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Dear Rector,
Dear President,

UNICA is launching the first edition of the

**UNICA Young Entrepreneurship Competition
for Students and Young Researchers**
sponsored by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation

and **we are very happy to invite your University to take part in this event.**

The *UNICA Entrepreneurship Competition for Students and Young Researchers* aims at:

- Promoting a culture of entrepreneurship among the students and young researchers of UNICA member Universities.
- Becoming the vehicle for the young researchers to learn to compete and collaborate at European level, thus contributing to the creation of the European higher education and research area.
- Enhancing the culture of entrepreneurship which contributes to the abilities of UNICA Universities to innovate and link high quality research with the needs of contemporary society.
- Improving the confidence of the participants in their own entrepreneurial skills and capabilities.

The applicants should be students or young researchers that have completed their studies within the last 5 years.

The winners will be announced during the **UNICA General Assembly 2009**, that will be hosted by **Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, 6 November**.

The awards will be accompanied by a commemorative plaque and **a monetary prize** as follows:

First Prize: 20,000 Euro
Second Prize: 10,000 Euro

The **deadlines** for registration and project submission are the following:

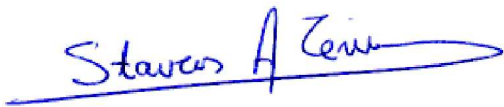
- The Universities interested in taking part in the competition are kindly requested to **inform the UNICA Secretariat before 31 January**. The participation should be confirmed by sending an e-mail to office@unica-network.eu
- The deadline for the **project submission is 20 September 2009**.
The project has to be submitted together with an official letter signed by the Rector/President of the University endorsing the participating team.

For further information, please read the enclosed **guidelines of the competition** and the announcement of the event.

This information is also available on our Website: <http://www.unica-network.eu/entrepreneurship-competition.html>

May you have any question, do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Stavros A. Zenios
UNICA President