



HELLENIC HERITAGE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Spiro Spireas, Ph.D.

Scientist & Entrepreneur

For his outstanding achievements in the field of pharmaceutical science and his leadership of, and service to, the Greek American community.

Dr. Spiro Spireas is the owner, founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Sigmapharm Laboratories, an emerging specialty pharmaceutical company operating out of Bensalem, Pennsylvania, and engaging in the development, manufacturing and marketing of unique generic and branded pharmaceutical products. Other professional titles held by Dr. Spireas include Vice President of Science and Technology and Vice President of Research and Development at URL Pharma, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Professor of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Technology at the Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy of Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Spireas holds more than 100 international and domestic patents and patent applications, and is the author of more than 200 scientific papers, books, and other publications in the fields of industrial pharmacy, pharmaceutical technology, biopharmaceutics, pharmacokinetics and analytical chemistry. Dr. Spireas holds a Master's degree and a Doctorate (Ph.D.) degree in Pharmaceutics and Industrial Pharmacy from St. John's University, Jamaica, NY, and a B.S. degree in Pharmacy from the Hellenic National University of Athens, Greece.

Dr. Spireas is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, installed by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. He is a member of the Metropolitan Council of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey, appointed by His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos, and a Parish Council member of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church at Trenton, New Jersey, where he has also served for four years as the President of its Parish Council. Dr. Spireas is also a proud past president of the American Hellenic Institute Foundation and is a member of AHEPA. His passion for science and discovery is only matched by advocacy and support of various Hellenic-American organizations, functions, and media.

Born and raised in Kalamata, Greece, Dr. Spireas immigrated to the United States in 1985. He currently resides in New Hope, PA, with his wife Dr. Amalia Kassapidis-Spireas, a pediatrician, and their two children, Sotiri and Mary.

In recognition of his achievements in science, his leadership in the Greek American community, and life-long service to our nation and community, we present Dr. Spiro Spireas with the Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award this ninth day of March, 2019, at our Forty-fourth Anniversary Dinner.