

COMMUNITY

# European Parliamentary candidates hold discussions with Joan Ryan MP

Two of London's prominent councillors and aspiring MEPs met with the Special Representative to Cyprus last Wednesday 14 May.

Cllrs Nilgun Canver and Stephen Alambritis met to discuss issues relevant to their communities in Haringey and Merton, with Joan Ryan MP, in addition to issues regarding Cyprus. The meeting took place in the House of Commons.

Cllr Canver is the Crime and Community Safety Cabinet member for Haringey Council and the Chair of Labour Friends of Turkey Lobby Group. Cllr Stephen Alambritis is the newly elected Leader of the 27 member strong Labour Group on Merton Council (the highest elected political position held by a Greek Cypriot in the UK).

Both Cllrs Canver and Alambritis are European Parliamentary Candidates for the Labour Party in next year's EU elections. Canver is on the London list while Alambritis is on the South East of England list.

The two councillors called for



Cllrs Stephen Alambritis (left) and Nilgun Canver (right) with Special Representative to Cyprus Joan Ryan MP

more opportunities for young people. They will be promoting the EU's Erasmus programme which has helped over 2 million students to study in a European country including Cyprus and Turkey.

The councillors welcomed the position of Special Representative to Cyprus and Joan Ryan's work. They also discussed the latest positive moves to unite

Cyprus and agreed that Turkish accession to the EU was in everyone's interest.

Finally, they pledged to work together to support moves for a lasting solution to the Cyprus problem to be progressed by the Labour Government.

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# Cyprus Airways now flying three times a week from Birmingham

The dream destination of Cyprus got that little bit closer from Monday (May 5th) with the announcement that Cyprus Airways is launching an additional service to the holiday hotspot from Birmingham International Airport (BIA).

The airline, which recently celebrated its 60th anniversary, has operated from BIA for over 40 years, and will now fly to the popular island three times a week, with holidaymakers now able to take advantage of a weekend break in addition to the traditional week-long escape.

Known for its Mediterranean climate and stunning coastline, Cyprus is a firm favourite with British people looking to catch some sun and with flights departing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, it has never been easier to enjoy all the destination has to offer.

Peter Vella, Birmingham International Airport's Business Development Director said, "The launch of Cyprus Airways' additional weekly flight to Cyprus will offer even greater choice and flexibility to passengers travelling from Birmingham International Airport, who will now have the opportunity to enjoy a weekend break as well as a one or two week holiday."

Andreas Agathou, Cyprus Airways' Senior Manager - Europe, Middle East & Gulf, USA & Canada said, "Cyprus Airways already fly twice weekly to



(l-r) Anna Mavroulakis Director of Greece and Cyprus Travel, Andreas Agathou Cyprus Airways Senior Manager Europe, Middle East & Gulf, USA and Canada, Marc Watkins Business Development Manager Birmingham Intern Airport, Manolis Mavroulakis Managing Director of Greece and Cyprus Travel and Spyros Neophytou Cyprus Airways Sales Manager

Larnaca or Paphos from Birmingham, but with the newly introduced third flight being conveniently scheduled on a Monday, passengers are able to take a weekend break on the island, in addition to the week-long traditional holiday duration. The feedback from the market, especially the Travel Agents and the Tour Operators has been very encouraging. With three frequencies there is a lot more you can do to satisfy the various segments of the markets."

The Cypriot Community in Birmingham received enthusiastically the additional flight to

Cyprus. Mr Manolis Mavroulakis, Managing Director of the Specialist Tour Operator, Greece and Cyprus, who was at the function and represented AGTA (Association of Greek Travel Agents) thanked Cyprus Airways for their interest and continuous support to their catchments area and confirmed that healthy bookings started coming in from the moment the new flight was announced.

"We have no doubt this flight will be a success," he said. "We have a better product and we can now offer numerous combinations of duration to Cyprus."

# The Greek giants of Nanotechnology

After impressing Bill Gates, Arabatzis and Theoharakis continue with steady steps to provide solutions for everyday problems ..... Next stop, London

The story of a student and his professor, who went into partnership without government assistance, investors and bank loans, to self fund a dream, has now taken flesh and bones. They formed Nanophos SA, a business that creates smart products, which are revolutionary but at the same time, simple to apply in every home.

