

# SPEAKERS

## **Ioannis Arapoglou**

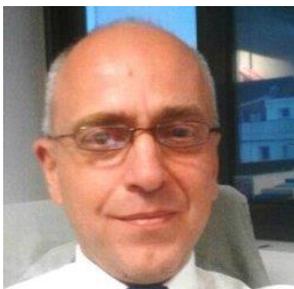
Chairman of the Board, GASTRADE S.A., Copelouzos Group



Ioannis Arapoglou is the Chairman of the Board of Gaztrade. He is responsible for the group's investment activities, including energy related investments, the participation in the Athens International Airport and the concessions of the 14 Regional Airports. As of early 2017, he is also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Gastrade, a company holding the licenses and developing the new LNG Terminal in Northern Greece, Alexandroupolis. Prior to joining Copelouzos Group, Ioannis worked as a Senior Analyst for Piraeus Securities, member of Piraeus Bank. Ioannis holds an MBA from the University of Bath, School of Management and a BSc in Business Administration from the American College of Greece, Deree.

## **Stelios Bikos**

Head of Commercial Division, DEPA S.A.



Currently heading activities of DEPA in gas wholesale, including pricing and commercial policy, having spent several years in planning and gas procurement in DEPA. Previously worked in design, development and consultancy roles in the chemical industry in the UK and Greece. Actively interested in market transformation and regional integration. Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering, with studies in Greece and the UK.

## **Ioannis K. Chatjigeorgiou**

Ioannis K. Chatjigeorgiou, Professor National Technical University of Athens



Ioannis K. Chatjigeorgiou is a Professor in the School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens, Greece. He is currently the Director of the Section of Marine Structures. He has been a Visiting Professor at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway; École Centrale de Marseille, France; and the University of East Anglia, UK. He was awarded the Marie Curie Fellowship for outstanding researchers. His research involves analytical hydrodynamics, hydroelasticity,

hydrodynamic violent slamming and dynamics of risers and mooring systems. He is a member of several professional societies, a member of the editorial board of Applied Ocean Research, and associate editor of the Journal of Offshore Mechanics and Arctic Engineering. He has authored two books and has published nearly 150 papers or chapters in refereed journals, conference proceedings, and edited books.

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## **George Dimopoulos**

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Principal Specialist in DNVGL and Manager of the Maritime R&D



George Dimopoulos is a Principal Specialist in DNVGL and Manager of the Maritime R&D and Advisory unit in Piraeus, Greece. His field of expertise is the modelling and optimization of complex ship machinery systems in all ship segments, including Gas carriers, LNG carriers and FSRUs; with aim to improve the overall competitiveness of maritime assets. He is lead researcher or project manager in various R&D, ship concept design and advisory projects working closely with major international ship owners, yards and manufacturers. Most notably, George has worked in the concept design and bidding support for major LNG / Gas carrier projects and tenders assisting owners to improve the competitiveness of their NB designs. He has also worked closely with operators on several projects on the energy efficiency, performance improvement and troubleshooting of ship machinery systems. He also serves as an expert in assisting shipping companies to map their energy performance needs and improve their monitoring and analytics systematics. George and his team aim at fusing forefront research methods and computer modelling techniques to optimize ship systems for improved performance, safety, fuel savings, emissions reductions and cost-effectiveness, in practice. He holds a PhD. in Marine Engineering and a Diploma in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering both from National Technical University of Athens, Greece. George has authored more than 35 peer-reviewed papers in scientific conferences and journals.

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## **Yiannis N. Papanicolaou**

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Director, Aegean Marine Petroleum Network Inc.



Yiannis Papanicolaou is an economist. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Aegean Marine Petroleum Network Inc. (Supplier of bunkering services listed in NYSE). (Between June 2017 and May 2018 he served as the Acting Chairman of the BoD) and Neurosoft S.A. (Software and I.T. company subsidiary of OPAP S.A listed in the Stock Exchange of Milan)

Since 2004 Mr. Papanicolaou has been employed as an economic adviser in Greece and abroad. He has also served as Chairman, Deputy Chairman or member of the Board of Directors of several companies

From 1998 to 2004, Mr. Papanicolaou was the Director General of the International Center for Black Sea Studies and from 1997 to 2005 he was the Alternate Governor of Greece at the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank.

Prior to that, Mr. Papanicolaou had a career in government where he served, among other positions, as Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Greece, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors to the Ministry of National Economy and Special Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs on issues of economic diplomacy and external economic relations.

He started his professional career as a Lecturer in Economics at the London School of Economics and at the Queen Mary College (London University). Mr. Papanicolaou has studied economics at the National University of Athens (1<sup>ST</sup> class Honors Degree in Economics), the London School of Economics (M.Sc.Econ with Distinction) and the London Graduate School for Business Studies (Senior Executive Program).

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## **Gus Papamichalopoulos**

**Vice President, IENE/Partner, KG Law Firm**



Gus heads the Energy, Infrastructure and Utilities Practice Group. His main area of expertise is on the energy industry and he has been involved in the liberalization of the Greek electricity market and gas market. Due to the complexity of the issues associated with the electricity market regulations he advises on major regulatory issues of the electricity, natural gas and RES market.

