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**From the President of Nicosia Lefkothea
Demetris Pantazis**

Global Grant Project GG 1752716.

Establishing a Cellular Biomarker Detection Unit in the Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Centre of Karaiskakio Foundation in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Dear Fellow Rotarians

This is a special issue of our bulletin to inform you of the successful completion of the audit of our Karaiskakio Foundation project.

I thought it appropriate to share with you our delight and satisfaction and to record this milestone event

During the past week we had with us, to audit the project,

Dr Michael Fernando FRCPCH
Consultant Paediatrician, Yeovil District Hospital, U.K.
Member of the Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisors
District Governor Nominee, District 1200

who is a member of the Cadre team of Rotary Foundation.
The role and structure of Cadre is explained separately in this bulletin.

The programme of the visit included the audit of the use and disbursement of the project funds, the transparency of the procedures adopted in procurement of the equipment, the onsite visit of the project, the assessment of its operational capabilities and the results achieved so far. The assessment also includes the

sustainability of the project which is guaranteed by the mere existence of the KF.

Meetings were initiated with the project committee (Iacovos Constantinides PP, PDDG, Panicos Nicolaides PP and Demetris Pantazis P) who had the primary responsibility for the management and implementation of the project. The meetings were also attended by Christina Covotsou PDG 17-18, DRFC, and Popi Kanari PP, Chairperson of Karaiskakio Foundation.

The work of the committee as well as the financial records of the project were presented to the auditor and it is pertinent to thank our treasurer Akis Papachristodoulou for the excellent work done in collaboration with his opposite number in KF.

During the onsite visit the auditor was briefed fully on the operational aspects of the KF diagnostic centre as well as its interaction with the stakeholders. The briefing was given Dr. Pavlos Costeas the CEO of the KF. Until now approximately 132 children have been helped from the work done for cancer diagnostics, by the Centre.

Although we are not privileged with a copy of his report, from the verbal debrief at the end of his inspection we conclude the following

- a. The KF and the CCDC project is world class
- b. The project was delivered within budget and on time
- c. All the requirements of RF for transparency have been met.
- d. The financial records were in line with requirements

Some extracts from Michael's emails

Dear Demetris, Iacovos and Christina,

Thank you so much for allowing me to visit your amazing project in Cyprus (establishing a Cellular Biomarker Detection Unit in the Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Centre in Nicosia, Cyprus). This state-of-the art facility will serve the needs of children in the entire island of Cyprus and beyond, transcending political and social barriers.

From: Michael Fernando <michael@hungryplanet.com>

Date: Friday, 7 February 2020 at 10:43

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Subject: Re: Global Grant GG1752716, - To support the establishment of a laboratory center specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric cancer

Dear Demetris and colleagues,

Thank you for allowing me to come and visit your inspirational project to help children with cancer get targeted treatment. I was most impressed with the efficiency and effectiveness with which the project was implemented, on budget and in a timely manner. The justifiable pride Rotarians in Cyprus, and beyond, show with regard to this project is obvious and your actions are a credit to the spirit of Rotary.

With best wishes,
Michael

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On 05/02/2020, 17:41, "Michael Fernando" <michael@hungryplanet.com> wrote:

Thanks, Christina for the great photos!

I was wonderful to meet you and thank you for the opportunity to have visited such a remarkable project.

Warm wishes,
Michael

The following article was written by Michael Fernando to explain the role of Cadre.

The Cadre

Many people ask me, 'What is the Cadre'. The Cadre (within Rotary) is a group of volunteer Rotarians, numbering around 700 from over the world. They have expertise in one or more of the Six Areas of Focus, or in Financial Auditing. The full name of the Cadre is the Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers (a mouthful; the name is under review). Members provide advisory and/or monitoring services for Rotary Global Grants.

The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers strengthens the impact of the Rotary Foundation's grants by safeguarding Foundation funds (i.e. your charitable funds) and assisting Rotarians in planning projects.

Cadre Members can wear one (or both) of two hats; an advisory one (helping Rotarians with projects and grant applications) and an evaluation one (making sure that Foundation funds are spent effectively).

