

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



ALEXANDROS CHARKIOLAKIS

University of Sheffield

Alexandros Charkiolakis is Director of the Friends of Music Society, responsible for its artistic, research and educational projects. He is also the President of the Board of the International Association of Music Libraries branch in Greece. Both in his current posts and previously, he has influenced students, the general public and the academic community through his extensive publications and work as a teacher, musicologist and conductor. His aspiration for his work in one of the key stakeholders in Greece's artistic life, which is based at the Athens Concert Hall, is that it will set a new strategic direction in projects that merge the worlds of music, technology and arts. Alexandros holds a Bachelor of Music in Music and a Master of Music by Research in Musicology and Conducting from the University of Sheffield. He believes that studying in the UK has equipped him with analytical thinking, scientific capacity and artistic empathy which have proven vital to his professional career.



Dr DIMITRIOS DIMITRIOU

Cranfield University

Dr Dimitrios Dimitriou is the Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Athens International Airport, a critical infrastructure for tourism growth in Greece. He is also Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, Democritus University of Thrace, delivering education and research in the planning, management and economics of investments in transport infrastructure in Greece. He has extensive professional experience in national and international universities, professional associations and institutions, specialising in large investment appraisal and large projects financing. Dimitrios holds a Master of Science in Airport Planning and Management from Cranfield University. Taking advantage of his UK education and its international reputation in the aviation industry, Dimitrios is now a leader in the transport industry in Greece promoting his research outputs and top management experience in governmental bodies, institutions and international organisations such as the United Nations, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).



Dr CHRYSANTHI PAPAPOPOULOU

Queen's University Belfast
University of Southampton
King's College London

Dr Chryssanthi Papadopoulou is the Assistant Director of the British School at Athens. She is an archaeologist who has published on shipwrecks, Greek religion, the archaeology of Athens and the perception of ancient sites by archaeologists. She has developed new methods of approaching the ancient world and its people, while her work has inspired more than half of her students to pursue postgraduate degrees in archaeology in the UK. Chryssanthi holds a Master of Science in Maritime Archaeology from the University of Southampton and a PhD in Classical Archaeology from King's College London. She was also an Erasmus student in Byzantine Studies at Queen's University Belfast. She feels that the UK has provided her with a solid theoretical grounding due to its being at the forefront of archaeological theory for more than four decades, and that her UK education has given her critical skills such as synthetic and independent thinking to produce high quality research.

ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARD



ALEXANDRA CHOLI

University College London

Alexandra Choli is a pioneer in social innovation in Greece and a leading actor in seed-stage technology business investments in Europe. She is a partner in Metavallon.vc and founder and director of Metavallon Ventures Limited. Alexandra's work has been instrumental in igniting the Greek technology start-up ecosystem and fuelling the market with able risk capital as a means towards business competitiveness in the global context. Alexandra has recently succeeded in securing a 32-million-euro venture capital fund from the European Investment Fund to invest in very early-stage Greece-related technology companies in the next four years, aiming to drive cutting-edge businesses beyond borders and towards international success and recognition. She believes that studying in the UK provided her with a remarkable knowledge and skills toolset such as passion for state-of-the-art technology and a clear focus on effectiveness, which have propelled her business into a leader in its market. Alexandra holds a Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering from University College London.



Dr NIKOLAOS DIMITRIADIS

University of Sheffield

Dr Nikolaos Dimitriadis is a leading authority in South East and Central Europe in promoting neuroscience to create more human-based environments and systems in businesses, education and society. He is founder and CEO of Trizma Neuro, an applied neuroscience company utilising cutting-edge neuro-feedback and bio-feedback technologies to provide insights to companies, institutions and governments. Although this is a newly-founded company, it has already secured major investment for its launch and is highly recognised in South East Europe in the field of marketing research, currently working with major multinational brands in four countries. Nikolaos uses his expertise to advocate for the need to apply a more brain-friendly and human-based approach to governments, NGOs, international institutions and businesses. He believes that studying in the UK has given him the mindset to strive for excellence and meaningful impact in everything he does. Nikolaos holds a Master of Business Administration and a PhD from the University of Sheffield.



