

Professor Philippos C. Patsalis

Foreign Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences since 2014

Professor Philippos Patsalis (born July 12, 1962, Nicosia, Cyprus) is a world-class geneticist, researcher and successful business entrepreneur, who has been leading public and private sector organizations since 1993. Prof. Patsalis held numerous executive positions and he served on several international scientific and business Boards, Committees and Councils during his 25-year distinguished career. Most notably, he held the presidential-appointed position of Minister of Health of the Republic of Cyprus. During his tenure as a Health Minister and under austere IMF, European Central Bank and European Commission economic measures, Prof. Patsalis implemented major reforms on the national healthcare sector. Among others, he restructured the operations of pharmaceuticals, he initiated the autonomization of public hospitals, and he introduced a new healthcare system.

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Secondary Education: Pancyprium Gymnasium, Nicosia, Cyprus, 1974-1980

Military service: Cyprus National Guard, 1980-1982

Aristotelian University of Salonica, Salonica, Greece; Bachelor of Science (BSc). 1982-1986

City College of the City University of New York, USA; Master of Arts (MA). 1987-1989

The City University of New York, USA; 1989-1990, Master of Philosophy (MPh). Biology [Areas of specialization: Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics]

The Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York, USA. 1989-1993 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

## POST-DOCTORAL EDUCATION

Visiting Fellow 1996- 1999, New York University, Medical School, New York, USA; Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Department of Human Genetics New York, USA; Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Department of Cancer Genetics and Cytogenetics, New York, USA; Institute Pasteur, Department of Human Genetics, Paris, France.

## **EXPERIENCE**

Founder and Head of the Department of Cytogenetics and Genomics, The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics, 1993–2012

Founder and Chief Executive Officer; NIPD Genetics biotechnology company, 2011–2014; 2015–present

Distinguished Professor, The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics, 1993 – present Chief Executive Medical Director, 2007 – present, The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics, Nicosia, Cyprus

Founder, Provost and Professor, Cyprus School of Molecular Medicine, 2011–2015 Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, Republic of Cyprus: March 2014 – July 2015

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

National Award, President of the Republic of Cyprus, 2013; In recognition of the outstanding contribution to scientific research and being awarded the ERC Advanced Program of Excellence from the European Research Council.

European Business Awards 2013/14 - National Champion, European Business Awards 2013; In recognition of, and to reward excellence, best practice and innovation in companies across the European Union.

National Award - Silver Metal of the Parliament, Parliament of the republic of Cyprus, December 2012; The highest honorary distinction of the Parliament of the Republic of Cyprus to one individual for outstanding contribution to the people and Science.

US State Alumni Award for 2011, State Department of the USA, June 2011; For exceptional scientific research on the development of non-invasive prenatal diagnosis of Down Syndrome. Annual Award from the State Department, USA.

National Award for Innovation, 2009, Research Promotion Foundation; June 2010; Development of a DNA microarray which enables the detection of unknown X-linked disorders. The most competitive National Award for Innovation given to one Researcher every Year. Award from once the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, Cyprus Employers and Industrialists Federation, and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism.

The National Award for Advanced Research "Nicos Simeonides", 2008, Research Promotion Foundation, September 2008; Genetic and Neurobiological Base of X-Linked Mental Retardation. The most competitive National Award for Research given to one Researcher every Year. Award from the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation.

List publications: <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Philippos Patsalis">https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Philippos Patsalis</a>