



ANDREAS PAPAPAVLOU

In memoriam

Andreas N. Papapavlou retired from the Department of English Studies as a Professor of Linguistics and passed away on August 10, 2021. He held a BA Honors from Kean University of New Jersey (USA) in English Literature and Psychology (1970–1974) and conducted graduate studies at the University of Rochester (N.Y., USA), where he received an MA in Applied Linguistics and a PhD in Psycholinguistics (1974–1978). He has taught at the American University of Cairo (Assistant Professor, 1978–1984) and at the United Arab Emirates University (Associate Professor, 1985–1990). In 1991, Prof. Papapavlou was the first to join the newly established University of Cyprus (UCY) in the Department of English Studies. The Department will miss Andreas not only as its first member of staff and as an esteemed member of its community, but also for his spirit, for his pioneering work in Cypriot linguistics and for his incessant efforts to establish a Cypriot academic community for linguistics, as he was a founding member of the Cyprus Linguistics Forum and lead the efforts to its evolution into today's Cyprus Linguistics Society (CyLing).

His was interested in speech perception and speech production, language acquisition, the acquisition of a dialect as a mother tongue, factors affecting language acquisition, psycholinguistic dimensions of bilingualism, language attitudes towards the Cypriot dialect, languages in contact and sociolinguistic implications in lexical borrowing. He has published extensively in well-known international journals of linguistics and edited several books. During his tenure at UCY, Prof. Papapavlou served twice as chairman of the Department of English Studies, as the Dean of the School of Humanities, and also took part in the evaluation and accreditation of the English programmes at the National Universities of Athens and Thessaloniki.