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**Honorary Doctorate Conferment: Honorary Event for Professor Ioannis V. RAGOUSIS**

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The Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology organizes an honorary event for the conferment of the Professor Ioannis V. Ragousis, as an Honorary Doctor. The ceremony will take place on Monday 16 September 2024, at 11:00 a.m., in the "Hippocrates" Amphitheater of Biopolis, Larissa.

Dr. Ioannis Ragousis is an internationally renowned and distinguished scientist with excellent research in the field of genomics and transcriptomy, with leading role in the single-cell genomics. Today, Mr. Ragousis is Head of Genome Sciences at McGill University's Genome Center and Professor of Human Genetics, Department of Human Genetics and Department of Bio-engineering at McGill University. Mr. Ragoussis obtained his PhD in Biochemistry, Immunology and Genetics at the University of Tübingen, Germany, and since then has a 40-year career in genomics. Since moving to the University of McGill in 2013, he has created genomic analysis facilities first implemented in Quebec and developed genomics of individual cells, long-read sequencing in the form of Nanopore and PacBio Sequel, as well as Hi-C approaches to de novo genome sequencing. He founded an Advanced Genomic Technologies laboratory in 2020, which plays a leading role in the genome sequencing project of SARS-CoV-2 in Quebec (CovSeQ). He is Head of Genome Sciences and Virus Sequencing on the CoVaRR-Net Network and chairs the CovSeQ Sequencing Committee. He has published more than 280 articles in the field of genomics.

The following is the invitation and the program of the event:

**INVITATION**

The Rector of the University of Thessaly,

**Professor Charalambos D. BILLINIS**

and the Chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology

of the School of Health Sciences,

**Professor Dimitrios G. KARPOUZAS**

are honored to invite you to the special event in honor of Mr

**Ioannis V. RAGKOUSIS,**

*Professor of Human Genetics, Department of Human Genetics and Department of Bioengineering, McGill University,*

*Head of Genome Sciences at the Genome Center,*

*McGill University Director of Genomics and,*

*Director of the "Advanced Genomic Technologies" laboratory of the Genome Center of McGill University.*

During the ceremony, which will take place at the " Hippocrates" Amphitheater, in Biopolis Larissa on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.,

***The Professor Ioannis V. RAGKOUSIS***

will be conferred with Honorary Doctorate Degree by the Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology of the School of Health Sciences of the University of Thessaly.

**EVENT PROGRAM**

*Ceremony opening*

* Address of the Professor of McGill University, **Ioannis V. RAGKOUSIS** by the Rector of the University of Thessaly, Professor **Charalambos D. BILLINIS**.
* "Praise" to Professor **Ioannis V. RAGKOUSIS** by the Professor of Molecular Biology of the Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, **Konstantinos D. MATHIOPOULOS**.
* Reading of the Resolution, Conferment and Delivery of Titles and Epitiveni by the Deputy Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Professor of Vertebrate Biology, **Katerina A. MUTΟU.**
* Speech by the honoree on:

**“*The impact of genomic technology development in biomedical sciences:  comprehensive nucleic acid analysis from tissues to single cells”***

*Ending of the Ceremony*