

## DR. ATHANASSIOS STRIGKAS BIO

Dr. Strigkas has been serving as a Professor at the University of Peloponnese for the past 11 years. He holds a doctorate in Sport Management from Florida State University (USA), an MBA from Indiana State University (USA), and a M.Sc. in Sport Management from Western Illinois University (USA). He has a vast teaching experience, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in universities both at the United States of America and Greece

Dr. Strigas has served as the Vice President of the Greek National Taekwondo Governing Body for more than a decade, leading several educational initiatives for taekwondo coaches. From 2019 till 2023 he was at the Board of Directors (Vice President) of the Peace and Friendship Stadium, the most prominent, multisport indoor facility in Greece. In 2020, he was appointed as the Director of the Education and Awareness Committee for the Greek National Platform for Sport Integrity, which was created as the result of the **Council of Europe Macolin Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions**. Under his leadership, direct supervision and personal involvement, a great number of educational material has been developed, and more than 3500 coaches have been trained on issues related to sport manipulation and illegal betting.

He is the Academic Director of the Postgraduate Program “Management and Organization of Sport Activities for Persons with Disabilities” for the University of Peloponnese, and serves as a national classifier (wheelchair fencing) for the Greek National Federation of Sports for the Disabled. He is the founder and Director of the research lab in “Volunteerism in Sport and Social Services” of the University of Peloponnese. He has authored several chapters in sport and recreation management textbooks, has published more than 50 articles in scientific journals and conference proceedings, and has supervised more than 50 postgraduate thesis and doctoral dissertations.