

# HEC Executive Council (EC) – Who We Are



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# Who we are (Cont'd)

**Thanos Voudouris, BSc, MSc IT**, was born and raised in Athens, Greece. He continued his studies in USA obtaining a graduate degree in Computer Sciences at University of Maryland. His career spans with works in various projects including satellite communications at NASA, nuclear submarine communication systems at Applied Physics Lab (APL), naval aircraft simulators, and enterprise system architectures. He is currently a consultant on Enterprise IT Architectures working in highly visible and complex systems. Since early 1990s with the advent of the Internet, Thanos has been working as a volunteer on many Hellenic cultural projects. He is one of the co-founders and directors of Hellenic Electronic Center.

**Anna Lawless** was born in the UK, fourth generation Diaspora. Degree in Life Sciences, OU and Reading Universities UK, post-graduate diploma in Electronic Engineering, University of Surrey, certificates in addiction and counselling, quality control, qualified to teach adults to UK and EU educational standards specializing in IT, English and Math. She worked on contract to military preparing young adults for university entrance. Lived in Greece in 1990s, was Office Manager, electro-mechanical and electronics engineer plus IT admin. Was prototype and production testing and repair of military electronics plus running company IT system.

**Stelios Manias** was born in North Greece, finished high school and then went for studies in Switzerland and Germany, off course traveled all over Europe. Graduated with a degree in Business Management worked for couple of years and then it was time for a different continent. (The earth is too small now days) America was the place to be for a technology related fields and this is what I did. Got another degree and for the last 20 years I am working as an Information Technology Consultant in USA. Vacationing in Greece every year is must, the most beautiful place on earth.

**Helen Bomis**, from Montreal, Quebec-Canada, studied Greek at McGill University with Dr. Anne Farmakides (1980), while also studying French for the same degree, then continuing for a Teaching Diploma and the qualifying Teaching License (1985). Returning to her studies, Helen obtained a Law Certificate from Université de Montréal (1996) and continued at UQAM for a law degree (LLB 2001). Fluent in 3 languages, Helen has worked on HEC projects and other sources.

**Fotini Vasileiou** was born and raised in Samos. She studied Graphic Design and Desktop Publishing in Athens and continue her education obtaining her degree in Web design from Algonquin College in Ottawa and her Masters in Web Mastering from CNAM (Business Master Programs in European Standards). She has also certificates and diplomas in Marketing, Public Relations, Quality Assurance Systems and Restoration of Historical Documents and Images. She is currently studying Economics & Management in Tourism - expected diploma in 2015. She has lived in Cyprus, USA and Canada and she has worked as Marketing Manager, Sales Manager, Marketing & Creative Director in several companies.

**Nico Michael** lives in South Africa. He is an IT professional with extended knowledge on website operations, security and control.

**Marios Chinas** (pronounced Shinas) was born in the UK and during his childhood lived in the UK, Greece, and Cyprus. After completing his military service he continued his studies gaining a Bachelor in Business Administration and a Masters in Corporate Strategy and Governance. Mario then embarked on a career in Banking, initially in the UK before moving to Cyprus. A strong believer in continuous learning, he has also qualified as an accountant and more recently concluded an MBA. Mario has been an active volunteer from his teenage years, especially regarding the Cyprus problem.

**Terry Dritsas** was born and raised in Aigion, Achaia, Greece. He served in the armed forces of the Greek army and then he joined the merchant marines as Electrician of a tanker ship. Terry moved to California and expanded his education obtaining a degree in Electrical Engineering, as well as a California contractor's state license. He worked on numerous projects, from house wiring to Nuclear, Solar, and Electrical Power Plants. Terry is an active participant in the Hellenic community in his area and also participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Pan-Hellenic Gathering in Thrace.

**Gus Stamatis** was born and raised in Agrinio, Greece. In 1988, he moved to the USA where he studied Computer Science at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte. He has worked for many years in the private sector for a number of businesses both in management positions and as an owner. He has been following HEC since its inception. He is one of the original members of the HELLAS LIST dating back in early 90's. He has been involved in the sales of Business-Class Computer Hardware for many years. He is an Information Technology Specialist with background in Web Development and Social Media Technologies.

**Athanasios D. Sarantopoulos, MBA, PhD** was born and raised in Tripoli, Greece and educated in USA. He is an active member of the Greek community of Diaspora and a strong HEC supporter since the beginning of HEC in 1995. He is an Electrical Engineer with teaching and research experience in Systems Analysis, Simulation, and Control. Designed, implemented, and managed Practical Training Program at Hellenic National Meteorological Service. International nonprofit organizations business consultant. Proficient in Social media for Marketing strategy development. Proven networking, communications, and customer support skills.