

## Nicolas Pallikarakis CV

Nicolas Pallikarakis was born in Greece in 1948, obtained his BSc in Physics by the University of Thessaloniki in 1974. Thereafter followed postgraduate studies on Physical Methods of Analysis at the University of Aston in Birmingham (UK), on Biophysics and received his PhD at the University of Liège (BE). Research fellow of the "Fond National de la Recherche Scientifique" (FNRS) of Belgium from 1977 until 1981. Back to Greece in 1981, he was Lecturer in Medical Physics and after having served as Assistant, Associate and full Professor of Medical Physics, he is currently Emeritus Professor of the University of Patras.

He actively hold various key posts such as that of co-organiser and Director for 20 years, of the European Postgraduate Course in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Patras (ran in collaboration with twenty-five other European Universities). Founding member and Chairman of the Institute of Biomedical Technology (INBIT), an independent, non-profit Organisation, established in 1991 in Greece. INBIT is aiming to substantially contribute to the promotion of the Biomedical Engineering sector, works in close collaboration with WHO and provide services and consultancy to health care authorities and Hospitals. Coordinator of more than forty projects, financed by European or Greek R&D competitive programs. Among them, the Biomedical Equipment Assessment and Management (BEAM) I and BEAM II, the European MD information exchange system (EUROMEDIES), the MELETI, BIOTECHNET I and BIOTECHNET II, run by INBIT as coordinating partner. Additionally, the TEMPERE, CRH-BME and BME-ENA, EU TEMPUS projects, on Biomedical Engineering education. Supervisor of more than one hundred Master and twenty-five PhD theses. The results of these R&D activities have been published in more than one hundred and fifty articles in international scientific journals, books and proceedings. Actively participated in more than two hundred international conferences, seminars and workshops. Organiser of more than forty scientific events held both in Greece and abroad and more than fifty working group meetings.

Since 1985, actively participated in many EU expert groups related to Biomedical Engineering and Medical Informatics, such as: Appointed member from Greece to the CEN Health Forum. National representative in the Advanced Informatics in Medicine (AIM) and then the Health Telematics (HT) programs of the EU DG XIII (1987-1998). Member of the Medical Devices Expert Group of the EU DG III, while preparing the EEC 93/42 and 98/98 European Directives on Medical Devices and elaborating the Guidelines on the Medical Devices Vigilance System (1990-2004). Member of the steering committee of the WGS1 of TC 257 CEN, for the development of the European Medical Devices Nomenclature System and the Technical Committee of ELOT on health issues (TE 86). Member of the International Medical Device Group (IMDG) (1985-2000).

Member of the Clinical Engineering Division Board of the IFMBE since 1991 and its Chairman for the 1994-1997 period. Member of the Health Technology Assessment Division Board of the IFMBE 2000-2008, and again as its Chairman for the 2012-2015 period.

Received several distinctions; amongst them: Professor Honoris Causa of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering of the University of Cluj-Napoca, Doctor Honoris Causa of the Technical University of Moldova, Elected member of the International Academy of Medical and Biological Engineering (IAMBE), Recognition from IFMBE for Dedication & Outstanding contributions as HTAD chairman, Erasmus+ 30 years celebration Award, by the EU Parliament, John A. Hopps Distinguished Service Award, by IFMBE and the Hellenic BME Society price for his valuable contribution in the field of BME.