When Cadre Members act as Advisers, they offer grant application guidance and assistance with:

- Community Assessments (new requirements: 1 July 2018)
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Rotary Grant Model
- Sustainability

When Cadre Members act as Evaluators (Quality Assurance), they assess projects in a paper format, or onsite. When an onsite visit takes place, Cadre Members spend three days meeting with Rotarian Grant Sponsors, Community Members, Partnering Organisations. They observe Project Implementation, review Rotarian Participation and Financial Management and share knowledge, best practice, as well as offering assistance.

If you would like to learn more, or request assistance with Rotary Global Grants, please email cadre@rotary.org

-Many thanks to Christian Pepera (Senior Cadre Supervisor) for the material in this article.

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Photos from the visit of Dr. Michael Fernando



Christina Covotsou, Iacovos Constantinides, Michael Fernando, Dr. Popi Kanari, Dr Pavlos Costeas, Demetris Pantazis, Panicos Nicolaides



Dr Popi Kanari Chairperson KF and Dr. Pavlos Costeas CEO KF at the Rotary Laboratory. All the clubs and Donors are listed as shown



The Cellular biomarker detection unit



Demetris, Iacovos, Michael and Popi at the KF



The 'pinning' of Dr Michael Fernando by Christina Covotsou PDG 17-18



Selfie by Christina. Iacovos, Michael and Demetris in the back row at the Archbishopric, Nicosia – The playground of Iacovos when he was a kid!!!



Taken at Murphy's pub in the evening of 6th February. The following were present

RC Nicosia Salamis

Anna Hjimarkou – President

Litsa Aresti – Executive Secretary, PP, PDDG

RC Nicosia Aspelia

Farid Merbagheri – President

RC Kyrenia

Kypros Zantis – President

RC Nicosia Lefkothea

Demetris Pantazis – President

George Psimolophites – PP, DDG

Iacovos Constantinides – PP, PDDG

Emilios Tannousis – PP, PAG

Panicos Nicolaidis – PP

Popi Kanari PP and Chairperson of KF

Sotos Iacovides – Rotarian

George Theocharides – Rotarian, Director Community Service

Anastasia Orphanou – Rotarian

Vasilis Polemitis – Rotarian

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TO THE DINNER.

Next Steps

The next step is to submit formally the final report to Daniel Weyl (regional Grants officer) and to get his official approval.

Thanks to the initiative of the team a surplus amount of 29.000 euros arising from exchange rate differences and savings in costs will not be returned to the RF as per normal practice but it will be donated to KF to spend on materials required to

further support the operation of the Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Centre. The approval for this disbursement of funds has already been received.

In conclusion, this project is a clear demonstration of the results of cooperation between the Cyprus Rotary clubs and what can be achieved.
The biggest Rotary Project in Cyprus is a reality and as it has been stated by Dr Fernando

'This state-of-the art facility will serve the needs of children in the entire island of Cyprus and beyond, transcending political and social barriers.

It is appropriate to acknowledge the contribution of all the members of the team however special mention must be made to Iacovos Constantinides PDDG of Nicosia Lefkothea and Dr. Pavlos Costeas CEO of the KF for their excellent and dedicated work and cooperation, in seeing this project to fruition.

A Rotary Project that we shall all be proud of for years to come.

Special acknowledgement is due to Daniel Weyl of RF for his continuous guidance and mentorship as well as his generous approach in the utilisation of the project surplus funds.

Our thanks also to our International partner club [Aquileia-Cervignano-Palmanova](#) for their support and presence at the inauguration of the project.

On a personal note I wish to pay tribute to Zenon Mouskas, a good friend who has recently passed away because of cancer, for his generous personal contribution but also for his immediate and unreserved response to help.

A list of all the clubs and donors to the project is on the next page.

A BIG THANKS TO EACH AND EVERYONE

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Limassol Kourion
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Nicosia Salamis
Nicosia Sarayonou
Paphos Aphrodite
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