

## SPEAKERS – SHORT BIOGRAPHIES

### **Maria Tzima, President of Association of Greek Geologists**



Maria Tzima is a Geologist and Water Management Expert (EurGeol #1635 – CNG) with over 24 years of professional experience. Currently serving as an Independent Consultant for the Hellenic Survey of Geological and Mineral Exploration, she holds an M.Sc. in Water Resources Science and Technology from the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA). A prominent leader in her field, Maria is the President of the Association of Greek Geologists and serves as the Coordinator of the EFG (European Federation of Geologists) Panel of Experts on Education, where she contributes to the advancement of geoscience standards and professional development across Europe.

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### **David Govoni, President of European Federation of Geologists**



David Govoni is a geologist with 25 years of international experience in the mining and sustainability sectors, combining technical expertise with strategic roles in natural resources management. He currently serves as Natural Resources and Sustainability Manager for a leading Italian industrial minerals company and has acted as an independent expert for European institutions. In parallel, he has held leadership roles in civil society organizations at both national and international levels. Since 2023, he is President of the European Federation of Geologists.

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### **Dr. Michael G. Stamatakis, Professor Emeritus**



Dr. Michael G. Stamatakis is Professor Emeritus at the Department of Geology and Geoenvironment, NKUA. He obtained his PhD from NKUA in 1987 and became Professor of Industrial Minerals in 2005. His research focuses on the evaluation of industrial mineral deposits in Greece, including pozzolanic tuffs, zeolites, diatomaceous rocks, and borates. He has over 200 publications and has received multiple awards from the Greek Academy of Sciences.

**Konstantinos Laskaridis, Director of Mineral Resources and Prospecting Department, HSMGE**



Dr. rer. nat., University of Erlangen–Nuremberg, Geologist and Head of the Mineral Resources & Prospecting Department of H.S.G.M.E. He has been the Technical Responsible of the accredited Ornamental Stones Quality Control Laboratory “LITHOS” since 1999. With over 30 years of experience, he has participated in numerous European and national R&D projects on ornamental stones, industrial minerals and critical raw materials, including *MultiMiner* and *GSEU*. He is the National Delegate to EuroGeoSurveys and a member of the EGS Mineral Resources Expert Group since 2012.

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**Arda Arcasoy, External Relations of EFG**



He has over 30 years of experience in geology, mineral exploration, Remote Sensing and GIS, and more than 25 years in consultancy services for earth science companies and institutes. He has completed mineral exploration and remote sensing projects internationally, from Brazil and Africa to China, Norway, Portugal, and Saudi Arabia. His expertise focuses on mineral exploration and ground deformation analysis using remotely sensed data, particularly for mining companies. He has also lectured part-time at Middle East Technical University and reviewed articles for the *European Geologist Journal*.

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**Konstantinos Yazitzoglou, President of Greek Association of Mining Enterprises**



Konstantinos Yazitzoglou has over thirty-five years of C-level executive experience in the manufacturing industry. Currently he is the CEO of GEOHELLAS, the major Attapulgitite producer in Europe and the chairman of the Greek Mining Enterprises Association.

He is involved in various innovative entrepreneurial projects, including movie production, medical technologies, food and beverage, digital security solutions and real estate.

Konstantinos holds an MSc in Mechanical Engineering from NTUA and an MBA from Imperial College.

### **Ioannis Sanoudos, Milos Hub Director, Imerys-Greece**



Ioannis Sanoudos, Milos Hub Director at Imerys, has led one of the Group's most pivotal global assets for over 10 years, overseeing the comprehensive Bentonite and Perlite operations on the island of Milos. Managing an industrial activity that ranks among the largest of its kind worldwide, he focuses on driving Industrial & Operational Excellence, while ensuring robust production and financial viability through strategic P&L and cost optimization. On top, he is dedicated to integrating sustainable mining practices and large-scale land rehabilitation, securing the company's long-term environmental and social commitment.

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### **Panagiotis Zachariadis, Mining and Resource Planning Director, IMERYS – Coordinator PE, EFG**



Panagiotis Zachariadis is currently the Mining and Resource Planning Director for BA RAC, IMERYS SA, and has a significant experience in the fields of mineral exploration, exploitation and permitting across Europe and Türkiye. His background includes work in industrial mineral, bauxite and base metals open pit and underground mining projects as well as underground marble extraction, along with academic achievements in Earth Sciences, Geology, and Geochemistry. He is actively involved in initiatives supporting the ethical, sustainable and responsible management of raw materials from mining to processing to reuse, which is crucial for securing Europe's position amid growing geopolitical challenges and laying the foundations for future strategic planning.

