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IAU Honorary Member George A Danos

Nominated by Cyprus Space Exploration Organisation

President of the Cyprus Space Exploration Organisation and of the Parallel Parliament for Entrepreneurship of the Republic of Cyprus.

He has dedicated his life to promoting and mentoring astronomy and space research, innovation, and entrepreneurship. He formulated and led space research projects, and nurtured the local space community of Cyprus, with notable achievements and multiple international awards, and seeding the next generation of scientists that would uptake astronomy and space science as a professional career.

He led the campaigns that saw Cyprus join the ESA, the IAU, and COSPAR. He was responsible for the establishment of the Cyprus Space Centre and for Cyprus being selected as an International Astronomy Education Centre of the IAU Office of Astronomy for Education.

He was creator and founder of Virgin BizNet, one of most lucrative business ventures of Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Group.

