
Speakers



Elias Spirtounias
Executive Director
American-Hellenic
Chamber of Commerce

After graduating from the School of Mathematics, University of Athens, Elias Spirtounias completed his graduate studies at the School of Electrical Engineering (M.Sc. degree and pre-Ph.D. studies) at Boston University. During his residence in the United States, he participated as a Research Engineer in several research programs in cooperation with other organizations and companies such as NASA, MIT, UNH in fields of analog and digital electronics, circuits design and applications. He returned to Greece in 1992 and after completing his military service in 1994, he held the position of Technical Director for the subsidiary of the Italian company Citec SpA, a company specialized in the design, production and application of voice and image processing systems. From 1997-February 2009, he worked for the Foundation of the Hellenic World, a major Greek private non-profit cultural organization, starting as a Construction Supervisor and continuing as a Managing Director of the brand new then Cultural Center, Hellenic Cosmos, an innovative, based on new technologies, theme park. During his tenure, he contributed significantly to the expansion, development, and operation of the Center and its establishment as one of the most known technology-driven theme parks in Greece and abroad. From March 2009, he holds the position of Executive Director of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. Along with his colleagues and in cooperation with the Board have managed, in the midst of the economic crisis, to increase significantly the number of activities, undertake important initiatives, retain in high level memberships, foster advocacy, expand further the presence of the Chamber in the US and contribute to the evolution of the Chamber into one of the leading dynamic and reliable business organization in Greece. He serves as Treasurer of the American Chambers in Europe (ACE) Executive Committee.



Nikolaos Bakatselos
President
American-Hellenic
Chamber of Commerce

Nikolaos Bakatselos is the Managing Director of Pyramis Metallourgia A.E. and Pyramis Deutschland GmbH. He was Member of the Board of Directors, and

Deputy Managing Director, of Northern Greece Publishing S.A. He has held the position of Managing Director of Imperium AEEEX, and Member of the Board of Directors of Egnatia Bank Securities S.A. He was a Member of the Board of Directors of Attica Bank from February 2014 until June 2016. He was a Member of the Steering Committee of the International Hellenic University from 2006 until January 2014 and Member of the Board and President of the Northern Greece Committee of EEDE. He is Member of the Committee Support CERTH, Trustee of Anatolia College, Member of the Board and Member of the Steering Committee of SVE and Honorary Consul of Belgium for Northern Greece. After being a Member of the Board of Directors of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce for several years, in June 2010 he was elected Vice President of AmChamGR and President of the Northern Greece Committee, and since June 2019 he was elected President of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. In October 2019 he was elected as President of HEDNO by the General Assembly of HEDNO. Nikolaos Bakatselos holds a B.A. in Sociology from University of Reading and a MSc in Shipping, Trade and Finance from City University Business School.



Aristos Doxiadis
Partner
Big Pi Ventures

Aristos Doxiadis is Partner in Big Pi Ventures, a venture capital fund for Greece that focuses on science-based and deep-technology ventures. Since 2012 he has also been Partner in JEREMIE Openfund II, an early-stage VC fund. He is a pioneer of private equity in Greece, with over 25 years of investment and management experience in many industries. Aristos has been researching and writing on Greek economic development and institutions. His book *The Invisible Rift: Institutions and Behaviors in the Greek Economy* (in Greek; 2013) has been widely discussed. He is vice-chair of ESETEK, the advisory council on research and innovation to the Government of Greece. He is also on the Board of IOBE, of Solidarity Now and of diaNEOsis. His earlier experience includes working on anti-poverty programs for the European Commission, planning industrial policy for the Greek government, and managing consulting and auditing companies. He has a B.A. degree in social studies from Harvard University, and an M.Sc. degree in economics from Birkbeck College at the University of London.



Fotis Fotiadis
CEO & Founder
Better Origin

Fotis Fotiadis, Co-Founder and CEO of Better Origin, a Cambridge, UK based startup tackling food waste through insect biomass conversion, is pioneering the transformation of

organic waste into high-quality animal feed and human food. He holds an MPhil in Sustainable Engineering from the University of Cambridge and an MEng in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Sussex.



Kostas Karachalios
CEO & Co-Founder
Perceptual Robotics

Kostas is a Mechanical Engineering alumnus from the University of Bristol. He has been the CEO of Perceptual Robotics since its foundation as well as the Project Manager for two

InnovateUK projects coordinating consortium partners including the University of Bristol, ASV Global and VulcanUAV. He has experience working for various aspects of the energy industry, from gas-turbines operations and grid management all the way to energy trading. He has technical expertise in software engineering, algorithm development including modern robust control, path planning and sensor integration for robotics systems. He is deeply motivated to understand engineering systems and develop creative solutions to a large range of problems in industrial settings.



