

PREFACE

This volume contains the proceedings of a Greek-British meeting on the evaluation of research and teaching in Universities which took place at the University of Patras on February 12th and 13th 1993.

This meeting was organized jointly by the University of Patras and the British Council.

The idea of organizing this meeting was discussed by John Panaretos, then Vice-Rector of the University of Patras and John Munby Director of the British Council, in 1991 on the occasion of another meeting of senior University Administrators organized jointly again by the University of Patras and the British Council.

The organizers invited three British Vice Chancellors with an experience in evaluation methods. These were, Professor H.J. Hanham, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lancaster, Dr. E.S. Page, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Reading and Professor M.J.H. Sterling, Vice-Chancellor of Brunel University. On the Greek side all the Rectors and Vice-Rectors of the Greek Universities were invited to participate.

The organizing committee consisted of Professor J. Panaretos, former Vice-Rector of the University of Patras who acted as session coordinator, Professor Evangelides, Vice-Rector of the University of Athens and Mr. Ppathanasopoulos, Registrar of the University of Patras. From the British Council Mr. Kaldis acted as the contact person.

As the editor of this volume and as the coordinator on the meeting I would like to thank Professor Lykourgiotis then Rector of the University of Patras and Dr. Munby Director of the British Council for their willingness to support the idea of the project. I would also like to thank all the other people who were involved one way or the other in making it a successful meeting. This was the first meeting organized in Greece on the subject of evaluation -and the only one so far on this subject in Greece.

Although two years have elapsed since the time of the meeting, the reader will see that the ideas discussed are up-to-date still today.

It is hoped that these ideas will be useful now that the need for evaluating the Educational System has been widely accepted in Greece.

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