

## **Farewell to Our President**

On July 13th, Professor Timoleon (Tim) Rallis, President of the Board of the Hellenic Companion Animal Veterinary Society (HCAVS), passed away. His passing was unexpected and a sorrowful shock to the entire Greek veterinary community.

Tim Rallis was born and raised on the North East Aegean island of Lesbos and studied, worked and lived in Thessaloniki. He was Professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine/Gastroenterology at the School of Veterinary Medicine of the Aristotle University in Thessaloniki (A.U.Th.) where he served as Vice President and subsequently President of the School for four consecutive years (2005-2009). Since 2012 he was Head of the Companion Animal Clinic of the School of Veterinary Medicine, in the A.U.Th, where he worked until his last day.

Tim was distinguished by his deep scientific knowledge, his pioneering ideas and his remarkable contribution to the science he adored. Evident all along his academic career, his generosity spread from the amphitheater to the clinic to the personal relationships and friendships he developed in and out of the University.

We, the members of the HCAVS Board, will miss, remember, keep close to our hearts the Teacher, the friend, the invaluable partner and take comfort in knowing that Tim will be guiding us and watching over us all.

The H.C.A.V.S. Executive Board

The Hellenic Companion Animal Veterinary Society (HCAVS) was founded in 2009.

It has since been the only veterinary society in Greece dedicated exclusively to companion animal medicine.

In 2010 the HCAVS numbered 150 members. Today, nine years later, the HCAVS has 1.170 active members.

Its annual scientific activities include: a Pan-Hellenic Companion Animal Veterinary Forum with pregress wet labs and international participation, a road show of advanced regional 2-day courses that travel in 5 cities around Greece and a scientific day-conference each fall.

The HCAVS, since 2012, publishes the “Hellenic Journal of Companion Animal Medicine” a bilingual scientific journal targeting the veterinarians who engage exclusively in small animal clinical work.