainty.

Future research plans focus on the comparison of the strategic orientation of retailers between different countries as well as in other sectors in Cyprus and UK. My research and teaching interests focus on retailing, entrepreneurship and strategic management during recession.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Profession: Research Fellow and Lecturer
Current Position: Research Fellow and Lecturer of The Cyprus Institute of Marketing
Telephone: 00357 96484977
Email: fanos@cima.ac.cy

EDUCATION

2013- Present (Due in August 2017) PhD “SME Strategic Responses to Recession: An Examination of the Cypriot Fashion Retail Sector coping with post-credit crunch crisis”
University of Central Lancashire, Lancashire Business School, UK

   Supervision team: Professor Philip Whyman (UCLan UK)
   Professor Panikkos Poutziouris (UCLan Cyprus)
   Dr Constantinos Theodoridis (Manchester Metropolitan University)

- Follows a phenomenological approach with an excessive use of multiple case studies.
- Research instruments used include survey questionnaire and semi-structured interviews.
- Publications in progress.

2013-2014 Master of Philosophy (MPhil) – Pass, University of Central Lancashire, UK

2011-2012 Master of Business Administration (MBA) – Merit (68%), University of Sunderland
Dissertation: “SMEs’ strategic responses during the latest recession in the UK”

2008-2011 BA(Hons) Business and Management – 2:1, University of Sunderland
Dissertation: “Business Link and the Services it provides”

SKILLS

Languages: Greek (mother tongue), English (Fluent), Russian (Basics), Italian (Basics), Czech-Slovak (Basics)
IT Skills: Microsoft Office, SPSS
Turnitin UK: Excellent knowledge of Turnitin UK marking process.
Professional Appointments

ACADEMIC

2017-Present
Research Fellow, Cyprus Institute of Marketing
Appointed lecturer of the University of West London

Research Duties:
- Promoting Research Collaboration within the Institute and with its partners
- Organizing research seminars/conferences
- Representing the Institute at international forums

Teaching duties:
- **Business Research Project – University of West London module (Nicosia and Limassol Campus)**
  Supervision of 9 University of West London undergraduate business research projects.
  - Preparation of lecturing materials, guidance to students and assisting students on identifying case studies and research participants. Completion of research proposal and final dissertation.
- **Consumer Behavior – University of West London module (Nicosia Campus)**
  - Preparation of lecturing materials and assignments. Delivering lectures and providing guidance to students. Presenting professionals in order to transfer practical examples of consumer behavior to students. Marking assignments and offering feedback to students.
  - Second Marking for Consumer Behavior module at Limassol Campus.

2016-2017:
Lecturer, Business School, Cyprus Institute of Marketing
Appointed lecturer of the University of West London

Key modules and Responsibilities:
- **Business Research Project – University of West London module (Nicosia Campus)**
  Supervision of 9 University of West London undergraduate business research projects.
  - Preparation of lecturing materials, guidance to students and assisting students on identifying case studies and research participants. Completion of research proposal and final dissertation.
- **Business Research Project-University of West London module (Limassol Campus)**
  Second Marking of 10 University of West London undergraduate business research projects. Responsible for research proposal and final dissertation second marking.
- **Consumer Behavior – University of West London module (Nicosia Campus)**
  - Preparation of lecturing materials and assignments. Delivering lectures and providing guidance to students. Presenting professionals in order to transfer practical examples of consumer behavior to students. Marking assignments and offering feedback to students.
  - Second Marking for Consumer Behavior module at Limassol Campus.

2013-2015
Tutor to PhD students - University of Central Lancashire Cyprus

- Support first and second year PhD students throughout their doctoral degree.
- Offer seminars to give support and advices for best practice.
INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

May 2013-November 2014  Beverage Supervisor  Callisto Holiday Village  Nissi Avenue  Ayia Napa  5343  Cyprus

May 2012- November 2012  Barista  Café Nero  168-170 Friargate  Preston  Lancashire, PR1 2EJ  UK

May 2012- October 2012  Beverage Supervisor  East Z East Restaurant  19 Church Street  Preston  Lancashire, PR1 3BQ  UK

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Regional Studies Association (2013-Present)
- Lancashire Institute for Economic and Business Research (LIEBR) (2013-Present)
- Centre for Entrepreneurial Development- Alliance-Research (CEDAR) (2013-Present)
- Professional Trainer for Businesses by the Human Resource Development Authority of Cyprus (Pending)
- Professional member of the Tourist Trade Industrial Company Famagusta (TEBEA) (2014-Present)

CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS


CONFERENCES/COURSES

- **October 2013 Seminar** - “Fashion Retail SMEs strategic planning during the latest recession”. Oral presentation at UCLan Cyprus.

- **September 2013 Seminar** - “The PhD Journey: What you should know and what to avoid”. Oral presentation at UCLan Cyprus to PhD students and PhD supervisors.

- **July 2013 Symposium** - Research conducted by UCLan Cyprus Research Team in collaboration with TEBEA. Presentation of findings regarding “All Inclusive Hotels’ Effectiveness” at Aeneas Hotel.
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Re: Research Collaboration with the Cyprus Institute of Marketing  

Dear Mr Hadjiyannis,  

I am writing to affirm our support for the initiative to develop a research collaboration between academics of our two institutions. Thank you also for sending us a list of your academic colleagues and their research interest. We have mapped this to the research interest and expertise at the Business School and also within other departments of the University, and have identified a good number of compatible interests.

I enclose a copy of the University of West London's research journal. Research academics at the Cyprus Institute of Marketing are welcome to submit papers for this journal publication. We also hold a Research Conference each year and here too we warmly welcome participation from colleagues at CIM.

We look forward to convening a research symposium with CIM on collaborative research projects.

With Kind Regards,

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