

Georgiou sees the award as a signal to other statisticians who fight for professional integrity: 'you are not alone'.

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The ex-director of the Greek statistical office ELSTAT, Andreas Georgiou says he is deeply honoured by the commendation from the international statistical community for his continued fight for trustworthy statistics “This is another example of all the support I have received from the international community.”



Andreas Georgiou with ISI President-Elect John Bailer

Georgiou received the commendation during a special meeting about the threats and challenges to the independence of statistical offices.

“This commendation is an important signal to all statisticians in the world who are fighting for independence and integrity of statistics, that they are not alone,” says Georgiou.

In the meeting, which was attended by 75 senior statisticians from around the world, more cases were brought up where the independence of statistics has been or are at stake, like

Argentina, Kazakhstan, Puerto Rico. The conclusion was that the role of the international community in addressing these issues is very important.



ISI President-Elect John Bailer handing over the commendation to Andreas Georgiou during a Special Meeting on National Statistical Offices' Professional Independence: Threats and Responses in Paris.