

# Honory Note for Prof Dr Myron Myridis

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It is with great pleasure that I write in recognition of Prof Myridis' international status in the world of cartography and beyond.

In September 2013, after many years of academic activity, Professor Myron Myridis, of the School of Rural and Surveying Engineering of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, retired. Honoring the Professor, the General Assembly of the School and the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering of Aristotle University, awarded him the title of Emeritus Professor.

Prof Myridis has achieved an undoubted international reputation for his work and is highly regarded as a leading expert on the field of cartography in general. His main academic and research interests, namely Thematic Cartography, Spatial Analysis and Visualisation, reflect his broad understanding and expertise, which he passed further to generations of students at Greek Universities in many lectures. He acted as Organizer and Coordinator of more than 50 national and international conferences and published more than 80 papers in the aforementioned fields. He was Supervisor of more than 100 Diploma Theses and of some Master and PhD Theses. He actively participated in several research projects in AUTH and in other Universities in Greece and other countries. Has served as a member of many committees of both the Faculty of Engineering and the School of Rural and Surveying Engineering of the AUTH, as a Chairman of the Department of Cadastre, Photogrammetry and Cartography and as the Vice President of the School of Rural and Surveying Engineering of AUTH. As a President of the Directive Council of the Hellenic Cartographic Society, Member of the Directive Council of the Archive for Cartographic Heritage of Greece and as an active member of the Regional and National Atlas Commission of the ICA he became well known in the domain of cartography.

All those activities, results and contributions of a rich academic career have significantly contributed to the self-understanding and the respected position of cartography as a scientific discipline. The definition of sustainable discipline subject cores in relation to quickly changing innovations needs internationally recognized and accepted experts, being able to give orientation in this respect, of which Prof Myridis is one of those.

I have personally learned to know Prof Myridis on international conferences, in particular at International Cartographic Conferences. It was a pleasure discussing with him and learn to know about his thoughts and perspectives on topics of our discipline.

In summary, I have deep respect for the scientist, the cartographer and the person Prof Myron Myridis. It is a pleasure for me to express the compliments and appreciation of the International Cartographic Association.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Georg Gartner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'G' at the beginning.

### **Short Biography**

Georg Gartner is a Full Professor for Cartography at the Vienna University of Technology. He holds graduate qualifications in Geography and Cartography from the University of Vienna and received his Ph.D. and his Habilitation from the Vienna University of Technology. He was awarded a Fulbright grant to the USA and several research visiting fellowships. He was Dean for Academic Affairs for Geodesy and Geoinformation at Vienna University of Technology for six consecutive years. He is Editor of the Book Series "Lecture Notes on Geoinformation and Cartography" by Springer and Editor of the "Journal on LBS" by Taylor & Francis. He serves currently as President of the International Cartographic Association.