

Candidate's presentation form for EAEA PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ELECTIONS 2019

Please introduce yourself with this form and make your motivation known to the members of EAEA who will elect the new executive board in June 2019

To be returned to EAEA until <u>26 May 2019</u> to Gina Ebner <u>gina.ebner@eaea.org</u> AND Sari Pohjola <u>sari.pohjola@kvs.fi</u>

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TITLE	Adult educator – researcher
ORGANISATION	Hellenic Adult Education Association
NOMINATED BY	Hellenic Adult Education Association
RUNNING FOR	○ President
	(X) Board member

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1. Please describe your current position.

My main job for the last 14 years is in Local Administration. I am the Secretary General of a mediumsized Municipality, having the responsibility for human resource development. At the same time for 18 years now I also work at the Hellenic Open University as an adjunct lecturer on the theory and practice of adult education. I consider my second job as the most fulfilling one, although the public administration framework is giving me opportunities to put in practice what I teach. Moreover, I am facilitating training of adult trainers' seminars all over Greece and on my free time I write papers and books, participate in conferences and consult.

2. How would you like to contribute to the work of EAEA, based on your experience in your organisation?

I would like to bring in my experience from both my areas of employment. Being part of a public administration organization at the local level I would like to share my experience in developing local policy initiatives that can promote adult learning. On the other hand, as an experienced trainer of trainers and researcher I could provide leadership or support in education or research related initiatives

3. What are your motivations as a candidate?

I have been following EAEA for a long time. I want to be more involved and to share my views and my experience from all my years of involvement with adult learning and education. I have the energy and the passion to do more and I feel more experienced and ready for such an endeavor.

4. Which other information would you like to share with the EAEA members?

I was born in the US (2/2/1967) but I was raised in Greece. I live with my family in Thessaloniki. I studied Applied Mathematics (B.Sc.), Continuing Education and Training (M.Sc.) and Adult Education (M.Ed.). My doctoral dissertation (Ph.D.) examined the impact of the biographical paradigm of adult educators to their perception regarding their professional role. I participated in the team that designed and implemented the national training program of continuing education instructors in Greece. I designed the accredited training program for the instructors of the National Centre for Public Administration and have more than 4000 hours of instruction in training of trainers' programs in various agencies. I was a member of the Scientific Council that supervised the development of the Municipal Lifelong Learning Centres. I have supervised more than 80 M.Ed. dissertations, translated three books on adult education (by Ira Shor and Paulo Freire, Jack Mezirow and Knud Illeris). My overall published scientific work counts more than 70 papers in



scientific journals, edited volumes and conference proceedings. I am a member of the Board of the Hellenic Adult Education Association and a reviewer in several Greek and international journals including the International Journal of Lifelong Education, Andragogical Studies. In 2017 together with Dr. Katarina Popovic, we published an edited volume titled *Adult Education & Lifelong Learning in Southeastern Europe*, published by Brill.