TILEMACHOS MAVRAKIS

Leeds University Business School, University of Leeds

Tilemachos Mavrakis is founder and CEO of ADMINE, one of South East Europe's largest independent digital agencies, with offices in Greece, Cyprus and Portugal. Under his leadership, ADMINE is today a benchmark for digital marketing excellence and is advancing rapidly across borders. It has won numerous national and international awards and has shown substantial growth in people, profit and return to society with pro bono activities over the last decade. As Europe enters its most critical digitisation phase, Tilemachos aspires to be at the forefront as a leader in the regional digital industry and pave the way for its digital transformation. He believes that studying in the UK was an obvious choice for him: the high global ranking of UK institutions, the vast selection of modern programmes and the close connection between universities and the industry have been key criteria in his selection. Tilemachos holds a Master of Arts in Human Resource Management from the Leeds University Business School.

SOCIAL IMPACT AWARD



Dr SPIROS KITSINELIS

University of Sheffield

Dr Spiros Kitsinelis is a researcher, science communicator and writer popularising science through hundreds of articles, public presentations, books, television and radio shows, as well as through a wide range of collaborations with other academics, professionals and artists reaching millions of people. Currently he is collaborating with the Association of Greek Chemists, overseeing publications and communications, and delivering seminars and training courses in communication and public speaking around the world. His work has been recognised through awards and nominations for a range of prestigious science communication prizes such as his national nomination for the UNESCO Kalinga Prize, the first prize in the British Council's FameLab competition, his nomination twice for the Greek Science Writer of the Year by the Association of British Science Writers. He has spearheaded efforts for more science in Greek society for many years driven by his motto that 'a better society is a scientifically literate society.' Spiros believes that his UK education fuelled his passion for science and communication, it gave him inspiration for his scientific excellence and triggered his successful professional career in academia, communication and public speaking. Spiros holds a Master of Chemistry and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Sheffield and besides the UK and Greece he has worked as a researcher and professor in other countries.



ANNA-MARIA KOUNTOURI

University of Westminster

London Metropolitan University

Anna-Maria Kountouri has worked as a lawyer representing unaccompanied refugee minors at SOS Villages in Athens. She has offered her legal knowledge to serve the best interests of children by helping them to secure asylum or be reunited with their families in other EU countries. She feels that the impact of her work can only be measured by the priceless feelings of happiness and gratitude expressed by the children. Her experience in research in the areas of migration, the refugee crisis and civil liberties in EU institutions has provided her with a solid background to this end. Anna-Maria considers that the true value of her UK education lies in its holistic and advanced educational methods, which she feels is confirmed every day in her actual work practice. Anna-Maria holds an LLB Bachelor of Laws from the University of Westminster and an LLM Master of Laws in European Law from London Metropolitan University.



AGGELIKI PAPPA

University of Birmingham

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 learning differences holistically. She is also President of the non-profit organisation 3DlexiaCosmos, which connects thousands of students and teachers globally with the #SOS4LoveProject, cultivating education for sustainable development, presented at the United Nations and supported by the Ministry of Education and Culture in Cyprus. Aggeliki has been a life-long volunteer, training thousands of educators in Greek state schools and globally, making a difference in the field of EFL and dyslexia, building a powerful stigma-free voice in foreign language teaching, while supporting refugees' education. Her work has been recognised by prestigious organisations such as her national nomination for the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize, her distinction in 'Greece Innovates!' and in the Global Teacher Prize that included her in the list of the Top 50 Educators globally for two consecutive years (2016 and 2017). Aggeliki's studies in the UK were instrumental in the development of her educational 3DlexiaParadigm and life skills that led to her innovations. Aggeliki's vision for a sustainable world is guiding the expansion of her innovative educational and humanitarian actions to support millions of students and teachers globally. Aggeliki holds a Master of Education in Inclusion and Special Educational Needs from the University of Birmingham.