As a business lawyer focusing on the energy sector, key international energy companies investing in Greece have mandated Gus in the early stages of their investment program for the implementation of important energy projects (infrastructure projects such as oil and gas investments, the licensing and development of gas pipelines, the establishment of power generation plants, wind parks, low pressure gas distribution networks, etc). Another element of his practice is the public sector-privatization projects, in which he has acted for both the Greek State and the private sector (e.g. privatization of State-owned companies, concession agreements, public private partnerships relating to parking stations, toll roads, etc). Project finance is a strong section of his practice, since major local financial and credit institutions and private equity funds are instructing the team for the financing of energy infrastructure projects. Gus also serves as one of the managing partners of KG Law Firm, has acted as co-chair of SEE LEGAL Group for

two years and currently serves as Deputy Chairman of the Institute of Energy of South East Europe (IENE).

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## **Costis Stambolis**

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Executive Director, IENE



Costis Stambolis was born in Cardiff, UK. He graduated from Athens College in 1968 and has a background in Physics and Architecture having studied at the University of London, at the North East London Polytechnic (NELP) and at the Architectural Association in London from where he holds a Graduate Diploma in Architecture and Energy Studies (AA Dip. Grad). He also holds a professional practice license from the Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE), and Masters Degree from the Said Business School, University of Oxford, where he studied "Strategy and Innovation". Costis has carried out numerous studies and projects on Renewable Energy Sources in developing countries with emphasis on solar energy. He has consulted widely on solar building applications in Greece both for private and institutional clients. He has also worked as a consultant on solar energy, natural gas, oil markets and energy security issues for large multinational companies and international organizations. He has worked as a consultant for a number of international companies, advising them on policy and licensing issues, related to natural gas, infrastructure, oil and gas concessions and licencing agreements and renewable and large renewable energy projects.

Costis has lectured widely on energy issues and has organised several national, regional and international conferences, seminars and workshops and has published various articles and studies on energy issues in several journals in the technical press.

Since 2001 he supervises and edits daily Greece's foremost energy site [www.energia.gr](http://www.energia.gr). He is a founding member of the Institute of Energy for South East Europe (IENE), where he was elected twice as its Chairman (2003, 2005). He is a member of the Institute of Energy (UK), the International Passive House Association (IPHA), The Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE) and the Chartered Institute of Journalists (UK).

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## Zoi Stolaki

Lawyer LL.M., Legal Department - Public Gas Corporation (DEPA) S.A.

Zoi Stolaki is Attorney-at-Law and works in the Legal Department of the Public Natural Gas Corporation (DEPA) S.A., in Athens, Greece. Prior to joining DEPA S.A., Ms. Stolaki worked in a large international law firm in Brussels in the fields of EU Competition Law and EU Energy Regulatory. Ms. Stolaki also worked as an intern in the Brussels office of Magic Circle law firm, the legal department of a major Greek bank and the legal department of the Permanent Representation of Greece to the European Union. She holds an LL.B. from the School of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece) and an Advanced Master of Laws in Energy and Environmental Law from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium). She is a native Greek speaker and is fluent in English and French and has a basic knowledge of German. Ms. Stolaki is a member of the Athens Bar Association.



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## George A. Tsavlis

CEO, Tsavlis Group Worldwide Salvage & Towage

Mr. George A. Tsavlis was born in London. He graduated from Athens College in 1968 and having acquired professional qualifications in Shipping (F.I.C.S., ACI.Arb), he concluded his graduate and post graduate studies in Shipping Law at University College London in 1973, with an L.L.M. degree. In 2009 he was qualified as a Mediator at the ADR Group London and in 2014 was certified as a Mediator by the Greek Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights.



He familiarized himself with the shipping and salvage sectors from a very early age by being engaged in the family business. George is a Principal at “Tsavlis Salvage Group” and represents the business on both a commercial and environmental basis internationally. He holds the position of Past Chairman of INTERMEPA (International Marine Environment Protection Association), Chairman of CYMEPA (Cyprus Marine Environmental Protection Association), which received the “Cyprus Maritime Prize 2007”, as well as member of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus Union of Shipowners and Honorary Chairman of the Tsavlis Cultural Foundation. Furthermore, Mr. George Tsavlis was awarded the 2016 Capital Link Greek Shipping Leadership Award, in recognition of his unique and extensive contribution to Shipping and Greece and for his overall outstanding service to the shipping industry made by him individually, as a family and by his company as a Group.

George is a frequent keynote speaker and panelist at numerous maritime related conferences. He is an avid supporter of various charities, an art and music enthusiast and has completed ten London marathons. He is a father of six children.

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## **Nicolas A. Vernicos**

**President, ICC Hellas**

Mr. Vernicos is the President of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC-Hellas) and Member of the Board of Directors (MBD) of Hellenic Chamber of Shipping, Piraeus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Public Power Corporation (PPC) in Athens and National Museum of Contemporary Art in Athens.



He is a Hon Consul of Mexico for Piraeus and the Greek islands in Constantinople in the 19th century for Tugs & Salvage. He is Vice President of VERNICOS YACHTS S.A., Vice President of EUROCORP Financial Services SA in Athens, and MBD of Global Investment Services in Paris.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Vernicos is very active in the sectors of culture and environment. He is today director of the National Museum of Contemporary Art, Athens and has served as Member of the Board of: The Hellenic Society for the Protection of the Environment and the Cultural Heritage, the Association for the Creation of a New Building for National Opera and “Maria Callas” Academy CEREC, Comite pour le Rapprochement de l’ Economie et de la Culture, Brussels. He is Founding Chairman of the Kastella Centre of Contemporary Art in Piraeus.

Mr. Nicolas A. Vernicos born in Athens in 1945 originates from the island of Sifnos in the Cyclades of the Aegean sea. He has a M.Sc. in Economics from the Athens University of Economics (ASOEE).