# **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.

## **Yiannis N. Papanicolaou**

Director, Aegean Marine Petroleum Network Inc.

Yiannis N. Papanicolaou studied Economics at the National University of Athens



(B.Sc.Econ. 1st Class Honors) and the London School of Economics (M.Sc.Econ. with Distinction). He has also attended the Senior Executive Program of the London Graduate School for Business Studies. He has been awarded by the London School of Economics and Political Science the Ely Devons Prize, as the best graduate of the year for the masters Degree in economics (1976).

He has worked as an economic consultant-advisor for major private companies in Greece and abroad (Companie General

des Eaux, Bouygues, Brown & Root, Hilton Corporation, A.G. SPANOS, etc). He has also been employed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris as an external consultant. Mr.Papanicolaou has served as Chairman, Deputy-Chairman or Member of the Board of Directors of several private companies and banks. (Arab-Hellenic Bank, Ionian Bank, Interamerican Cards, Neorion Syrou Shipyards, Volos Cotton Mill, Public Affairs Management etc.) Currently he is a member of the Board of: Aegean Marine Petroleum Network Inc. (Company offering bunkering services listed in NYSE). Between June 2017 and May 2018 he served as the Acting Chairman of the BoD

and since 2011 Neurosoft S.A. (Software and I.T. company a subsidiary of OPAP S.A)

## **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).

#### **Costis Stambolis**

**Executive Director, IENE** 

Costis Stambolis was born in Cardiff, UK. He graduated fron 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. 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).

## **George A. Tsavliris**

CEO, Tsavliris Group Worldwide Salvage & Towage

Mr. George A. Tsavliris 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 "Tsavliris 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 Tsavliris Cultural Foundation. Furthermore, Mr. George Tsavliris 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.

#### **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).