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**WATER RESOURCES ENGINEER EARNS AAWRE'S HIGHEST HONOR**

*Prof. George Tsakiris Named Honorary Diplomat of the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers*

**Prof. George Tsakiris** , President of the European Water Resources Association, Director of the Centre for the Assessment of Natural Hazards & Proactive Planning and Director of the Laboratory of Reclamation Works and Water Resources Management of the National Technical University of Athens- Greece, was recently named an **Honorary Diplomat, Water Resources Engineer (Hon.D.WRE)** of the **American Academy of Water Resources Engineers (AAWRE)**, a subsidiary of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). In support of AAWRE's mission in 'Elevating level of Standards' – to broaden and deepen the body of knowledge for practicing engineers, AAWRE's Diplomat certification was developed to improve the practice, elevate the standards and advance the profession of water resources engineers. The Diplomat, Water Resources Engineer (D.WRE) represents strong professional ethics and a commitment to life-long learning and continuing professional development. Since the start of AAWRE's Diplomat, Water Resources Engineer program, 600 water resources engineers worldwide have qualified for the Diplomat, Water Resources Engineer credential.

The Honorary Diplomat status is AAWRE's highest honor given to an individual. Since the founding of AAWRE in October 2004, only thirty-six individuals have received the Honorary Diplomat, Water Resources Engineers (Hon.D.WRE) status from the Academy previously. Honorary Diplomat status is only granted to outstanding individuals who meet one or more of the following criteria: has attained a position of eminence in the water resources engineering profession, has made a singular noteworthy achievement or sustained noteworthy contributions to the advancement of the water resources engineering profession, or has rendered outstanding service over a sustained period of time in the field of water resources and to the work of the Academy.

**Prof. G. Tsakiris**, along with other new Honorary Inductees will be recognized and honored on May 18, 2015, during AAWRE's 11th Anniversary Diplomat Ceremony at the 2015 EWRI World Environmental & Water Resources Congress in Austin, Texas.

Prof. George Tsakiris was born in Heraklion, Crete/Greece in 1951, and lives in Athens-Greece. He graduated from the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), (School of Rural and Surveying Engineering) in 1973, and received his PhD from Southampton University-UK (Department of Civil Engineering) in 1977.

He is Professor of Water Resources Engineering & Management at the NTUA. He is the Director of the Centre for the Assessment of Natural Hazards and Proactive Planning and Director of the Laboratory of Reclamation Works and Water Resources Management of NTUA.

Prof. G. Tsakiris is the Editor-in-chief of the international journal “Water Resources Management” and President of the European Water Resources Association (EWRA).

He has convened more than 50 research projects as coordinator and participated in a large number of water resources engineering studies.

He has published more than 150 scientific papers in international journals and conferences, and several textbooks on water resources and water related natural hazards.

For more information on AAWRE, please visit [www.aawre.org](http://www.aawre.org).

*AAWRE's mission is to improve the practice, elevate the standards, and advance the profession of water resources engineering by certifying engineers with specialized knowledge in water resources, recognizing the ethical practice of water resources engineering at the expert level, encouraging continued professional development for engineers, and supporting positions on water resources issues important to the public health. The American Academy of Water Resources Engineers was founded by members of the ASCE's **Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI)** and is the first Academy of the **Civil Engineering Certification, Inc. (CEC)** and ASCE.*

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