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Welcome Ceremony

(Wednesday 24, 7:30, Ceremony Hall, Faculty of Philosophy, Old Building)

**Ariadni Stogiannidou, Vice-Rector of Academic and Student Affairs,
Professor of Psychology**

Dear guests, dear colleagues,

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki was established as a city and regional university and, over the decades, it has grown into the largest University in Greece and Southeastern Europe. With approximately 75.000 students in its graduate and undergraduate programs of study, AUTH is a leading research and education institute in Europe, ranked among the top 200 European universities

Our primary aim is to both sustain and advance our students' motivation (even during difficult times) by

- providing high level education,
- engaging them in innovative research,
- offering learning and skill development opportunities abroad through our extended network of collaboration with European and international partners,
- and by encouraging them to think and act beyond the traditional academic boundaries and across national borders so that they feel competent and confident to face the rapid changes, challenges and demands of our global society.

One of our recent concerns is advancing the scientific and teaching staff motivation. Just today we had a related three our discussion with the colleagues from our quality assurance unit. The Committee of the Department of Studies is organizing in the Fall a small internal conference on innovative teaching methods for our staff.

All these been said, I hope that I made it clear on how much we are interested in motivation issues.

Have a great conference and leave with a lot of new knowledge!

Thank you!
