

# HONORARY DEGREE



Panos M. Pardalos

*Honorary Doctor of Science*

Today we have the privilege of honouring Dr. Panos M. Pardalos, an internationally renowned expert in computing, systems-design engineering, and global and combinatorial optimization. His research has influenced a broad spectrum of subject areas, from network design and information theory to telecommunications, e-commerce and biomedical applications.

Born in Greece, Dr. Pardalos earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Athens University, a Master of Science degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York, and a PhD in Computer and Information Sciences from the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Pardalos currently serves as Distinguished Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering at the University of Florida, where he holds a Research Foundation Professorship and is Director of the Center for Applied Optimization. He is also an affiliated faculty member of the University of Florida's Computer and Information Science Department, Engineering Department, Biomedical Engineering Department, McKnight Brain Institute, the Genetics Institute, and the Hellenic Studies Center. As well, he is a Scientific Advisor to the Laboratory of Algorithms and Technologies for Network Analysis at the Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia.

Dr. Pardalos has a wide variety of research interests and is active in numerous research journals and organizations. He is the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Global Optimization* and the *Journal of Optimization Letters*; co-editor-in-chief of *Computational Management Science*; and associate editor of numerous other journals. In addition, he

is a member of the editorial board of several international journals, and the managing editor of several book series. In 2010, he was named President of the International Society of Global Optimization. He is the author of 10 books and the editor of several more. He has published more than 400 papers and he is a highly cited researcher.

Dr. Pardalos has held visiting appointments at numerous institutions, including Princeton University, the Center for Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Sciences, Institute of Mathematics and Applications, the Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, the AT&T Labs Research, University of Trier in Germany, and the Linköping Institute of Technology in Sweden.

Dr. Pardalos has also received numerous awards and honours. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Fellow of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences, a Foreign Member of the Royal Academy of Doctors in Spain, a Foreign Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, a Foreign Member of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, a Foreign Member of the Petrovskaya Academy of Sciences and Arts in Russia, and Honorary Member of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences. In 2001, Dr. Pardalos was awarded the Greek National Award and Gold Medal for Operations Research.

It is with great admiration and pride that we celebrate the many achievements of Dr. Panos Pardalos today by conferring upon him an Honorary Doctorate of Science.

Presented by Dr. Ilias Kotsireas  
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