

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Dr VASSILI APOSTOLOPOULOS

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
University of Cambridge

Dr Vassili Apostolopoulos is a visionary entrepreneur who has advanced the British-Hellenic relations on several levels. He is the Chief Executive Officer of the Athens Medical Group and The Apostolopoulos Group. He is the President of the Hellenic Entrepreneurs Association and a member of a wide range of academic and business boards in Greece and the UK.

Through his long-standing and profound relationships with his UK Universities, he has bridged the alumni networks in Greece and the UK with leading business associations and high-visibility events in Greece and Europe; he has supported research and initiated events in the two countries, some of which took place for the first time in Greece, such as the Athens Cambridge Entrepreneurship Forum and the first event outside the UK of the Centre for International Business and Management. He has hosted several annual economic summits in Athens in association with UK Universities and their alumni associations.

He has been building relationships with the Prince's Trust International, the impactful institution spearheaded by HRH Prince Charles of Wales, and maintains direct links to British Institutions, such as the Royal Institute of International Relations (Chatham House). The wide range of his entrepreneurial activities expand in the UK and Greece, thus contributing substantially to the economies of both countries.

Dr JOHN BENNET

University of Cambridge



Dr John Bennet has been Director of the British School at Athens since 2015 and in this role, he has led the relations between the UK academic community with many Greek institutions, such as the Greek Ministry of Culture; the Universities of Athens and Thessaloniki; the Academy of Athens; the Benaki Museum and the Museum of Cycladic Art, and many others.

Under his leadership and following his vision to make the British School at Athens a welcoming space for academics, students and the general public, the BSA has held academic seminars by leading members of the Greek academic community; conferences drawing together UK-based and Greek early-career and senior academics; an immersive art exhibition; official visits and tours related to the diplomatic work of the BSA.

As a scholar he has devoted his career to the archaeology and history of Greece.



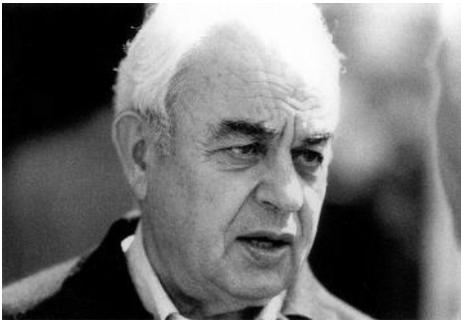
Mr CHRISTOS CARRAS

University of Cambridge

Christos Carras has been the Executive Director of the Onassis Cultural Centre since 2009.

Since then he has curated the music programme and has had the responsibility of coordinating several visual arts projects, conferences, and exhibitions in collaboration with British institutions, such as two major digital and science fiction exhibitions with the Barbican Centre of London; and a week-long workshop in Athens in collaboration with the London-based research organisation 'Theatrum Mundi' – a collaboration instigated by him.

He has been instrumental in Europe-wide projects with British partners, such as the partnership with De Montfort University for the 'Interfaces' EU project that he designed and has been coordinating – this project has led to several exchanges, workshops and symposiums; the Unlimited Access programme and its next phase the Europe Beyond Access project; the partnership with UK-based inclusive dance centre Stop Gap for the Erasmus+ project 'I-Dance'.



Mr GEORGE A. DAVID (OBE)

University of Edinburgh

George David is a business personality, entrepreneur and philanthropist of international calibre. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company and he is currently Chairman Emeritus of the company. He has served as Group Director of the A. G. Leventis Organisation in Nigeria and he has been a Chair or Member of numerous business and academic boards. In 2012, he co-founded the Hellenic Initiative, a non-governmental organisation with important social impact.

He has been repeatedly recognised for his contribution to the University of Edinburgh and he is a University Regent. Among many actions, he supports the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation; he offers scholarships for postgraduate students who are residents of Greece or Cyprus through the George David Family Scholarships and established the Chair of Entrepreneurship and Family Business. In 2009, George David received an OBE for his services to United Kingdom-Greece relations in the field of education.



Ms DAPHNE FOUNTOUKAKOU

University of Reading
University of Hertfordshire

Daphne Fountoukakou is the Managing Director of IST College, a private institution based in Athens that offers UK education programmes and services in collaboration with UK Universities.

Daphne has promoted the delivery of UK qualifications in Greece through franchise agreements, she has led IST in its collaboration with a number of UK Higher Education Institutions and managed the quality aspect working with the UK's Quality Assurance Agency (QAA). She has also been successful in the implementation of vocational training, e- learning, life-long learning, as well as European mobility programmes. In her role as Vice President of the Hellenic Colleges Association and a member of the Lifelong Learning Committee of the Ministry of Education representing the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), Daphne has actively participated in the policy development in Greece.

Daphne has been a champion in promoting links between the UK and Greece, and the internationalisation and openness of Greek higher education for almost 25 years.

Dr NANCY PAPALEXANDRIS

University of Bath
University of Westminster (former Polytechnic of Central London)



Dr Nancy Papalexandris is Professor Emeritus in Human Resource Management at the Athens University of Economics and Business, having also served as Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs. She is currently teaching in the joint Masters programme with Kent University and continuing to pursue research in her field of expertise.

When Erasmus programmes started, Dr Papalexandris was instrumental in promoting exchanges and organising joint seminars and student visits of students of UK Universities to Athens. As a representative of the Greek Rectors Conference in the European University Association she has participated in several UK initiatives for quality assessment in Higher Education. She has collaborated with Cranfield University in joint research and, as a result, Dr Papalexandris has organised several conferences in Athens to present and disseminate research results, with the presence of prominent British academics.



Ms SOPHIA PELOPONNISSIOU

City University London

Sophia PeloponniSSIou is a Museologist, Curator and Archive Responsible of the Katakouzenos House Museum and Secretary of the Angelos and Leto Katakouzenos Foundation.

Sophia's efforts to open-up British culture to the Greek audience started during her time in London when she successfully curated a three-month long exhibition of modern British art with paintings from the Head Office of National Bank of Greece in Mayfair, among others.

In her current role, she has influenced the House Museum's inextricable links to the UK which have resulted in the museum hosting numerous UK-related events, such as a performance with 20 of Shakespeare's love-themed sonets; exhibitions of UK artists' works; and book presentations. Under Sophia's curatorship the Museum is constantly fostering its links with UK institutions through guided tours offered to members of British clubs and societies. Through her exclusively voluntary work, Sophia has built a strong cultural bridge between the UK and Greece.

Ms SOFIA TSILIDOU

University of Essex



Sofia Tsilidou is an Archaeologist – Museologist working for the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and being mainly responsible for European cooperation on museum policy. She is a Greek representative at the Cultural Affairs Committee of the Council of the European Union and a Member of the Executive Board of the Network of European Museum Organisations (NEMO).

Sofia's UK qualification has informed her entire career in museums, which has seen her reach a senior role in policy-formation at international level, shaping museum standards across Europe. Sofia has been involved in work for the promotion and awareness-raising of cultural heritage and museums at national level, worked as project officer in EU-funded projects and as a registrar for national and international exhibitions. In her role at NEMO she has influenced policies in the areas of social, educational and economic values that museums have for society, as well as their collection values.