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UCY PROF. ATHANASIOS GAGATSI Elected Member of EASA

Great honor for Cyprus and great endorsement of the value of scientists' work at UCY

The Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs of the University of Cyprus (UCY), Professor Athanasios Gagatsis has been recently awarded the membership of the *European Academy of Sciences and Arts* (EASA), being elected as an ordinary member of the Academy assigned to the "IV NATURAL SCIENCES" Class. Ordinary members are natural persons who have successfully completed an academic education and who enjoy exceptional standing in society, as a result of work performed, publications or for comparable reasons.

Founded on March 7, 1990, the EASA is an independent transnational and interdisciplinary network of experts in Sciences, Arts, and Religions. The Academy's network of experts in sciences and arts and its interactions with experts of governance and representatives of religions envisions the multiple roles of science to address and solve current and long term complex issues, contributing to the European Common Good. Today, the European Academy numbers more than 2,000 members (ordinary and honorary members, as well as dignitaries), with 31 Nobel Prize Laureates among its honorary ones. In addition to recognizing academics that have made outstanding intellectual achievements in the arts and sciences, the Academy boasts various activities such as the ones of the *Alma Mater Europaea* (AMEU), EASA's flagship institution. Moreover, the Academy sponsors activities that advance studies in its eight (8) classes, that are, humanities, medicine, arts, natural and social sciences, laws and economics, technical and environmental Sciences, world religions and corporate and public governance.

The EASA membership shows commitment to the arts and sciences and to freedom of inquiry and expression at Europe's leading universities.

All new members will be officially initiated into the European Academy during the 2018 Festive Plenary Session scheduled to take place on March 3rd, 2018 (Salzburg-Austria).

Prof. Athanasios Gagatsis Short CV

Profile:

Undergraduate Studies at the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki, Greece (B.A. Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Sciences, 1973). Graduate studies at the University Louis Pasteur of Strasbourg,

France (DEA Didactics of Mathematics, 1980, Ph.D. Didactics of Mathematics, 1982). Postdoctoral research at the same University (1982-83). Lecturer and Assistant Professor in Didactics of Mathematics, University of Thessaloniki, Department of Mathematics (1983-1996). Associate Professor (1996-2002) and Professor (2002-today) in Didactics of Mathematics, University of Cyprus. Visiting Fellow at European Universities. Member of the Editorial Board of International Journals in Didactics of Mathematics. Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Sciences of Education. Member of the Editorial Board of International Journals in Didactics of Mathematics, such as Educational Studies in Mathematics, Scientia Paedagogica Experimentalis, La matematica e la sua didattica, Annales de Didactique de Mathématiques. Named Chevalier (Knight) of the Ordre des Palmes Académiques (Order of Academic Palms) (French Government, 9/5/2017).

Research Interests:

Representations in the learning of mathematics, pictures in problem solving, representations in the understanding of functions. History of Mathematics Education, epistemological, didactical and ontogenetic obstacles in the learning of mathematics. Transition from elementary to secondary education with respect to mathematics learning.

Full CV available at <http://ucy.ac.cy/dir/documents/dir/gagatsis/CV-english.pdf>

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