

DIONYSIOS P. SIMOPOULOS: SHORT CV

Dionysios P. Simopoulos is an astrophysicist and director emeritus of the Eugenides Planetarium of Athens, Greece, recognized for his extended contribution to astronomy education and to the electronic and print media of Greece. He started his career in the Fall of 1967 serving as Planetarium Director both in the United States (Louisiana Arts and Science Centre, 1969-1973) and in Greece (Eugenides Foundation, 1973-2014). As an active spokesman for science education he has written 31 popular science books, more than 200 planetarium shows, 500 television science shows for the National Broadcasting Networks of Greece, hundreds of feature articles for various print media, and has given more than 700 lectures throughout Greece. He has served as President of the European Association for Astronomy Education (1994-2002), as Secretary-General of the European/Mediterranean Planetarium Association (1978-2008), and as a member of the Executive Council of the International Planetarium Society (1978-2008). He is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, the International Planetarium Society and many other international organizations. For his contribution to the international astronomy education he was honoured in 1996 with the highest award of the International Planetarium Society, and in 2006 with the medal of the "Palme Académiques" of France. In Greece the Hellenic Physics Society recognized him in 2012 as the originator of the popularization of astronomy in Greece and in 2015 he received the Academy of Athens Award for his overall contribution in the popularization and dissemination of astronomy in Greece. In 2018 the Boy Scouts of Greece honored him with its highest award, the "Medal of the Silver Phoenix".