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Distinguished Lectures "Stelios orphanoudakis"

I N V I T A T I O N

The Distinguished Lectures "Stelios Orphanoudakis" are held in honour of the memory of Stelios Orphanoudakis (1948 - 2005), who served as Professor of the Computer Science Department at the University of Crete, Director of the Institute of Computer Science of FORTH for one decade (1994 - 2004), and Chairman of FORTH from 2004 until his premature demise, on March 18th, 2005.

Stelios Orphanoudakis was a visionary pioneer in the field of Information Society Technologies. He made fundamental academic and scientific contributions on an international level in research areas such as computational and knowledge-based vision, robotics, medical informatics, medical and diagnostic imaging, and intelligent image processing. He was instrumental in enhancing the role of FORTH on the international scientific scene, promoting and supporting scientific research in Greece and in Europe. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Research and Technology - Hellas, Professor Alkiviades Ch. Payatakes, and the members of the BoD of FORTH

have the honour to invite you to the first Distinguished Lecture in memory of the late Chairman of FORTH Stelios Orphanoudakis

to be given by **Professor Sidney Altman**, Yale University, Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry, 1989

entitled

"The central role of RNA in biology and as a therapeutic agent"

on Friday, October 2nd, 2009, at 18:00.

at the FORTH premises in Heraklion, Crete

Professor Altman will be introduced by Professor Spyros Artavanis-Tsakonas, of the Harvard Medical School.

A buffet will be offered at 20.00 in the central hall of FORTH.