

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

NIKOS ORDOULIDIS



Nikos Ordoulidis has introduced new ways of approaching popular music, which he has integrated into his teaching at the School of Popular and Traditional Music, Technological Educational Institute of Epirus. Nikos states that his supervisor, Derek Scott, is considered one of the academics that have built the epistemological background of popular musicology. The term has been translated into Greek and coined through Nikos' research; it has opened new academic horizons for the Greek educational system and society. He is now undertaking a research project which explores the role of the piano in modal music traditions. Nikos holds a PhD in Popular Musicology from the University of Leeds.

MICHAEL PAREDRAKOS



Michael Paredrakos is a leading communication strategist and Managing Director of Avakon+, an award-winning digital agency in Greece. Michael has substantial experience with local and international brands and advertising agencies. His blog thecuriousbrain.com with 19 million views today is one of the most influential blogs in the global communication, strategy and advertising industry. Michael believes that studying in the UK gave him a global perspective on things and served as the initial spark that ignited his curiosity. Michael holds an MSc in International Management from the University of Essex and a BA (Hons) in International Business Studies from the University of Brighton.



Dr MARIA ROUBELAKIS

Maria G. Roubelakis is Assistant Professor of Developmental Biology at the School of Medicine, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Her extensive experience in the field of stem cell biology has contributed to major developments in cell applications in diseases such as acute hepatic failure and bladder cancer affecting large parts of the population. Her research to address current challenges has been recognised through distinguished awards and national and international funding. Maria's studies in the UK, where she worked in an excellent laboratory and within an exceptionally friendly university environment for foreign students, played a key role in her professional and scientific development. Maria holds a DPhil in Molecular Medicine from the University of Oxford.

ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARD



AGGELIKI PAPPA

Aggeliki Pappa is the founder and CEO of [i love dyslexia \(ILD\)](#), the first highly specialised organisation globally for teaching English as a Foreign Language to students with dyslexia and Special Educational Needs in a holistic way. With the ILD team, she has built a global and stigma-free voice in Foreign Language teaching and empowered thousands of people with special educational needs. Aggeliki's studies in the UK were instrumental in her developing her edu-Method and life-skills that gave birth to her innovation. Aggeliki's vision for a holistic education is now guiding the expansion of her innovative educational entrepreneurship and humanitarian actions to support millions of students and teachers globally. Aggeliki holds an MEd in Inclusion and Special Educational Needs from the University of Birmingham.



GEORGE SOTIROPOULOS

George Sotiropoulos is the co-founder and Client Services Director of [Linkwise](#), the first and biggest Affiliate Network in Greece. It is an award-winning company, generating a turnover of more than three million euros per year. George teaches on all major digital marketing courses in Greece, helping students and professionals to set up and successfully manage affiliate programmes. George believes that studying in the UK contributed decisively to developing his organisational, managerial and multi-tasking skills, which proved indispensable in setting up a challenging new business with very limited funds. George holds an MA in Advertising and Marketing from the Leeds University Business School.



NIKOLAOS TSOKANOS

Nikolaos Tsokanos is the General Manager of [Tsokanos SA](#), a leading company in Livestock Identification in Greece. Nikolaos' job was instrumental in providing Greek farmers with diversified and innovative animal identification products to help them improve their farm management and export quality products. Nikolaos' aspiration is for the company to become the first Greek company to export diversified Livestock Identification products. He highlights that studying at the University of Sheffield provided him with all the essential skill-sets to become more efficient and results-oriented, kick-start innovative projects with an entrepreneurial spirit and implement theory in a real-life business context. He holds a BA (Hons) in Business Studies (Accounting and Finance) from the University of Sheffield.

SOCIAL IMPACT AWARD



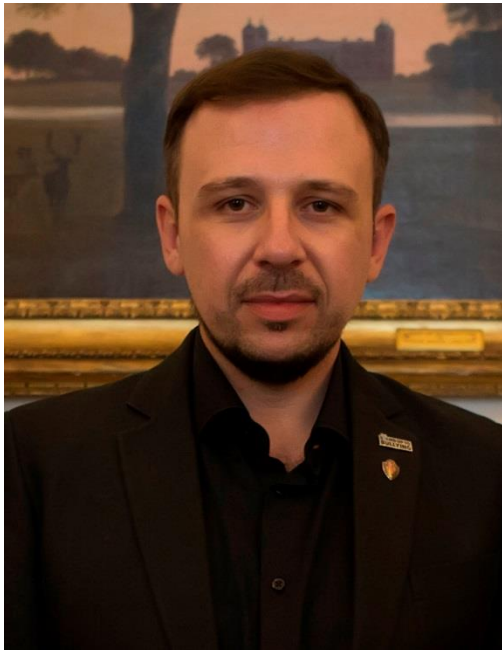
Dr THEODOROS ANAGNOSTOPOULOS

Dr Theo Anagnostopoulos is a geneticist and a science communicator. His pioneering work on the public understanding of science has helped establish the field of science communication and combat scientific illiteracy in Greece and Cyprus, reaching more than 150,000 young people and professionals. He is the co-founder of the social enterprise [SciCo](#), as well as [School Lab](#), and the Athens, Thessaloniki, Patras and Mediterranean Science Festivals among other science education programmes/platforms. Theo's vision is to combat scientific illiteracy at an international level and help spread S.T.E.M education as a means of empowerment. Studying science for his BSc, MSc and PhD degrees at the University of Newcastle, Imperial College London and King's College London respectively helped Theo develop a rational way of thinking.

ALEXANDRA CHOLI



Alexandra Choli is a pioneer in social innovation in Greece and a leading expert in early stage technology entrepreneurship in Europe. She is founder and Executive Director of [Metavallon](#), a non-profit organisation nurturing early-stage entrepreneurship. Alexandra's work has been instrumental in building solid foundations around early stage technology entrepreneurship in Greece and igniting entrepreneurial activity and the start-up ecosystem as a means towards economic development. She holds a Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering from University College London (UCL) and she highlights that UCL provided her with a remarkable knowledge and skills toolset. Alexandra is now leveraging her know-how, proprietary programmes and international network to generate venturing opportunities, encourage technological progress and empower talent across Europe and beyond.



FREDERICK FEATHAM

Frederick Featham is the founder of the first-ever Anti-Bullying Volunteer Team in Greece. His team, winner of The Diana Award, has raised awareness among thousands of people since 2014, thus making a difference in a crisis-stricken country. Frederick observes that his studies at Keele University provided him with life skills such as self-discipline, resilience and acceptance, which are crucial to his work as team leader, educationist and owner of two language schools. He is expanding the scale of his impact at a national level by setting up a network of Anti-Bullying Volunteer Teams. Frederick holds a BA in English Literature and Educational Studies, and an MA in Educational Improvement and Effectiveness from Keele University.