

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dimitris Avramopoulos was born in Athens, on June 6, 1953.

He has studied Public Law and Political Sciences in the Faculty of Law of the University of Athens, followed by postgraduate studies in Brussels.

Member of the Greek Diplomatic Service from 1980 to 1993. In 1993, he resigned and run for Member of the Parliament with the “New Democracy” Political Party.



I. Political Career

- 1993-1994:** Elected Member of the Greek Parliament (MP) with the “New Democracy political party. Elected member of the Central Committee of "New Democracy".
- 1995-2002:** Mayor of Athens. Elected in October 1994. Elected for a second term, in October 1998, from the first round, by landslide majority.
- 1995-1999:** Chairman of the Central Union of Local Authorities of Greece.
- 1995:** Founder and first President of the “Permanent Conference of the Mayors of the Capitals of Southeastern Europe”.
- 1996-2000:** Vice President of the Executive Committee of the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA).
- 1997-2002:** Member of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union and Vice President of its Bureau (1997-2000).
- 2000-2001:** President of the “Free Citizens Movement” Political Party.
- 2000-2002:** President for a two years terms of the Summit Conference of the “Mayors of the World”. Its September 2002 ratified the “Cities’ Diplomacy”, one of his international initiatives during his Mayorship, which was officially approved by the UN Secretary General.
- 2001:** Founder of the “Athens’ International Prize for Democracy”, under the auspices of UNESCO (Paris).
- 2002:** Founder of the “World Union of Olympic Cities”, under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee (Lausanne).
Founder of the “World Institute of Global and Cities’ Diplomacy” (Rome).
- 2004:** Elected MP with “New Democracy” party.
- 2004-2006:** Minister of Tourist Development.
- 2006-2009:** Minister of Health and Social Solidarity
- 2007:** Elected MP with “New Democracy” party.

- 2009:** President of the “New Democracy” International Relations Committee.
President of the Organising Committee of 2010 “New Democracy” Party Congress.
- 2010 - Today:** Vice President of «New Democracy» Party.
President of «New Democracy» Committee for the Constitutional Reform.
- 2011:** Minister of National Defence.
- 2012:** Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- 2013 - Today:** Minister of National Defence.

II. Diplomatic Career

- 1980-1993:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Athens).
1980-1981: Diplomatic Academy of MFA.
1981-1983: Central Administration of MFA.
1983-1988: Consul of Greece in Liège (Belgium).
1989-1991: Special Diplomatic Advisor to the President of the “New Democracy” Political Party Costas Mitsotakis.
- 1990-1991:** Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister Costas Mitsotakis.
- 1991-1992:** Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe (ECSC / Vienna).
- 1992:** Official Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens (MFA).
- 1992-1993:** Consul General of Greece to Geneva (Switzerland).
- 1993:** Director of the Diplomatic Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Greece, Costas Mitsotakis.

III. Actual Occupations

Since January 2003: Honorary President of the Athens’ International Prize for Democracy, under the auspices of UNESCO (Paris).

Chairman of the Steering Committee of the “Cities’ Diplomacy”, established by the Glocal Forum (Rome) and the World Bank Institute (Washington D.C.).

President of the “World Institute of Glocal and Cities’ Diplomacy”, an independent NGO having its venue in Rome.

Executive President and lifelong honor president of the “World Union of Olympic Cities”, an NGO, according to the Olympic Charter, recognized by the IOC (Lausanne).

IV. Academic Degrees

- 1978:** Bachelor of Arts in Public Law and Political Science from the Law School of Athens' University.
- 1979-1980:** Postgraduate Specialisation Course on International Organisation (Boston University / Brussels).
- 1986:** Special liscence on European Studies (Institute of European Affairs of the "Université Libre de Bruxelles" (Brussels).
- 1995:** Honorary Doctor of ADELPHI University (New York).
- 1997:** Honorary Doctor of DEREI College (Athens).
- 2000:** Honorary Doctor of DREXEL University (Philadelphia).
- 2000:** Honorary Doctor of KINGSTON University
- 2002:** Honorary Professor of the State Academy of Technological Sciences of Moscow.
- 2002:** Honorary Professor of Peking University (Beijing).
- 2003:** Visiting Fellow, at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Institute of Politics, Harvard University.
Lecturer at Stanford University, Columbia University, Simon Fraser University (SFU) & University of South Florida.

V. Honorary Distinctions and Awards

He has been bestowed awards and state decorations from many countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Vatican, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Lebanon as well as from the Ecumenical Orthodox Patriarchate of Constantinopolis, the Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria.

He has been awarded the "Grand Cross of the Order of the Phoenix" of the Hellenic Republic.

He has also been bestowed, in 2006, the "Vincitore Assoluto" Award of the Premio Internazionale "Giuseppe Sciacca".

He has been presented with highest distinctions from many foreign cities and Municipalities: Famagusta, Barcelona, Beijing, Beirut, Berlin, Boston, Brooklyn N.Y., Bucharest, Caracas, Chicago, Florence, Genova, Jakarta, Havana, Istanbul, Kiev, Krotone, Ljubljana, Los Angeles, Miami -Florida, Massachusetts, Montreal, Moscow, New Jersey, New York, Nicosia, Paris, Philadelphia, Providence, Rhode Island, Rome, Sofia, State of Illinois, Sydney, Tbilisi, Tirana, Toronto, Valletta, Washington D.C., Xian, Yerevan.

He has also been bestowed the Honorary Citizenship of 40 Greek cities.

Specifically, he has been honored with the following state decorations:

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| 1. <i>Grand-Croix de l' Ordre de la Couronne (Belgique)</i> |  |
| 2. <i>Grand Cross of the Order of the Phoenix (Greece)</i> |  |
| 3. <i>Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit (Spain)</i> |  |
| 4. <i>Grand-Croix de l' Ordre de Léopold II (Belgique)</i> |  |
| 5. <i>Grand Cross of the Royal Order of the Polar Star (Sweden)</i> |  |
| 6. <i>Grand Cross of the Order of the Lion (Finland)</i> |  |
| 7. <i>Grand Cross of the Order of Merit (Portugal)</i> |  |
| 8. <i>Grand Cross of the Order of the White Star (Estonia)</i> |  |
| 9. <i>Grand Cordon of the National Order of the Cedar (Lebanon)</i> |  |
| 10. <i>Grand Cross of the Order Diego de Losada (Caracas, Venezuela)</i> |  |
| 11. <i>Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit (Poland)</i> |  |
| 12. <i>Commander of the National Order of Merit (Germany)</i> |  |
| 13. <i>Companion of the National Order of Merit (Malta)</i> |  |
| 14. <i>Grand Decoration of Honor for Services to the Republic of Austria (Austria)</i> |  |
| 15. <i>Officier de l' Ordre national de la Légion d' honneur (France)</i> |  |
| 16. <i>Officer of the Order of Merit (Luxembourg)</i> |  |
| 17. <i>Chevalier de l' Ordre national du Mérite (France)</i> |  |
| 18. <i>Knight of the Order of Makarios III (Cyprus)</i> |  |
| 19. <i>Order Of The Madar Horseman 1st Class of Bulgaria</i> |  |

VI. Personal Information

Born in Athens in 1953.

Military service in the Greek Air Force (1978-1980).

Married to Vivian, two sons, Filippos and Iasonas.

Fluent in English, French and Italian.