

In Memoriam
Chris A. Papadopoulos (1956-2017)

Professor Chris A. Papadopoulos was born in Athens, Greece, in 1956. He received the Mechanical Engineering Diploma (ME) from the University of Patras (UP), Greece, in 1979 and later on he awarded his PHD in ME from the Mechanical Engineering Department of UP. Later on, he was served as Lecturer in the UP and Consulting Engineer for Greek Industries. In 1988, Professor Papadopoulos left in United States to continue his studies in Washington University St. Louis, MO. Later (2000), he spend his sabbatical in Joint Research Center, Ispra, Italy. He was then elected Professor of Machine Design in the Mechanical and Aeronautics Engineering Department of UP (2010) and subsequently was elected Chairman of the same Department at the UP (2013-2017). Chris was a warm and generous teacher, a loyal colleague, and a caring friend whom many people will long remember with gratitude and respect. His major contributions to rotor dynamics, cracked structures and computer aided design made him renowned in field of mechanical design.