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## Innovation Farm presentation on Patent Protection and IT Innovations

..at the American College of Thessaloniki

**Date: Monday April 4th,**

**Time: 5:30 pm**

Innovation Farm welcomes Mr. Yannis Skoulikaris Director of Department of Patent Examination for System Software, Computer Architecture, Microprocessors of European Patent Office and Dr. Michal Sarantinos CEO and Managing Partner of STEFICON and ICON for a presentation **Information Technology innovation and challenges on the protection of intellectual property in Information Technology industry.**

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Bissell Library — Niarchos  
Technology Center, AV Room

### Speakers



#### Mr Yannis Skoulikaris

Director of Department of Patent Examination for System Software, Computer Architecture, Microprocessors of **European Patent Office**



#### Dr. Michael Sarantinos

CEO and Managing Partner of **STEFICON SA** and **ICON CFD**



#### Mr. Argyrios Spyridis (Moderator)

Managing Partner of **Alpha Consulting Europe** and Team Leader Of **Innovation Farm**

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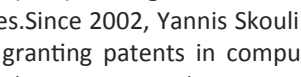
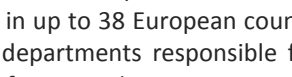
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## Event Literature

### APRIL 4th EVENT DETAILS:

#### Speaker: Mr. Yannis Skoulikaris

Yannis Skoulikaris is a Director with the European Patent Office (EPO), an organization which grants patents for inventions valid in up to 38 European countries. Since 2002, Yannis Skoulikaris has been heading one of the departments responsible for granting patents in computer technology, in particular system software and microprocessor architectures. His department is also dealing with oppositions to granted patents. Mr Skoulikaris is also the liaison officer between the EPO and the Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (OBI). His duties include, among others, defining and implementing EPO policy and practice in patenting computer-implemented inventions, as well as quality control in patent examination. He has also dealt with mediation in personnel matters. He has presented in academic and professional conferences, patent offices, chambers of commerce and various other fora, both in Europe and overseas, on the EPO legal framework and case law, and the EPO practice in examining computer-implemented inventions. Since 2009 he has also been a guest lecturer at the University of Maastricht, teaching at an Intellectual Property Masters course. Prior to taking up his present management position with the EPO in 2002, he has worked as a programmer and systems analyst with the Hellenic Air Force Headquarters (Athens, 1977-1980), as a systems consultant with British Petroleum AG (Hamburg, 1984-1989), as a patent examiner with the EPO (Munich, 1989-1995) and as a patent examiners' supervisor with the EPO (The Hague, 1995-2002). He holds a degree in Physics from the Aristoteles University in Thessaloniki (1977), a Certificate of Education as a programmer and systems analyst from Demokritos Research Centre in Athens (1978), a degree in Computer Science from the University of Hamburg (1988), and a Certificate of Education in European Patent Law from the Centre d' Études Internationales de la Propriété Intellectuelle, University of Strasbourg (1995). He has also followed two years of law studies at the University of London.

#### Speaker: Dr. Michael Sarantinos

Dr. Michael Sarantinos, Greek and British citizen, was born in Athens, Greece in 1961. From 1979 till 1984 he studied Computer Science in the National Technical University of Athens. From 1985 till 1986 he attended as visiting Scholar in Stanford University, CA, USA, participating in the developing team of the Metafont project, a tool for the design of computer fonts. From 1986 till 1992 he worked as a Research Assistant in Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, in London, UK, writing his Ph.D. on the Computer Visualization of Scientific Data. In 1992 he setup ICON Ltd, a London based company specializing in computer graphics, multimedia, Internet and CFD applications. Since January 2000 he is the managing director and main shareholder of STEFICON SA. Parallel to the above, from 1996 till 2000, he worked as a consultant of the British Ministry of Education on issues regarding the education of Multimedia and Internet in British Universities, and from 2000 till 2002 he was the General Manager of Pegasus Interactive.

#### Argyris Spyridis: Moderator

Having a diversity of stimuli in the overall Business Administration field, Mr. Argyris Spyridis has sought highly competitive areas for exercising his profession. He began his career as a consultant for the company Master Plan where he got involved with TQM projects. His next professional placement was at the company Sarah Lawrence where he offered his services as Director of Sales and Business Development for both retailing and wholesaling departments. In 1997 he founded Alpha Consulting Europe having as a main mission the offering of business consulting services. The company is focused in the implementation of Marketing Management projects, Sales Department Supervision, Business Policy Formulation, Financial Advising and E-Marketing projects. Today Mr . Spyridis is the owner and Managing Director of Alpha Consulting Europe and serves the American college of Thessaloniki as instructor in Marketing and other business related areas. His main competences stem from his extended and close engagement with business practices in many sectors of the economy. Additionally he has the supervision of Innovation Farm, a project aiming at establishing an innovation and creativity community aiming into assisting individuals or entrepreneurs of all types into implementing new concepts and advancing their business in unsaturated market sectors