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## **OBITUARY**

## IMBB-FORTH mourns the loss of its colleague and former member of the Institute Kyriakos Petratos

## Kyriacos Petratos 1955 – 2022



It is with great sadness and deep grief we report that following a long and courageous fight with cancer, IMBB Researcher Kyriacos Petratos passed away on May 10, 2022.

Kyriacos got his PhD from Wayne State University (Detroit) in 1984. He worked for many years as at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (1985-1990) and joined IMBB in 1990. He has been associated with the Institute throughout of his career since then, with great accomplishments and contributions.

His main interest was on the protein function, in particular the elucidation of the catalytic

mechanisms of enzymes with biophysical methods and crystal structure analytic approaches. Kyriacos was one of the pioneers and leading figures in Structural Biology/Crystallography in Greece for several decades.

He was an extraordinary personality who kindly helped many researchers and young students of IMBB-FORTH and University of Crete over decades, by generously offering scientific guidance and a great paradigm as a person and scientist.

IMBB pays tribute to his memory and offers condolences to his and friends.

His passing away is a great loss for IMBB and the Greek scientific community.