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### **Stylianos Roumpedakis, Senior Quarries & Mining Specialist, Heracles Group, Greece**



Stylianos Roumpedakis is a Senior Quarries & Mining Specialist, Accomplished professional with over 17 years of experience at Holcim (formerly Lafarge-Aget Heracles). Holds a Bachelor in Geology from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and a Master of Science Engineering on Geotechnology from the Technical University of Crete. Proven track record in quarry design, geotechnics, and reserve estimation, transitioning from a Technical Geologist in construction to high-level specialist roles.

### **Theodoros Margomenos, Operations Manager, SIBELCO**



Margomenos Theodoros is a Mining and Metallurgical Engineer, graduate of the National Technical University of Athens, with over two decades of senior leadership experience in Greece's mining and industrial minerals sector. He currently serves as Country Manager Greece, Operations Manager and Sustainability Manager at Sibelco Hellas S.A. His experience includes senior roles at TERNA MAGNESITE S.A. and ELMIN Bauxites S.A., managing underground and open-pit mining operations, processing facilities, logistics and export supply chains. His expertise focuses on operational excellence, sustainability, resource development and strategic management in the extractive industry.

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### **Michael Papatiriou, Deputy General Manager and Olympias Head of Operations, Hellas Gold**



Michael Papatiriou is a Mining and Metallurgical Engineer, graduate of the National Technical University of Athens, with over 30 years of leadership experience in the mining and minerals industry. He has held senior operational and technical roles in organizations such as S&B Industrial Minerals and Imerys. He currently serves as Deputy General Manager and Head of Operations at Olympias for Hellas Gold, a subsidiary of Eldorado Gold. His expertise focuses on large-scale mining operations, operational excellence, cost optimization, safety, environmental stewardship, and sustainable mining practices.

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### **Pavlos Tyrologou, Engineering Geologist**



Dr Pavlos Tyrologou is an Engineering Geologist and geoscience strategist with over 20 years of international experience in environmental geoscience, subsurface systems, European research and science-policy integration. His expertise includes contaminated land, groundwater, natural hazards, CCS, hydrogen storage, governance and stakeholder engagement. He has held senior leadership roles at CERTH and the European Federation of Geologists, including six years on the EFG Executive Board. He currently serves as Editor-in-Chief of the *European Geologist Journal* and remains active in advisory and technical networks related to hydrogen, environmental compliance and sustainable remediation.



**Ramon Pérez Mir, EurGeol, EFG**

Ramon Pérez Mir holds a degree in Geology from the University of Barcelona in 1992 and has been a European Geologist (EurGeol) since 2018. His professional experience is closely linked to the fields of geotechnics, soil and groundwater contamination, renewable energy projects, and the presidency of the National Association of Geologists of Catalonia. He has a strong technical focus, business management skills, and experience in managing work teams worldwide, especially in European and Latin American markets.

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**Eleftheria Vagkli, Technical Services Manager, Skouries Project, Hellas Gold**

Eleftheria Vagkli is a Senior Mining professional with over 25 years of experience in mineral exploration, mine development, and operations across underground and open-pit environments. She currently serves as Technical Services Manager at the Skouries Mine, where she leads a multidisciplinary team and is responsible for long-term strategic planning. Her career includes leadership roles in geology and technical services, contributing to operational readiness and large-scale project execution. She has extensive experience in integrating modern technical systems with a strong focus on safety and efficiency. Her work emphasizes sustainable resource development and technically robust mining practices.

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**Konstantinos Kydonakis, Mining Geologist, Geotest Consulting Engineers, Greece**

Dr. Konstantinos Kydonakis is a mining geologist and resource modelling specialist currently leading the R&R and Mine Planning Group at Geotest Consulting Engineers. His work focuses on advanced geostatistical analysis, orebody modelling, and integrated mine planning, supported by strong programming and database development skills. He brings extensive experience across both underground and open-pit mining operations, covering base metals and industrial minerals, gained through key roles at Imerys and Hellas Gold. He combines academic research excellence with practical mine engineering applications. He holds a PhD in Geosciences and is a certified European Geologist (EurGeol).

**Marianthi Anastasatou, UNFC Key Expert-Dr. Geologist, HSGME**



Dr. Marianthi Anastasatou is a Geologist at the Mineral Resources and Mining Division of the Hellenic Survey of Geology and Mineral Exploration (HSGME). She holds an MSc in Applied Environmental Geology and a PhD in Mineral Raw Materials from NKUA. Her work focuses on mineral raw materials, environmental impact assessment, recycling, and industrial applications of mineral resources. She has collaborated with several academic and international institutions and has participated in numerous European and national research projects. Since 2019, she has served as an invited expert for EU Critical Raw Materials studies and as a national key expert for UNFC implementation. She has authored more than 40 conference papers and 10 SCI journal publications.