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FOR PROF. ELEFThERIOS PANAGOPOULOS

This volume is dedicated to Eleftherios Panagopoulos, since 2003 Emeritus Professor at the School of English, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Prof. Panagopoulos is an eminent Greek linguist with an extensive contribution to experimental phonetics and retired from Aristotle University in 2003 after forty years of service.

He started his academic career as a teacher of English at the School of English of the Aristotle University in 1963 shortly after completing his BA in English Language and Literature at the same School. Having received a scholarship from the British Council he studied at University College London, where he acquired a Diploma in English Linguistic Studies in 1969. He obtained his PhD in Phonetics from the University of Essex in 1973 on another British Council scholarship and then returned to Greece, where he continued working at Aristotle University. In 1988-1989 he taught courses in linguistics at undergraduate and postgraduate levels as Visiting Professor at Kent State University in Ohio, USA. He became Professor of Phonetics and Historical Linguistics at the Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, School of English, Aristotle University in 1991.

In addition to his teaching duties, Prof. Panagopoulos greatly contributed to the Department and School in both administrative matters and in the development of its research profile. He was a member of several committees and was elected Head of Department (1986-1988; 1991-1992), Deputy Head of School (1994-1996) and Head of School (1986-1988). In addition, he conducted greatly to the establishment of the Department's international symposia on Theoretical and Applied Linguistics by organizing the *First Symposium on English and Modern Greek* (1-3 April 1987) and by being involved in the organization of many subsequent symposia. He taught undergraduate courses in English Language, Translation, History of the English Language, General and English Phonetics and Intonation of British English, as well as postgraduate courses in Theoretical and Experimental Phonetics. In 1987, he founded the Speech Laboratory of the Department, which he directed for over twenty five years. Due to his interest in translation studies he also contributed essentially to the establishment of the newest Department of our School, that of Translation and Intercultural Studies. Moreover, due to his specialization in the scientific field of speech technology, he served as a member of interdepartmental committees and cooperated with scientists from a variety of academic fields.

Prof. Panagopoulos has presented his research in a large number of conferences in Greece and abroad. He has published extensively in the areas of experimental phonetics and diachronic linguistics and has authored the books *A History of the English Language* (1987) and *General and English Phonetics for Greek University Students of Schools of English* (1993). His original research and his teaching have motivated a fair number of students to follow postgraduate studies in Phonetics.

Prof. Panagopoulos is an intellectual of diverse interests. He is an accomplished musician and for fifteen years he was a violinist in the Symphony Orchestra of Northern Greece, of which he was one of the founding members in 1959. Additionally, he has

been interested in computer applications with respect to artificial intelligence and multimedia. In 1974 he was awarded an Honorary Diploma from the Greek Writers' Association in Athens.

We would like to thank Prof. Panagopoulos for what he has offered to colleagues and students of our Department and we wish him much happiness in his retirement.

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