

Professor H.E. Haralambides

Professor Haralambides was born in Athens on the 18th of October 1952. He studied economics and statistics at the Piraeus Graduate School of Business Studies, presently the University of Piraeus, Greece. In 1976 he pursued further postgraduate studies at the University of Kent, Canterbury, England, where he obtained a Master of Arts degree in Economics, specializing in Econometrics (under Gary Philips and Chris Hale) and Economic Development (under Tony Thirlwall and Charles Kennedy). In 1985, he obtained his doctorate from the University of Wales, Cardiff, UK. During his period in Cardiff he was also teaching Investment Appraisal of Transport Projects. His PhD research was on international transport and the balance of payments, and it was concerned with the design and estimation of a large-scale econometric model aimed at measuring economic relations within the shipping industry and the integration and impact of the latter on a country's balance of payments and national economy by and large.

In 1987, after a brief spell as lecturer at the University of Piraeus, Professor Haralambides joined the United Nations World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmö, Sweden. WMU was founded in 1983 by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in an effort to transfer technology and know-how to the developing world in the areas of marine affairs; maritime administration; environmental management; and shipping and port management. There, first as lecturer and then senior lecturer, Professor Haralambides was instrumental in developing new curricula and research in shipping and port management.

Since 1992, he is tenured Full Professor of Maritime Economics and Logistics at Erasmus University Rotterdam and Founding Director of the Erasmus Center for Maritime Economics and Logistics (MEL) (www.maritimeeconomics.com). He is also founder (1999) and Editor-in-Chief of the quarterly SSCI journal *Maritime Economics & Logistics* (MEL), published by Palgrave-Macmillan (www.palgrave-journals.com/mel). Both Center and Journal are, by general recognition, the leading ones in the world in their field, having established Maritime Economics and Logistics as a distinct and well-defined branch of both applied economics and international business, now taught in hundreds of Universities around the world. The 'MEL Approach' departs from former modal and sectoral transportation studies, looking at international ocean transportation, ports and terminal management as important components of global (maritime) supply chains whose optimization aims at trade efficiency and consumer welfare. MEL alumni hold key senior positions around the world, while the Center and its activities enjoy the unswerving support of the Rotterdam port cluster at highest level.

In 1989, Professor Haralambides founded the Special Interest Group (SIG2) on Maritime Transport and Ports of the World Conference on Transport Research Society (WCTRS): the world's largest and most renowned platform of transportation research where he also sat in the Scientific and Publications Committees. He chaired SIG2 for almost 20 years. In 1990, together with Richard Goss and Tor Wergeland, he also founded the International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME).

Among a number of consultative and advisory functions at the national and international level, Professor Haralambides is expert of the European Commission, OECD, IMO, ILO, UNCTAD and IBRD/IFC, as well as of the governments of The Netherlands, Belgium and Greece. Among the private sector companies he has advised, the most important have been Maersk; NOL; CMA-CGM; DVB Bank; HAL Holding.

Hercules lectures regularly all over the world. Amongst his teaching assignments, most prominent were his dual chair in *maritime business economics* at the National University of Singapore and at the Singapore Management University (2004-2006).

He has written and published more than 200 scientific papers, books, reports and articles in areas including, shipping and port policy; port pricing and finance; shipping and economic development; shipping and trade liberalization; shipping finance and investment; structural adjustment in shipping and ports; port privatization; port state control; marine pollution; ship scrapping; shipping alliances; liner shipping economics; freight futures; and financial management in the shipping industry. His paper "An econometric Analysis of the Sea-going Labour Market" won the Yokohama Prize for excellence at the 5th World Conference on Transport Research. His paper "Freight Futures Trading and Shipowners' Expectations" received the Jovellanos Award (Spain) for Originality and Quality.

During his 30 years of involvement in the maritime sector he has been involved, as senior adviser and researcher to government and industry, in a number of shipping and port related projects in most European countries as well as in Australia, New Zealand, China, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Brazil and India. In the period 1994-96 he was also senior adviser to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), responsible for research on Port Restructuring and Labour Reform: an engagement that looked into more than 100 ports around the world culminating in guidelines for successful port privatization in developing countries.

Finally, in the period 1995-96 he was member of the EC Commissioner Neil Kinnock's 'wise men' Group on Maritime Transport (work that culminated in the EC Strategy Document *Towards a New Maritime Strategy*) and in 1997-98 member of Commissioner Kinnock's Consultative Committee on Ports and Maritime Infrastructure (that led to the Commission's seminal work on ports, the *Green Paper on Ports and Maritime Infrastructure*). In the context of his work for the European Union, Professor Haralambides has effectively contributed to the formulation of EU policies in the shipping and port sectors.

In 2008 Hercules was decorated with the Golden Cross of the Order of the Phoenix by the President of the Hellenic Republic and, in 2011, in addition to his core academic duties, Hercules took over as the President of the Brindisi Port Authority (Italy).