

The NEMITSAS PRIZE 2012 in ENGINEERING was awarded to the Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering at the University of California, Davis, Prof. Kyriacos A. Athanasiou at a ceremony held on the 27th November 2012, in the new hall of the Presidential Palace, which has been especially constructed for the needs of the Presidency of Cyprus to the E.U. The ceremony was under the Auspices of the President of Cyprus and it was included in the official programme of the Cyprus Presidency to the Council of the E.U.



Dr. Kyriacos A. Athanasiou

Professor Kyriacos A. Athanasiou was born and raised in Larnaka, Cyprus, and studied in United States where he is having a brilliant career. His discoveries in Biomedical Engineering Technology have had significant contribution to the development of products which save lives and improve the quality of life to millions of diseased people all over the world.

Professor Athanasiou's legendary invention of delivering life-saving drugs through the bone of patients with no venous access has saved thousands of lives. His invention of a biodegradable implant is the first cartilage product to enter the market and is used globally.