

VISIT OF THE AMBASSADOR OF US IN CYPRUS

In October we were delighted to welcome the Ambassador of US in Cyprus H.E. Ms Judith Garber to IDEA Innovation Center and at the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation, along with her Public Affairs Officer and delegation. Upon a briefing on our goals and achievements, the Ambassador met some of our startups. A tour followed to our Cultural Foundation, introducing her to our Museum and treasures of Cypriot and Greek History. We were impressed by the Ambassador's genuine interest in innovation and culture as well.



INNOVISION ECOSYSTEM AWARDS



Participating in the InnoVision Ecosystem Awards, gave us the opportunity to introduce the outstanding achievement of one of our startups. We had also made a video, sending a warm 'hi' to the ecosystem and our positive energy to Israel and to all the participants of this global event!

TOWARDS COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE COMMUNITY

We were delighted to participate to the Towards Collaborative Practice Community Forum which "travelled" in Cyprus! The Youth Board of Cyprus hosted the event and we had the opportunity to see good examples of businesses and organizations in the framework of social entrepreneurship.



INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA, RESEARCH CENTERS, GOVERNMENT & BUSINESSWORLD

Strong messages were heard during the workshop organized by the Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry & Tourism and the Research Innovation Foundation: Industry, Academia, Research Centers, Government & Businessworld need to work together and focus on commercialisation, in order to have real impact on the economy and prove to our European counterparts that we can deliver! In this workshop, our six centers of excellence were presented, looking for synergies in producing new, high added-value products for a viable, competitive and extroverted industry.



VISIT OF POLISH EXPERTS



We were delighted to welcome the group of Polish experts during their 2-day study visit to Cyprus at IDEA Innovation Center and at the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation, with Ms Ewelina Iwanek, President of the board of Polska Fundacja Ośrodków Wspomagania Rozwoju Gospodarczego "OIC Poland" Foundation. We had the opportunity to exchange views, exchange knowledge and discuss synergies. Great thanks to Eurosuccess Consulting and Giorgos Giorgakis for this initiative.

PARTNERSHIP WITH POWERSOFT COMPUTER SOLUTIONS

We welcomed another practical participation and support to the startups of IDEA Innovation Center by PowerSoft Computer Solutions Ltd! Powersoft, recognizing the important work done by IDEA Innovation Center and Bank of Cyprus, offers free software which will have Accounting, Stock control / Business itemized management & CRM and free training in all IDEA startups. This clearly demonstrates the company's determination to make a significant contribution to the push of Innovation in our country. Delighted for Powersoft's generous offer that dynamically strengthens and supports the startup ecosystem, giving them the privilege of enjoying a free service upgrade.



CYPRUS ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION 2020

Great to watch these brilliant minds-aspiring entrepreneurs, presenting their ideas and vision to us. Our role is to always embrace their enthusiasm and hard work, to bring their ideas to life and eventually to the real economy of Cyprus. Great to collaborate for the Cyprus Entrepreneurship Competition, an excellent initiative of the Centre for Entrepreneurship - C4E, University of Cyprus and other valuable partners-friends of the sector.



And as a jury member

IDEA participated in the Jury panel for the Finals. In the 5th Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum - The Challenge of AI on December we discussed the challenges, implications, and opportunities that arise for societies, economies and governments from recent advances in Artificial Intelligence.

PAPHOS INNOVATION INSTITUTE

It was so great to see such a bold advancement in the innovation scene at Paphos! We welcome the Pafos Innovation Institute and we congratulate Pafos Municipality and IDC Herzliya - International School for this great addition for both our countries.



IDEA NEW CALL 6TH CYCLE



We are delighted to announce that we accept applications for the 6th cycle for new Startups: Do you have an innovative idea and the commitment to create your own #startup company? Then join our Awarded on a European level, Innovation Centre and let's turn in together into a business!

SOUTH EUROPE STARTUP AWARDS

Great news! IDEA is the regional finalist in South Europe Startup Awards #SESA2020 in the category **"Best Accelerator or Incubator Program"**, competing with organisations from Greece, Portugal and Spain.