Alvertos Revach
Investments Director
Humble Holdings

Alvertos Revach was born in Athens in 1972. He attended the Moraitis School and went on to receive a BA degree in Business Administration from Georgetown University,

majoring in Marketing and International Business. In 1997 he started working for his family's business in Athens, Amvyx S.A., a company that markets and distributes alcoholic beverages and related products in the Greek market since 1917, where he was the company's Commercial Director. In 2016, realizing that the company had outgrown his family's own managerial skills, it was

decided that the company would transition to professional management. He moved to Luxembourg and founded Humble Holdings, an investment company through which he conducts his own form of Impact Investing. He invests only in startups, at both Angel and Seed stage, that cover "21st Century needs", and do "Good for You, Good for People and Good for the Planet". Through his work he hopes to achieve his entrepreneurial mantra: "Have fun, make money, make the world a better place". For all.



George Varvarelis
Founder and CEO
Augmenta

George Varvarelis is the founder & CEO of Augmenta. He was a Ph.D. candidate in Computer and Embedded Systems Engineering while working on his family farm for 3 years when he decided to leave everything behind

and start creating solutions that help feed the growing world. He has an academic and professional background in computer vision and deep learning. His life mission is to connect the dots of the global agriculture ecosystem and augment the capacity of the agricultural land sustainably.



Lefteris Lazarou
Chef and Owner
Varoulko

Lefteris Lazarou is one of the most famous Greek chefs, born in 1952 in Piraeus, Greece. He is the first Greek chef ever to have received a Michelin Star and is considered one of the most influential in his country,

especially due to his expertise in fish & seafood-based dishes. He is the son of a ship chef. He is currently the chef in the Athens-based restaurant Varoulko, which is considered a high-quality dining place. He himself opened Varoulko in 1987. His popularity has peaked from 2010 and onwards due to his involvement in the Greek version of the famous MasterChef cooking show, as one of the three panel-judge chefs. He has taught in the Culinary Institute of America. He recently undertook the dinner at the Presidential Palace for Greece's 200 Years Bicentennial.



Litsa Panayotopoulos
CEO
EVIA IP

Litsa Panayotopoulos is co-founder and CEO of EVIA Intelligent Performance Ltd. A committed advocate of innovation, she creates opportunities for

entrepreneurship in various roles: Vice-President of Intale A.E. Retail Solutions and Papapostolou S.A. Medical Technologies, Treasurer of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and President of its Innovation, Education and Entrepreneurship Committee, Secretary General of the Non-Executive Directors' Club. She regularly participates in local and international events as a judge, moderator and keynote speaker. She is active in the organizational development of innovative companies alongside CEOs and boards of directors to turn their business endeavors into strategic action and profit. In addition to her business activities, she is on the Business Advisory Council of the Athens University International MBA, Board member of the Greek-Serbian Business Council and Citizens Movement (Kinisi Politon) and member of the Managing Directors' Club (MD Club). Her extensive career has been built in major international systems and projects in the USA, Canada, Europe, the Middle East and Africa in large multinational companies, Control Data et.al. She developed and managed: Geranos SA (a subsidiary of Commercial Bank of Greece being responsible for the 20 affiliates of the bank); Oracle S.E. Europe, Greece and Cyprus (establishing and managing subsidiaries of Oracle corporation in the region), and OTE Academy, the largest professional training organization in Greece, amongst others. Litsa Panayotopoulos is a Founding Member and Honorary President of SEN/Junior Achievement Greece, presiding over its leadership in various roles for 15 years. She has served on boards of major professional associations such as the Hellenic Management Association (EEDE) where she was an Honorary President and founder of its Hellenic Institute of Information (EIP). Former BoD member of IOBE (Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research), f. President and Board Member of ALBA Business University and f. BoD Member of the Hellenic Corporate Governance Council. She holds a BSc and MSc in Computer Science and Management from London University.



Pakis Papademetriou
Manager, Corporate Quality
Athens International Airport

Pakis Papademetriou has been serving Quality and Sustainability since 1994. He received a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and Master's degree in Industrial Engineering, both from the

University of Illinois at Chicago. He is certified in Business Sustainability Management from the University of Cambridge (CISL). Since he joined Athens International Airport in 1999, he has been engaged in the development and application of diverse management systems focusing on quality, sustainability & ESG,, and corporate administration. Currently, he holds the position of Manager, Corporate Quality reporting to the CFO. He is Chair of the Corporate Responsibility Committee of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and member of the Board of the UN Global Compact Network Hellas.
