

**Prof. Ioannis Pallikaris, M.D., Chair, Medical Advisory Board**



Presbia Medical Advisory Board Chair Prof. Ioannis Pallikaris, M.D. enjoys a long and distinguished career in ophthalmology as a procedural innovator, surgery pioneer and educator. Prof. Pallikaris is probably best known as the refractive surgeon who performed the first Lasik procedure on a human eye in 1989.

In his role with Presbia, Prof. Pallikaris is overseeing the post-market surveillance trials of the Flexivue™ Micro-Lens and conducting training sessions for surgeons at the institute he founded and directs, the Vardinoyannion Eye Institute of Crete. Dr. Pallikaris is a professor and rector at the University of Crete, and serves as the Head of the Department of Ophthalmology, University Hospital, Heraklion, Crete.

His professional career is notable for multiple innovations, including the description and naming of a new surface ablation technique, epiLasik, in 2003. Prof. Pallikaris also holds multiple patents, including anti-rigidity devices and techniques such as the PALM technique (photoablative lenticular modulation) for corneal resurfacing.

A past president of the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ESCRS), he also coordinates the organization's fellowships in refractive surgery, as well as interdisciplinary postgraduate program conferences with top American and European doctors and institutions.

The author of several books and countless journal articles on refractive surgery, Prof. Pallikaris has also received numerous awards for his contributions to the science and practice of ophthalmology. His honors and recognition include the Barraquer Award (1997); the Innovator's Award of the German Ophthalmological Surgeon's Society and the Casebeer Award from the International Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (2002); the Charles D. Kelman Innovator's award (2003). In 2007, he was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Academy of Ophthalmology and in 2009 was the recipient of the Binkhorst Medal by the European Society of Cataract and refractive Surgeons.

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