



COMMONWEALTH DROWNING PREVENTION

29 April 2021

NOTICE OF DIPLOMA AWARD

Dr. Stathis Avramidis
Diploma Award Recipients

The Royal Life Saving Society is very pleased to announce that Dr. Stathis Avramidis has been honoured with the Diploma Award for his significant contribution to our knowledge in the areas of lifeguarding, water safety and drowning prevention, through his interventional programme aimed at young learners, Charlie the saviour.

The Royal Life Saving Society is a charity registered in the UK and we work with various organisations across different sectors to support communities in developing lifesaving education initiatives and drowning prevention programmes. Our Patron is HM The Queen and our Commonwealth President is HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO. The Diploma is one of the Society's oldest and most prestigious international awards and is awarded to individuals and groups who have added to our knowledge in ways that can save lives and prevent drowning.

Dr Avramidis' contribution, "Charlie the savior", is an educational water safety program inspired by true events from the TV series, Baywatch. It aims to educate young children aged 6-12 years on water safety, lifesaving sport, lifeguarding, paddling, personal survival and swimming. It is endorsed by a number of international organizations involved in drowning prevention and water and is freely available in Greek and English for reuse. It has already been delivered to more than 5000 children and the Institute of Insular Police of the Hellenic Ministry of Education has further approved the program for pilot teaching in the 2020-2021 school year.

The Royal Life Saving Society commends Dr. Stathis Avramidis for this impactful contribution and his commitment to drowning prevention.