



PRESS RELEASE

Mr. Dimitrios Pentafragas, Chairman & Founder of ELPEN, and Mr. A. Papalois, Director of the Experimental & Research Center, were honored for their contribution to Greek surgeons and lifelong medical training

Wednesday, February 24th, 2016. On Friday, February 12th, the Hellenic Surgical Society (EXE) honored Mr. Dimitrios Pentafragas, Chairman and Founder of ELPEN, Mr. Apostolos Papalois, Biologist, Director of ELPEN's Experimental & Research Center, and ELPEN's Experimental & Research Center, for their valuable and long-lasting contribution to EXE and Greek Surgeons. The Award ceremony was held at the Auditorium of «Errikos Dynan» Hospital, within the context of the official commencement of EXE's 2016 Further Training Courses. The ceremony began with Mr. Papalois' speech, which was inspired by the phrase of Odysseas Elytis (1976): "If you decompose Greece, you will end up with an olive tree, a grapevine and a fishing boat." Forty years later, what do the olive tree, grapevine and fishing boat represent?

Mr. Papalois received all **3 awards** from Professor Mr. Ioannis Bramis, President of EXE, and Mr. Ioannis Paraskevopoulos, President of the Educational Council. On behalf of Mr. Pentafragas, Mr. Papalois thanked the Hellenic Surgical Society for the great honor and the long-lasting collaboration. He emphasized that: *"ELPEN will continue to strongly support any research and scientific effort, which aims at contributing to the improvement of our fellow men's life quality and yielding important benefits for patients and society. For 50 years now, it is our commitment to collaborate with all those – Greek and foreign – entities, such as the Hellenic Surgical Society, with whom we share common ideals and a passion for science, establishing long-lasting partnerships of high scientific level, which contribute to lifelong medical training."*