

Lans Distinguished Award



Dr. A. John Kanellopoulos

The Lans Distinguished Award recognizes an individual who is an innovative researcher in the field of refractive surgery.

Dr. A. John Kanellopoulos received his medical degree in 1990 from Southern Illinois University and completed his ophthalmology residency in 1994 at the State University of New York, Stony Brook. He has subspecialized in external diseases, cornea and refractive surgery, with fellowship training at Cornell University Medical College and Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Harvard Medical School, and glaucoma fellowship training at Harvard Medical School.

Over the last 20 years Dr. Kanellopoulos has specialized in and innovated laser approaches in the management of irregular corneas such as keratoconus. In 2005 his scientific team introduced the Athens Protocol, a combination treatment of topography-guided partial PRK and collagen crosslinking as an alternative treatment for keratoconus and ectasia.

He specializes in refractive surgery, cornea transplantation and high risk-cataract surgery. He currently serves as medical director of the Laservision.gr Institute in Athens, Greece. Since 2010 he has served as clinical professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at the New York University Medical School.

Dr. Kanellopoulos has been a regular clinical consultant in cornea, refractive and cataract surgery for several international sites in the United States and Europe. He has published over 35 original papers in peer-reviewed journals, over 15 book chapters and hundreds of paper and poster presentations in the major eye meetings worldwide. Since 2009 he has served as a member of the Cornea Committee of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, and since 2010 as a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society of Refractive Surgery.

He is married and has three children.