

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **INAUGURATION OF NEW OFFICES HELLENIC ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES (SFEE)**

In an official ceremony the Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Companies (SFEE) inaugurated its new offices on February 19, 2008 in the presence of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos. Distinguished personalities from the country's political, business, scientific, and academic communities had the opportunity to visit SFEE's new offices and meet with SFEE members.

**Mr. Dionysios Sp. Filiotis, SFEE President**, cut the traditional New Year's Pita and wished the many guests a happy and prosperous new year.

*"We are very pleased with our new offices because they represent one of the expressions of our effort to upgrade our stature and streamline the operation of our Association. From our new premises we will be able to more effectively fulfill our vision to safeguard public health and to ensure that this sector has the place it deserves in the Greek business community. Our goal is, through our position on issues, and our proacful role, to contribute to the progress of our society, to the progress of our country:*

The inauguration took place with the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, **Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos**, cutting the ribbon. In his address the Minister wished the best for SFEE in its new offices and stated, *"These ultra modern installations of SFEE reflect the general spirit characterizing the sector in its efforts to rapidly upgrade its services and infrastructure."* Mr. Avramopoulos continued by congratulating SFEE for its dynamic activities and the proactive initiatives it is undertaking, citing as an example the recent publicizing of the Code of Practice. The Minister further requested *"A greater effort from all bodies in the health sector to put behind whatever has cast a shadow on the good climate between the public and private sector, to the benefit of health."* SFEE's new offices are located at 280 Kifisias Ave. & 3 Agriniou Str., in Halandri. The architect was inspired by the letter **f** of the SFEE logo, and shaped the central corridor of the offices in the shape of this letter, a subtle reminder to each visitor of SFEE's vision of ensuring all citizens direct access to all quality branded medicines, within the framework of an upgraded health system, and in full compliance with the Code of Practice.