



UCy's Marios Polycarpou first to receive IFAC Fellow award

University of Cyprus academic Marios Polycarpou has recently been awarded the IFAC Fellow Award by the International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC) for his contributions to the theory and application of intelligent control and learning systems. IFAC, a worldwide federation of 52 national member organisations, is tasked with promoting the science and technology of automatic control in all systems, whether is engineering, physical, biological, social or economic, in both theory and application.

The IFAC Fellow Award is given to persons who have made outstanding and extraordinary contributions in the field of interest of IFAC, in the role as an engineer/scientist, technical leader, or educator. Professor Polycarpou is the first researcher from Cyprus to have been awarded the IFAC Fellow Award.

Polycarpou received his award during the 20th IFAC World Congress in Toulouse, France with more than 3,400 participating scientists and engineers from academia and industry. The IFAC World Congress takes place every three years and offers the most up-to-date and complete view of control and automation techniques, with the widest coverage of application fields.

Marios Polycarpou is a Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Cyprus and the Director of the KIOS Research and Innovation Center of Excellence, the largest research centre at the university and a leading regional research centre in information and



communication technologies (ICT).

He received undergraduate degrees in Computer Science and in Electrical Engineering, both from Rice University, Houston, TX, USA in 1987, and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, in 1989 and 1992, respectively. After being a faculty at the University of Cincinnati, OH, USA between 1992-2001, he relocated from USA to Cyprus to become the first faculty to join the newly established Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at the University of Cyprus, where he served as founding Dept. Chair between 2001-2008.