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HONORARY DOCTORATES CONFERRED HONORIS CAUSA BY UCY TO 52 NOTABLE FIGURES

The honorary degree is the highest honor conferred by the University. Honorary doctorates are awarded, during Award Ceremonies, to distinguished individuals of any nationality, in recognition of their scholarly, scientific, or artistic achievement, or in recognition of exceptional contribution to humanity, the University, the nation and generally to the public good, through professional or philanthropic activity. Honorary doctorate recipients' achievements represent the university values and serve as an inspiration to students, alumni, university staff and community members. This represents the rational of the title's award.

UCY Rector has repeatedly said: "The meeting of Honorary Doctorate Recipients with University and broader community members during the Award Ceremony constitutes a momentous time to honor and recognize their exceptional contribution to the public good'. As he has underlined: "Awarding this title to outstanding personalities goes hand in hand with the University's openness, while it is part of its strategic goal for continuous internalization".



In its 25-year life span the University of Cyprus has awarded honorary doctorates to 52 notable personalities. The list of Honorary Doctorate Recipients since 1996 is available <u>here</u> (<u>http://www.ucy.ac.cy/events/official-events/honorarydoctorate-nomination/14-gr-articles/top-menu/70honorary-doctorates</u>).



The nomination and approval process

UCY community members may nominate personalities. Proposals are first considered by School Boards and once supported go on to the Senate and in turn the Council for the final approval. Before making proposals, qualified nominators are asked to bear in mind the high standard indicated by previous recipients. By regulation, honorary doctorates cannot be conferred in absence, so even if a proposal succeeds and an offer is made, the inability or unwillingness of the intended recipient to attend the Award Ceremony may prevent conferral. The open Title Award Ceremony takes place in the presence of Rector's Council Members, School's Dean, Chairperson, faculty staff and members of the academic and university community.

During the Ceremony the followings take place:

- the Rector chairs this public meeting,
- the exceptional work of the Honorary Doctorate Recipient is presented by a school's faculty member,
- the nomination parchment that has been in Greek is by the School is read by the Dean, the H Recipient is dressed up with the University gown by the Dean,
 - the parchment is awarded to the Recipient by the Rector,
- the Recipient addresses a speech.

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A special wall frame has been designed indicating the list with the UCY Honorary Doctorate Recipients in order to honor them, but also to inform and inspire the community members and generally university campus visitors. The wall frame is placed in the Building Facilities of the Social Facilities Centre, at the UCY Campus.

