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**FINAL REPORT OF THE CYPRUS AGENCY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND  
ACCREDITATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

**EVALUATION - ACCREDITATION  
OF THE PROGRAM OF STUDY**

**in Greek: «Βιολογία του Καρκίνου»,90 ECTS,18 Μήνες, Μεταπτυχιακό**

**in English: «Cancer Biology»,90 ECTS,18 Months, Master of Science**

**OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION  
«European University Cyprus»**

This Final Report was prepared on the basis of Article (20) (2)(f)(i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 2019 [N. 136 (I) / 2015 to 35(I)/2019].

**THE PROCEDURE:**

On May 17<sup>th</sup> the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution **«European University Cyprus»** submitted an application (Doc. 200.1), based on Article (17) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 2019, for the evaluation-accreditation of the program of study:

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In the framework of competences conferred on it by the relevant legislation, the Council of the Agency has constituted an External Evaluation Committee (EEC) which, after initially examining the institution's application for program evaluation and accreditation, performed an on-site visit at the institution on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The EEC met with the head of the institution, the head of the relevant department, the program's coordinator, members of the academic staff, members of the administrative staff, students and/ or their representatives and the Internal Quality Assurance Committee.

Additionally, the EEC examined the institution's facilities (library, computer labs, research infrastructures, etc.), various documents presented and/or requested by the EEC, the School's structure and the program's position in it, the CVs of the teaching staff and their relationship to the institution as teachers in regard to any other duties and teaching in other programs of study.

The EEC has documented its findings and recommendations and drew up the External Evaluation Report in the Doc. 300.1.1.

### **CYQAA Council's Decision**

The Council of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education, during its 43<sup>rd</sup> Summit on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019, on the basis of Article 20 (2)(f)(i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 35(I)/2019], and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation Committee and the comments of the institution on the report, **decided that the program is accredited to be delivered in English with the following title:**

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However, it should be noted that the institution, in cooperation with the Department, should ensure that, it will follow the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee as follows:

1. The admission criteria must be published on the program's website and include the following according to your response:
  - ***All applicants must have successfully completed a Biomedical Sciences or Health Sciences or Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) or Physical Sciences – related (with adequate Biology background) undergraduate degree from a recognized academic institution.***
  - ***Applicants should hold an undergraduate degree with a minimum G.P.A. 2.5 or "Second Class Honours" (UK Universities) or "Very Good" (Greek or Cypriot Universities) or any other equivalent grade.***
  - ***Due to the fact that the official language of institution, for the Cancer Biology MSc program, is English, Proficiency in written and spoken English is absolutely required. Thus, students should provide documentation showing high level of English fluency (i.e. TOEFL score of at least 550 (213 computer – based, 79 internet – based), or English IGCSE with grade C or above, or IELTS with a score of 6.5 or above GCE examination grade of C or above.***
  - ***The University reserves the right to conduct interviews of applicants to strengthen process, when necessary.***

**2. Inform the Agency of the three new members of staff you have committed to recruit in accordance with the EEC proposal.**

The current accreditation begins in the Fall semester of the academic year 2019-2020.

On the basis of Article (4) of the relevant Legislation, it is noted that "the above accreditation is valid for the period provided by the provisions of the Law and is repeated every five (5) years and that the procedure starts at the request of the institution which must, and shall be submitted at least sixteen (16) months before the expiry of the previous accreditation".

Additionally, on the basis of Article (17) (3) (f) "During the period of validity of the positive Accreditation decision, the Council of the Agency acting of its own motion or upon the recommendation of the Minister, may examine whether the Accreditation criteria continue to be met and if they are not met, then the Board of the Agency shall revoke the Accreditation decision and immediately inform the institution concerned and the Minister."

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President of the Board of the  
Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in  
Higher Education

Date: June 16,2019

