

Marios Kyriakou brief biography:

Marios Kyriakou is a visiting lecturer in the Department of Informatics of the Neapolis University and a post-doctoral researcher at the Computer Graphics Lab of the University of Cyprus. He holds a doctorate (PhD) in Computer Science from the University of Cyprus. In his PhD studies he worked under the supervision of Dr. Chrysanthou conducting research in the area of crowd simulation in Computer Graphics and in the area of immersive and semi-immersive virtual reality systems, focusing on immersed users' experience and their sense of presence. He received his BSc in Computer Engineering and Informatics at the University of Patras and his MSc in Advanced Information Technologies at the University of Cyprus.

During his PhD studies he was awarded with a full scholarship by the Foundation of National Scholarships of Cyprus (IKY of Cyprus). He was also awarded with a full scholarship by the Foundation of National Scholarships of Cyprus (IKY of Cyprus) for his MSc studies and with a full scholarship by the Foundation of National Scholarships of Greece (IKY of Greece) for his BSc studies.

Marios has more than ten years' experience as an Information Science instructor in has also been involved in important European projects.

His research interests include crowd simulation, immersive and semi-immersive virtual reality systems, augmented reality systems, focusing on immersed users' experience and their sense of presence, and their applications in entertainment and training.

Selected publications:

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