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About 100 students, scientists, researchers, media representatives and the general public attended this Open Forum. The STSM/YR Coordinator of the Action BM0806 **Dr. E. Zampeli** also attended the meeting. The event was advertised through the websites of the NHRF ([www.eie.gr/news-en.html](http://www.eie.gr/news-en.html)) and the University of Athens ([www.uoa.gr/uoagr/uoaindex.htm](http://www.uoa.gr/uoagr/uoaindex.htm)) and it was broadcasted live (<rtsp://vod.ekt.gr/broadcast/eiecost.rm>). COST promotional material and reprints of joint publications of BM0806 members were available to all participants. A warm welcome was addressed by **Prof. D. Kyriakidis** (Director of the National Hellenic Research Foundation & BM0806 MC member) and by **Prof. Z. Papadopoulou-Daifoti** (Head of the Department of Pharmacology, Medical School, University of Athens).

In the introductory talk on 'MATERIALISATION OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH POLICY—DIFFICULTIES IN GREEK RESEARCH', **Prof. D. Kyriakidis** focused on the Science, Technology and Competitiveness key figures report 2008/2009 (EUR 23608). He emphasized that EU will meet the needs and the challenges for competitive research, science and technology, within and beyond the European Research Area, by relying on inter-governmental networking structures such as COST.

The Senior Science Officer **Dr. K. Kostelidou** gave an excellent and attractive description of 'COST-A FAST AND FLEXIBLE MECHANISM TO FUND SCIENTIFIC NETWORKING IN EUROPE AND BEYOND'. This was complemented by a comprehensive presentation of BM0806 by the Action Chair **Dr. E. Tiligada** in her talk on 'NEW DRUG TARGETS IN INFLAMMATORY DISORDERS: FROM BED TO BEDSIDE. THE COST BM0806 PARADIGM'. The lectures introduced the importance of scientific networking in the defragmentation of research and the clear contribution of COST to translational research that may lead to beneficial end points for the society.

The meeting ended with discussion on a number of issues raised by the audience. These included mostly queries on COST-related procedures. The participation of the Science Officer was vital for the dissemination of information on the COST programme, while the brief update on the scientific content of BM0806 by the Chair of the Action motivated scientists and the general public towards the appreciation of the therapeutic and socio-economic potential of new drug targets. The numerous favorable responses from the audience demonstrated that this has been a very stimulating and successful event.

Dr. Ekaterini Tiligada (Chair of BM0806)  
Prof. Dimitrios Kyriakidis (MC member, GR)  
Organizers of the Athens Open Forum





The poster features a blue background with a white and red header. At the top left is the COST logo and website. The main title 'Athens Open Forum' is in large white letters. Below it, the theme 'Scientific networking in the service of biomedicine and society' is written in red. The date 'Friday 6 November 2009' and location 'National Hellenic Research Foundation Amphitheatre 'Leonidas Zervas' Vas. Konstantinou 48 – Athens – Greece' are listed. Key speakers are mentioned at the bottom. A footer contains logos for the EU and ESF, and the text 'FREE ENTRANCE'.

**Athens Open Forum**

*Scientific networking in the service of biomedicine and society*

**Friday 6 November 2009**

**National Hellenic Research Foundation  
Amphitheatre 'Leonidas Zervas'  
Vas. Konstantinou 48 – Athens – Greece  
11:00 am**

**Key speakers**  
D. Kyriakidis, Prof of Biochemistry AUTH, Director of the NHRF  
K. Kostelidou, Senior Science Officer, COST Office, Brussels  
E. Tiligada, Associate Professor of Pharmacology, Medical School UoA

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The poster of the event



*Dr Kostelidou talking to the audience*



*Dr Tiligada, Dr Kostelidou and Prof Kyriakidis (from left to right)*