

**THE AMERICAN HELLENIC INSTITUTE
HONORED DURING ITS 41st ANNIVERSARY DINNER
MR. NICOLAS BORNOZIS, PRESIDENT OF CAPITAL LINK
WITH THE HELLENIC HERITAGE ACHIEVEMENT & NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**



Nick Larigakis, President, American Hellenic Institute (AHI), Nicolas Bornozis, President, Capital Link Inc. & Dr. Spiro Spireas, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Sigmapharm Laboratories

New York, March 29, 2016 - Capital Link's President, Mr. Nicolas Bornozis was presented with the **"Hellenic Heritage Achievement & National Public Service Award"**, for his achievements and exceptional contribution to Greece by the **American Hellenic Institute (AHI)** during its 41st anniversary dinner at the Capital Hilton in Washington, DC. on Saturday, March 5th, 2016.

Each year, the **American Hellenic Institute (AHI)** recognizes Greek Americans and philhellenes for their achievements and contributions related to Greece and the United States. The Hellenic Heritage Achievement & National Public Service is presented at the Annual Award Gala Dinner in Washington, DC.

AHI honored a distinguished set of awardees based upon their career achievements and contributions to Greece, the Greek American community and the community at-large. They were:

- **Nicolas Bornozis**, President, Capital Link Inc.
- **Basil N. Mossaidis**, AHEPA Executive Director;
- **Rena Papapostolou**, Co-founder, Return to Origins, Greek language educator; and
- **Peter J. Pappas, Sr.**, Chairman of the Board, P.J.M. Holdings Corp., and Philanthropist

AHI's 2015 achievements and 2016 plans were highlighted by its **President Nicholas Larigakis**, while Dr. Spiro Spireas, the President of the AHI Foundation introduced the honorees.

More than 300 participated at the Dinner - Special event guests included **Ambassador of Greece to the United States Christos Panagopoulos**, **Consul Konstantinos Polykarpou**; U.S. Senator **Mazie K. Hirono (D-HI)**, former U.S. Senator **Paul Sarbanes**, Congressman **John Sarbanes**, Congressman **Chris Van Hollen**, former American Ambassador to Greece **Thomas Miller**, **Founder of AHI & the AHI Foundation Eugene Rossides**.



Olga Bornozi, Managing Director, Capital Link & Nicolas Bornozis, President, Capital Link Inc.



Nicolas Bornozis, President, Capital Link Inc., Rena Papapostolou, Co-Founder, 'Return to Origins' Hellenic Cultural Organization, Basil N. Mossaidis, Executive Director, Order of AHEPA & Peter J. Pappas, Chairman, PJ Mechanical Corporation

Several political and business leaders from the United States and Greece provided video testimonials on the work and contribution of Mr. Bornozis, including Former Prime Ministers Antonis Samaras and George Papandreou, John Paulson, Wilbur Ross and many more. The video statements can be found on Capital Link's website and also by clicking here:

<http://greece.capitallink.com/ahi/videos.php>

This is the second award for Mr. Bornozis and Capital Link this year as on Thursday, February 18th, 2016, he received the **"1st Propeller Club of Piraeus Members Award"** by The International Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus for his contribution in strengthening the bilateral relations between Greece and the United States of America in the Maritime Field and for his efforts to raise the profile of shipping in the investment community and to a wider audience around the world.

Capital Link's efforts have been recognized by the 2011 Greek Shipping Lloyds Awards and in 2012 and 2013 by the Intercontinental Finance Magazine in London.



Nicolas Bornozis, President of Capital Link, mentioned: *"I have always been a low profile person and prefer the publicity to go to my clients and the causes that I support. We are humbled and proud to receive this prestigious award, which further recognizes and validates our efforts and commitment to Greece, to the shipping industry and to our clients. Given the challenging market conditions at present, we believe that our mission and role is even more significant. This Award, which I accept on behalf of the Capital Link team, motivates us to continue and reinforce our efforts."*

About Capital Link, Inc.:

Capital Link is a 20 year old Advisory, Investor Relations and Financial Communications firm with a strategic focus, among other, on the global maritime sector. Capital Link's headquarters are in New York with a presence in London, Athens and Oslo. Capital Link works with the majority of shipping companies listed on US and European Exchanges. Going beyond the traditional Investor Relations role, Capital Link has built an extensive and unique marketing platform aimed to inform, educate and update a wider audience around the world, including investors, analysts, bankers, financiers and other industry participants, on trends and developments in the maritime sector. This platform includes a series of conferences in major industry and financial centers (New York, London, Athens, Shanghai), sector and industry webinars, market reports, and the Capital Link Stock market Indices which track the development of listed shipping companies against freight, commodity and broader market indices. In addition, Capital Link has consistently work to raise the profile of Greece within the US investment community. The Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum taking place in New York, now in its 18th year, is a high caliber, high prestige, high impact event that connects political and business leaders from Greece and the United States.

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