

SHORT CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. Athanasios Strigas

Dr. Strigas has been serving as a Full Professor at the University of Peloponnese for the last 11 years. He holds a Ph.D. in Sport Management from Florida State University (USA), an MBA from Indiana State University (USA), and an M.Sc. in Sport Management from Western Illinois University (USA).

He has considerable teaching experience, having taught undergraduate and graduate courses at universities in both the United States of America and Greece.

Dr. Strigas has extensive experience in international educational and research projects. While in the U.S., he wrote a grant proposal for a three-year project funded (\$121,000) by the Office of Education & Cultural Affairs Office of the US Department of State. The project targeted Sports Management Professionals in Morocco and aimed to train sports management professionals to take on leadership positions in that country's sports system.

In 2009, Dr Strigas was invited by the current President of the International Automobile Federation (FIA), Mohamend Ben Sulayem, to conduct the world's first survey on sports volunteering in the Gulf countries, in the context of the first Formula 1 Grant Prix in the United Arab Emirates. The publication of this research was received with excellent reviews in the UAE print press and was published, two years later, as a chapter in a book on Sports Management in the Middle East (the first book of its kind).

Dr. Strigas has served as Vice President of the Greek Taekwondo Federation for more than a decade, having led many educational initiatives for taekwondo coaches. From 2019 to 2023 he was on the Board of Directors (Vice President) of the Peace and Friendship Stadium, the most important multi-sport indoor facility in Greece.

In 2020, he was appointed Director of the Education and Awareness Committee for the Greek National Platform for Sports Integrity, which was created as a result of the Council of Europe's Macolin Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions. Under his leadership, direct supervision and personal involvement, a large number of educational materials have been developed and more than 3500 coaches have been trained on issues related to sports manipulation and illegal betting.

He is the Academic Director of the Postgraduate Program "Management and Organization of Sports Activities for People with Disabilities" of the University of Peloponnese and serves as national classifier (wheelchair fencing) of the National Federation of Sports for People with Disabilities. He is the founder and director of the research laboratory "Volunteering in Sport and Social Services" at the University of Peloponnese. He has authored several chapters in sport and recreation management textbooks, published more than 50 articles in scientific journals and conference proceedings and supervised more than 50 postgraduate and doctoral theses.