

Commendation of Andreas Georgiou

Today, on 18 September 2018, during a Special Meeting on *National Statistical Offices' Professional Independence: Threats and Responses* immediately prior to the XVI IAOS Conference in Paris, a special Commendation was awarded to Andreas Georgiou, former and inaugural President of ELSTAT (the Greek Statistical Authority).



This Commendation was given to acknowledge Andreas Georgiou's upholding of the highest professional standards in his public service in the pursuit of integrity of statistical systems.

During his Presidency at ELSTAT, Andreas Georgiou committed himself to ensuring that the production of all official statistics in Greece should be undertaken in strict conformity with international and European statistical principles and standards. In particular, he insisted that all statistics, and the processes that underpinned their production and dissemination, should conform to the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the European Statistics Code of Practice.

In doing so, he faced extraordinary obstacles and has been subjected to innumerable challenges and court proceedings. This special commendation acknowledges his competency and strength in the face of adversity, his commitment to the production of high quality and trustworthy official statistics and his advocacy for the improvement, integrity and independence of official statistics.

The Citation can be found [here](#).

The Commendation was presented to Andreas Georgiou by the following major statistical organisations:

The International Statistical Institute (ISI)

The Royal Statistical Society (RSS)

The American Statistical Association (ASA)

The International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS)

The Federation of European National Statistical Societies (FENStatS)

The Société Française de Statistique (SFdS)

Other societies and organisation are invited to sign in support of this commendation [here](#).