

## **In Memoriam**

### **Apostolos Vagenakis - 1938-2023**

Apostolos Vagenakis passed away on 17th August at the age of 85. Born in Myrtos, Lasithiou, Crete, Greece in 1938, he graduated from the Medical School of the University of Athens in 1962 and later continued his studies in the USA, specializing in internal medicine and endocrinology.

He was one of the founding members of the Department of Medicine and Endocrinology of the University of Patras and was dean of the School of Health Sciences of the same University from 1997 to 2003.

Apostolos Vagenakis was a brilliant scientist and researcher in the field of thyroid disease and physiopathology, starting his career in the early 1970s. He was engaged in pioneering work in intrathyroidal iodine metabolism and iodide induced myxedema at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts, Department of Medicine, in the Thorndike Memorial Laboratory at Boston City Hospital, and in the Harvard Medical Services where he worked in collaboration with Sidney Ingbar and Lewis E. Braverman. He became a member of the ETA in 1977 and remained in the Association until his retirement in 2005. He held the status of Professor Emeritus of the Department of Medicine of the University of Patras. He is survived by his wife Eleni and his son George, also a physician.

The ETA extend their sincere condolences to his family.

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