

## Our new President

Professor Epaminondas Tsianos is the new president of the Hellenic Society of Gastroenterology.

He was born in Trikala in 1948 and graduated from the Medical School of the University of Athens in 1972. He was then trained in Internal Medicine in the 2nd Propaedeutic Department of Internal Medicine under the thoughtful instruction of Prof. G. Gardikas. In 1978 he was board certified as a specialist in Internal Medicine and during the same year he was awarded a Ph. D. degree with an excellent for a thesis on "Intravascular Coagulation in Diabetes Mellitus assessed by plasma Fibrinogen Chromatography". Afterwards he started his training in Gastroenterology in December 1978, initially at Evangelismos General Hospital in Athens, under the supervision of Ass. Prof. Th. Kananginis and in January 1980 he was offered the opportunity to continue his training in Gastroenterology at the Manchester Royal Infirmary (Director: Dr. R. Holmes) as a clinical Fellow in Internal Medicine/Gastroenterology where he studied advanced techniques of investigation of Gastroenterology.



In January 1981 he was nominated specialist in Gastroenterology. In July 1982 he was appointed Lecturer in Internal Medicine at the Medical School of the University of Ioannina and in January 1986 he was appointed Assistant Professor of Medicine.

Motivated by his strong commitment to continually improve himself in Medicine, he actively participated in the Gastroenterology/Hepatology programme at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Washington D.C. U.S.A. from September 1988 to September 1989. In August 1990 he was appointed Associate Professor in Medicine and in 1996 Professor and Chairman in Internal Medicine at the Medical School of the University of Ioannina.

Professor E. Tsianos is an internationally well-known gastroenterologist and hepatologist who has remarkable scientific work, which is reflected through his all professional activities and especially through his many publications. More than 203 scientific papers some is very important medical journals. At last 1000 references to his papers have already approved in the literature. He is also an outstanding and a highly knowledgeable clinical physician who continues to serve as an excellent educator in his department. He is unusually honest and sincere and his kind is reflected not only to his patients but also to all his colleagues.

We are confident that during his service as a President to the Hellenic Society of Gastroenterology everybody in the Society will have the privilege to profit through communication and cooperation with him and we are looking forward to learning from him and sharing his friendship and academic wisdom.

Prof. E. Giannoulis