

TRI Plays Host to International Scholar

Mr. Petros Triantos, Director of Evaluation at the KETHEA Research Sector in Greece, is a Visiting Investigator at the Treatment Research Institute where he will spend the next four months working with Mady Chalk, Ph.D. and others in the TRI Center for Policy Analysis and Research.

Reflecting KETHEA's interest in fostering improvements in clinical practice by revising policy and purchasing, Triantos is collaborating on similarly guided projects at TRI – performance-based contracting, use of cost offset analysis, and cost benefit/cost effectiveness evaluation. While TRI's focus on these issues has primarily been at the U.S. state level, the learning has national relevance to a country like Greece which faces the same challenges of maximizing limited resources and improving the quality of clinical practices in addiction treatment.

The learning exchange came about after TRI's A. Thomas McLellan, Ph.D. visited Greece as a host lecturer to KETHEA's training programs, an international effort maintained by McLellan and others at TRI even while they concentrate on the U.S. system domestically. "We welcome the chance to refine our own initiatives based on others' perspectives," McLellan said "and to disseminate what we know to other nations whose public policy challenges frequently mirror our own," he added.

Mr. Triantos holds a Masters Degree in Statistics from the Athens Economic Institute and is a doctoral candidate at the Democritus University of Thrace. A native of Greece with most of his family residing there, he has a few relatives living in the United States, in New York and San Francisco.