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The Senate of the University of Haifa, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the constitution of the University and in accordance with the recommendations of the President and the Executive Committee

hereby confers upon

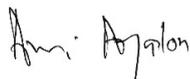
**Anthony S. Papadimitriou**

the degree of

**Doctor of Philosophy, Honoris Causa**

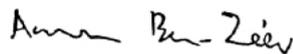
in recognition of his inspirational and visionary leadership of the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation that supports education, culture, and health throughout the world; for ensuring that environmental issues take top priority on the public and social agenda; for promoting his understanding that protecting the environment will create a better world for all and that by means of environmental activism human differences can be bridged and peoples brought closer together; for his sincere and longstanding friendship with the University of Haifa and ongoing support from the Foundation that contributes to the University's standing at the forefront of science and research in Modern Hellenic Studies.

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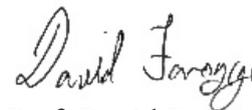
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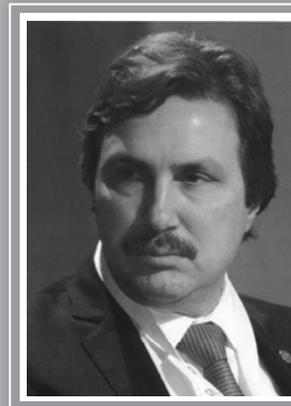
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# **DR. ANTHONY S. PAPADIMITRIOU**

President and Treasurer of the Board of Directors, the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation

Dr. Anthony Papadimitriou was born in 1955 in Alexandria, Egypt. When he was 11 years old, his family returned to Greece. In 1977, he earned his law degree at the Athens University Law School. In 1981 he earned a postgraduate law degree from the University of Aix-en-Provence in Maritime and Transport Law. In 1984 he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from The London School of Economics. In 2010, Dr. Papadimitriou completed his doctorate degree in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the National University of Athens.

In 1977, Dr. Papadimitriou began his career as Attorney-at-Law in the private sector. He specialized in commercial law and represented large shipping companies. In 1986 he was appointed as the legal counsel of Olympic Shipping and Management S.A. and in 1992, Dr. Papadimitriou became managing partner of the law firm, S & A. Papadimitriou and Law Partners. In 2008 he was accepted as Honorary Benchers of the Middle Temple, one of four Inns of Court with the exclusive right to call members to the English Bar as barristers.

Dr. Papadimitriou's connection to the Onassis family began in 1986, when he was appointed as legal counsel to their shipping company, a position held until 2005. He had various roles in the shipping company including coordinator of commercial activities for the Executive Committee of the corporation and Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation. In 2005 he was elected as President of the Board of Directors of the Foundation. In his position, Dr. Papadimitriou is responsible for public benefit and welfare activities of the Foundation as well as business activities which are the source of finances for its philanthropic endeavors.

Under Dr. Papadimitriou's leadership, the Foundation continues to support cultural and educational institutions in order to preserve Hellenistic culture as well as health and welfare projects. In recent years, the Foundation supports green and environmental projects and beginning in 2010, the Aristotle Onassis Prize for the Protection of the Environment in the amount of €250,000 has been awarded to worthy recipients. In 2010, the Foundation dedicated the "House of Letters and Arts" Cultural Center.

The Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation, directed by Dr. Papadimitriou, has a strong connection with the University of Haifa. The Foundation supports Modern Greek studies and ancient Byzantine civilization courses. Cultural activities and intellectual challenges such as lectures by Greek lecturers, seminars and study tours to Greece and places connected to the Greek world in Israel are offered. Thanks to the generosity of the Foundation, the University of Haifa can continue to stand at the forefront of current research in these areas.