

## Dr. Ioannis Tsaras

### Curriculum Vitae

#### Studies

- ❖ Diplomate Engineer, Faculty of Engineering, AUTH (1975-1980)
- ❖ M.Sc. (1982), Department of Civil Engineering, University of California
- ❖ Ph.D. (1985), Department of Civil and Applied Engineering, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, in the field of Fluid Engineering, Hydrodynamics and Port Works.

#### Research and teaching activity

- ❖ While in USA, employed as a researcher in the Civil Engineering Department of the U.C. Berkeley, AMOCO Research Center and in Lawrence Livermore Research Lab.
- ❖ 1996 to date, engaged in research, in the field of computational fluid mechanics.
- ❖ Author of articles published in prestigious scientific journals.
- ❖ Awarded by the National Science Foundation in 1986, at a special event held at the White House in Washington D.C.

#### Working Experience

- ❖ **1989 -1993: Mananing Director of AN.KO. S.A.** and responsible for the planning, study, financing (special European program Valoren) and supervision of the construction of the district heating projects in Kozani and Ptolemaida. Planned and negotiated with PPC, on behalf of the Municipalities of the Kozani Prefecture, funding of special environmental projects, with the establishment of the “**environmental resource**”. Finally, he was one of the main initiators of the creation of the “active urban planning zone” (ZEP) of Kozani. During 1990-1992 he was the President of the Association of Development Companies of Greece.
- ❖ **1993 -2004: Mananing Director of KEPA** (Business Development Center), a company under the Associations of Industries and Exporters of Northern Greece and financed, as an intermediary body of community

financial protocols, investment plans of hundreds of businesses of all sectors, in energy saving and production, information society, innovative projects, etc. Responsible for planning the European financial program RETEX, applied to textile enterprises.

- ❖ **1997 -1999:** Member of the founding board of the Institute of Informatics and Telematics (I.P.TEL.) of the National Center for Research and Technology (EKETA) of the University of Athens.
- ❖ **2004 – 2010: Managing Director and CEO** of the listed company "**ThPA S.A- Thessaloniki Port Authority SA**", Secretary General of ELIME (2004-2006) and **Executive Vice-President** of the National Center for Development of Ports of Greece (E.K.A.L.) (2006-2010). Representative of Greece in the **European Ports Association (ESPO)**, of which he was a member of the Board of Directors, from 2004 to 2010. During the managing period at ThPA S.A, the company was awarded 2 times by the European organization CITY-PORTS for its special programs implemented in the field of environmental protection and health and safety at work (ILO Award (International Labor Office). ThPA S.A was also awarded for financial year 2007 in a business forum organized by the financial magazine "TO CHRIMA", under the auspices of the Ministry of National Economy, with the **3<sup>rd</sup> business award** in the category "**Best company supervised by the State**", behind OPAP and ELPE.
- ❖ In the same period, **2004 - 2010**, as a representative of ESPO, cooperated with the competent EU services for the preparation and monitoring of the European programs related to combined European transport and mainly the "**short sea shipping**".
- ❖ **2010 to date:** General Manager of PFIC (formerly Phosphoric Fertilizers Industry) with a factory in Nea Karvali, Kavala. The industry is vertically integrated with production units for the intermediate substances of ammonia, nitric acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, and final product units for nitrate and complex phosphate fertilizers. The industry produces more than 100 types of high-quality chemical fertilizers for all kinds of crops and has 1000 employees in total.
- ❖ **1994 – 2004:** Member of a committee of experts monitoring various operational programs and initiatives of the Community Support

Framework and the NSRF. Special evaluator (2003), of high-budget infrastructure projects under the Greek Plan for the Economic Reconstruction of the Balkans (**ESOAB**), such as part of axis IV, presented at the **Summit** that took place in Porto-Karas hotel in 2003.

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