

## NIKOS MEGRELIS

### IN BRIEF

**Name:** Nikos C. Megrelis  
**Profession:** Journalist, filmmaker  
**Date of Birth:** 30<sup>th</sup> May, 1957  
**Place of Birth:** Genoa - Italy  
**Nationality:** Hellenic  
**Education:** BSc in Statistics, University of Piraeus.  
**Languages:** English and Italian.  
**Professional Experience Skills:**

- 6/2011- Director of ERTWORLD, satellite Channel of the Greek Public Television Network broadcasting all over the world.
- A professional journalist since February 1980. His career started in prestigious Greek newspapers:
  - *To VIMA* and *Ta NEA* (1980-1989)
- Later on :
  - *PROTI*(1989-1991)
  - *ISOTIMIA*(1995-1997)weekly financial newspaper
  - *PRESS TIME*(2006-2007)
  - *ETHNOS*(2005-2006) as a columnist.
- Editor in chief, diplomatic and political editor-analyst and anchorman of current affairs programs in the major private Greek television networks:
  - *Mega* (1990-1992)
  - *Antenna* (1992-1999)
- Editorial associate of the leading English review *Odyssey* (1999 -2004)
- Producer and anchorman of the weekly prime time news program “*50 Minutes*” for Greek Public Television *NET* (2001-2004). Specialising in issues of foreign politics and international affairs with extensive experience on European Union affairs.
- During his professional career has interviewed leading political and historical figures: Isabel Allende, Yasser Arafat, Zak Delores, Giorgio Napolitano, Richard Holbrooke, Theodor Zifkof, Abdulah Gul and many others prominent international figures. His interview with Suleiman Demirel, President of Turkey during the Imia crisis in 1996 when

Greece and Turkey were on the brink of war, became a reference point for improvement in relations between the two countries.

➤ Also, produced numerous documentaries including Chile, Cuba, the neo-Nazi phenomenon in Greece and Europe and the murder of Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme.

➤ Since 1980, also worked for radio broadcasts of major public and private radio stations covering international affairs.

➤ 2002 & 2003 for two consecutive years was invited to teach journalism as visiting professor in the post-graduate Mass Media and Communication Department of the Athens University.

➤ In recent years has been invited to speak in congresses, conferences and seminars held in Greece and all over the world, on issues of journalism and foreign affairs.

➤ In 2011 his film documentary film “Shooting vs Shooting”, released to cinema theatres. The documentary is about journalists been killed in Iraq since the American invasion till now days. A co-production of the Greek Film Center, the Greek state Television ERT and four well known productions companies(among them the producers of Oscar awarded Kostas Gavras and Cannes winner Theo Angelopoulos). The film’s music is contributed by Nicola Piovani awarded with Oscar for his music in film “La Vita e bella”.

#### **Books :**

➤ 2006 published two books

➤ “*A Greek century in Cairo 1904-2004*”, (Greek and Arabic edition) and

➤ “*Thoughts Within 300 Words*”

#### **Prizes:**

➤ 2002 awarded the most prestigious Greek prize by Botsis Foundation, “for the quality of his television programs”.

➤ 2003 awarded with the European prize Euro Comenius, for his television documentary on the *Prestige* shipwreck and the environmental disaster caused on the coast of Spain.

➤ 2007 received the *K. KALLIGAS* award from European Journalists Association, “for his professional ethics and European orientation in journalism.”

➤ 2011 Kazan International Film Festival Best feature documentary “Shooting vs Shooting”.

➤ 2011 Aljazeera International Film Festival nomination for Gold Award.

#### **Other Activities:**

- In May 2004 elected to Executive Committee of the International Federation of Journalists.
- Re-elected 2007-2010. Active on international missions in the service of journalism.
- 2003-2005 elected General Secretary of the Journalists' Union of the Athens Daily Newspapers (JUADN).
- 1999-2005 served as an elected member to JUADN's Executive Board.
- 1997-1998 elected Alternate Secretary of the Panhellenic Federation of Journalists' Union's Executive Board.
- Organiser of the Athens IFJ World congress in 2004. Has participated in numerous international missions -- to China, Palestine, Israel, Korea, United Nations in New York and was a prime mover in the IFJ campaign to obtain support from the United Nations Security Council for the protection of journalists in conflict zones. The first ever resolution (UN Resolution 1738) was adopted on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2006.
- 2008 Managing Coordinator of the Athens World Congress of GFMD (Global Forum of Media Development). GFMD is a network of 500 organisations (among them BBC World Service Trust, Internees, Panos Institution, IFJ,) from more than 100 countries all working on issues of journalism, development and media.
- 2006-2010 Vice Prefect of Athens for Civil Affairs and Transportation.
- Also, a founding member of the Board of the Greek-Chilean Cultural Chamber and Greek-Georgian Friendship Association.

**Personal:**

Married to Ioanna Kati with two children, Helena 29 years old, post-graduate in Theatrology and Konstantinos 23 years old, post-graduate in Molecular Medicine at Imperial University of London.