They create products that repel water from surfaces, eliminating the greening and mould that grows on surfaces, where rain and water leave their marks. They are easily applicable to horizontal or vertical surfaces, concrete blocks, walls and patio slabs, concrete, stone and ceramic floor, wall, floor and roof tiles, pottery and terracotta, marble and granite, wood etc. They are suitable for most surfaces and are water based solutions that do not change the natural look of the surface, like the existing sealers.

The answer to these problems is simple: "Tune the nanoworld to serve the micro world," says Ioannis Arabatzis.

Nanotechnology can be defined as engineering in very small scale! But how small and what is a Nanometre? To understand in simple terms, if 1 metre were the size of the earth, a Nanometre would be the size of an apple, or in numbers, one billionth of a metre. Innovations don't always make it to the market!

After graduating as Chemist from the University of Ioannina, Ioannis Arabatzis, completed his PhD degree in Chemical Engineering at NTUA (National Technical University of Athens - Elliniko Metsovio Polytehneio).

He further enhanced his business skills by completing his MBA at ALBA Graduate Business School, where he met Vasilis Theoharakis, the American born Greek marketing and entrepreneurship professor. Dr Theoharakis studied engineering and marketing at New York University, and University of Warwick, but as he was also experienced in business, realised that the team of Ioannis Arabatzis had something impressive to present in the business plan they had prepared for his course - the magic solution for the self-cleaning surfaces, named SurfaShield whose action has also been confirmed by Harvard University's laboratory.

The Chemistry between the two Chemical and Electrical engineers was activated, even before they knew that they had attended the same high school in the Brilissia area of Athens.

Ioannis Arabatzis' team won the best European Business Plan of the Year in June of 2005, and this business plan was put to action in November 2005 under the business name of Nanophos SA, which is based in the very inspiring place of



Ioannis Arabatzis (left) and Vasilis Theoharakis (right) of NanoPhos

the old mining factory of Laurion.

Nanophos SA started with products suitable for manufacturing applications first, and exported the liquid solutions to Spain, Portugal, Cyprus, and Scandinavia. The demand and market needs directed them towards the production for the DIY market, in small bottles of 1L and 4L.

The brand names to watch out for are SurfaPore for protection and DeSalin for restoration of damaged surfaces, before the protection. SurfaShield that makes surfaces self cleaning, requires application at very high temperature, and is therefore not yet available in a DIY form.

These two amazing Greeks will not stop expanding. They are now coming to London to provide solutions to our large problems of moisture, greening and mould, and fight the bacteria that live and breathe in the wet UK environment.

The Greek Giants of Nanotechnology, will be exhibiting here in London at the Earls Court Innovative Building Solutions from 18th to 21st September 2008, with their UK Distributor Nanotech (UK) Solutions Ltd, a company that has been formed exclusively to promote the Nanophos SA products in the UK manufacturing and DIY market. They will also be exhibiting at the Inter-build 2008 NEC Birmingham Exhibition from 26th to 30th October 2008.

For more information on these revolutionary 100% Greek products, log onto [www.nonotech-solutions.uk.com](http://www.nonotech-solutions.uk.com) and [www.nanophos.com](http://www.nanophos.com)

Enquiries can be also be made via email: [info@nanotech-solutions.uk.com](mailto:info@nanotech-solutions.uk.com)



## VACANCY

Applications are invited for the positions of:-

### CARGO AGENT

Working under the direction of the Cargo services officer on duty, you will represent Cyprus Airways and deal with both imports and export documentation, ensuring all operational cargo criteria are completed within specified time frames, undertake various administrative duties, pre-flight and post-flight duties.

The successful candidate must:-

- Have sound educational background and judgement.
- Be computer literate.
- Have good knowledge of Windows and MS Office applications.
- Pleasant personality and ability to work as a team.
- Excellent command of the English Language.
- Cargo background would be an advantage but is not necessary, as FULL TRAINING will be provided.

### ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT

To deal with purchase ledger and other sundry matters.

- Sound educational background and judgement.
- Good knowledge of Windows and MS Office applications
- Good personality and fluency in Greek and English are essential.

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and should reach our offices by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008