

Curriculum Vitae

Athanasiros Chris Mitropoulos

Personal Information

Born: Athens, Greece, 1957

Languages: Greek (native), English (fluent)

Education

- PhD in Physical Chemistry, University of Bristol, UK (1990)
Shell Petroleum Research Grant
- MSc in Surface Chemistry & Colloids, University of Bristol, UK (1985)
- BSc in Chemistry, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (1983)

Academic Leadership & Administration

- Dean, School of Science, International Hellenic University (2019–2023)
- Vice-Rector, Eastern Macedonia & Thrace Institute of Technology (EMaTech) (2017–2019)
- Rector, EMaTech (2017)
- President, Kavala Institute of Technology (KavTech) (2008–2016)
- Vice-President, KavTech (2002–2008)
- Professor, Department of Petroleum Engineering, KavTech/EMaTech (1998–2019)
- Professor, Department of Chemistry, IHU/DUTH (2019–2025)

Key Achievements in Leadership:

- Founding member of the International Hellenic University (IHU)
- Founded of the School of Science.
- Directed the transfer of Kavala Campus to Democritus University of Thrace (2023).
- Established Hephaestus Advanced Lab (€20M facility, 2015–2023).
- Founded the MSc in Oil & Gas Technology (2012) with international faculty.
- Initiated the Greek Chapter of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (2013).
- Coordinated the creation of Thekla Incubator (2023).
- Invited leading U.S. scholars (from US of Rutgers, Illinois, Michigan and Lawrence Berkeley Lab) to the Governing Council of EMaTech.
- Secured major funding: Stavros Niarchos Foundation (2015–2018) to combat brain drain (Nature, vol. 557, 2018) and Bodossaki Foundation (2018–2020) for natural gas training.
- Signed international MoUs with CERN (2013) and Texas A&M (2015).
- Hosted distinguished speakers, including Prime Minister K. Mitsotakis and spiritual leaders.

Academic & Research Contributions

- Publications: 200+ peer-reviewed articles; 100+ conference papers; 20 books; 10 patents
- Research: Scientific leader in 30+ national and European research programs (€30M+ budget)
- Impact: 5,500+ citations (Scopus), h-index: 39
- Included in Stanford University's list of the world's top 2% scientists

Earlier Professional Experience

- Adjunct Professor, Air Force Academy (1993–1995)
- Research Scientist, National Center for Scientific Research (1993–1998)
- Advisor, Ministry of Energy – Energy Committee (1992–1993)
- Scientific Advisor, Ministry of Trade & Industry (1991–1992)