

STRATIS V. SOTIRCHOS Memorial Lectureship 2026

MOTIVATION and OBJECTIVE

FORTH/ICE-HT (www.iceht.forth.gr) has created the “Stratis V. Sotirchos Lectureship” to honor the memory of one of its most distinguished Researchers, Professor Stratis V. Sotirchos. This Award is supported by the “Stratis V. Sotirchos Trust Fund”, which has been created from donations by friends and colleagues.

DESCRIPTION AND MODALITY

The SVS Lectureship is awarded every second year to an engineer-scientist, who has produced original and fundamentally important results in some R&D field within the broader context of chemical engineering. Selection of the most deserving candidate, each time, is made on an international basis and strictly on grounds of merit. Candidates should be younger than 40 years of age on the closing date for the submission of the nominations.

Every second year (starting in 2005) the Recipient of the SVS Lectureship is invited to present the “Stratis V. Sotirchos Lecture” at the “Pan-Hellenic Scientific Conference in Chemical Engineering”.

Previous recipients of the SVS Lectureship are: Michalis Tsapatsis (2005, University of Minnesota), Costas Maranas (2007, Pennsylvania State University), Patrick Doyle (2009, MIT), Yiannis Kaznessis (2011, University of Minnesota), Michael Strano (2013, MIT), Ali Khademhosseini (2015, Harvard Medical School), Hal Alper (2017, University of Texas at Austin), Paul J. Dauenhauer (2019, University of Minnesota), Fengqi You (2022, Cornell University) and Ryan P. Lively (2024, Georgia Institute of Technology).

This time (year 2026), the Conference will be held in Chania (Crete island) and the SVS Lectureship is scheduled to be given on **Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026**.

The travel, living and lodging expenses of the Recipient will be covered in full from the proceeds of the SVS Trust Fund.

The SVS Lectureship will also include a modest honorarium.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations (but not self-nominations) must be submitted via e-mail (all the attached documents should be in pdf form) by **February 28, 2026**, to the following address:

Dr. Theophilos Ioannides (theo@iceht.forth.gr),
with a necessary “carbon copy” to
Ms. Kleanthi Zacharopoulou (SVS_Award@iceht.forth.gr).

The nomination package should include the following items.

1. Nomination Form (attached), duly completed (pdf)
2. CV of the nominee (pdf)
3. Most representative publications of the nominee (≤ 5 , pdf)
4. Four letters of support
5. Statement of the “Nominee’s intent” (pdf)

[This statement should be sent by the nominee himself/herself indicating his/her intent to accept the SVS Lectureship 2026, if selected, as well as his/her commitment to be present in person to deliver the SVS Lecture at the “Pan-Hellenic Scientific Conference in Chemical Engineering”, in Chania, Greece, on **Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026.**]

SELECTION OF THE RECIPIENT

The selection of the Recipient of the Stratis V. Sotirchos Lectureship will be made by the Board of Trustees of the SVS Trust Fund, the members of which are internationally respected engineer-scientists from various countries.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RECIPIENT FOR 2026

The Recipient for the year 2026 will be announced by **March 31, 2026.**