

Christos J. Pantzios 1963–2005

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This issue is dedicated to the memory of Christos J. Pantzios who passed away suddenly on December 15, 2005.

Born in Almiros Volos, Greece, Dr. Pantzios received his bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Macedonia, Greece in 1986, a Masters of Science in Economics of Integrated Rural Development from the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute at Chania, Greece, and Ph.D. in Food and Resource Economics from the University of Florida in 1993. Upon returning to Greece, he worked as an associate researcher with the Departments of Economics of the University of Patras, the University of Crete, the Department of International and European Studies at the Athens University of Economics and Business, and the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at the National Agricultural Research Foundation of Greece. In 2000, he was appointed as an assistant professor in the faculty of the Department of Economics at the University of Patras where he taught several graduate and undergraduate courses on Microeconomic Theory and International Trade. His research focused on applied production and demand analysis and as well as agricultural trade and policy.

Dr. Pantzios dedicated his life to science, research and teaching. During his short life he worked with great

passion in his field. He participated in several research programs within Greece and the European Union and published his work in well-known journals.

Emerging as one of the leading agricultural economists in Greece as well as the Mediterranean region, he initiated the planning and was the co-organizer of the Hellenic Workshops on Productivity and Efficiency Measurement in 2001 and 2003, hosted at the University of Patras. Both workshops brought together scholars from Greece, Europe and beyond on topics related to business performance measurement, competitiveness and the global economy. This Special Issue is built on the most recent Hellenic Workshop on Productivity and Efficiency Measurement. Dr. Pantzios was a leading force in moving this special issue forward with his management and organization of this project.

As an academic he paid special attention to his relationships and cooperation with students and colleagues. He did excellent work and commanded wide respect for the standards he set for himself.

He is survived by his wife Elba A. Fiallo-Pantzios and his son Gianni-Armando.

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