Formula 1, Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Nazionale Piloti, Myconian, Global Leaders among NOVA Honorees

Formula 1, Monaco and global leaders headline the NOVA Awards October 7, during WGES Global™ Athens 2026 - October 6-8, 2026

WASHINGTON DC, DC, UNITED STATES, September 18, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Washington DC/Athens, Greece —Monaco royalty, Formula 1 drivers and a constellation of global leaders in government, science and industry are heading to Athens this October for WGES Global™ Athens 2026 — and organizers say tickets to the flagship Symposium and the star-studded NOVA Awards evening are moving quickly at www.WGESglobal.com.

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> *Professor Robert J. Gallagher, President, WGES Global, Inc. WGES Global™*

The evening of October 7 will bring Monaco glamour to Greece, as the WGES Global™ NOVA Awards honor the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation for international leadership in climate, biodiversity and ocean protection, alongside Formula 1's Sustainability Strategy, recognized for its Net Zero Carbon by 2030 commitment. Through Nazionale Piloti, Formula 1 drivers and international motorsport personalities are expected to make special appearances. Additional 2026 NOVA Award recipients include Dr. Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou, Professor Ashish Joshi and Myconian Collection Hotels & Resorts, with a special award created by Greek sculptor Exsekias Trivoulides and the main NOVA Awards created by Athens-born sculptor Nikoletta Breeze. Ms. Daisy Gallagher, AMSc, CPM, CCHt, and Dr. Kostas Mastorakis, DVM, will co-host. The reception will be held at NYN ESTI, Athens.

The 2026 honorees join a distinguished history of WGES Global NOVA Award recipients that has included Dow, the City of Philadelphia, the District of Columbia, the Federative Republic of Brazil/Rio de Janeiro, Drexel University's Smart House, among other corporations, governments, universities, institutions and individuals recognized for excellence in leadership and innovation.

“WGES Global was founded on a simple principle: the most difficult challenges cannot be solved

in isolation," said Professor Robert J. Gallagher, President and Executive Chairman of WGES Global, Inc. "Athens brings together government, universities, scientists, industry and international leaders to exchange knowledge, build relationships and move practical solutions forward."



WGES Global™ Athens 2026 October 6-8 at National Museum of Contemporary Art, NOVA Award Gala October 7 at NYN ESTI, Athens

That spirit anchors the three-day international Symposium, October 6–8, will be held at the National Museum of Contemporary Art in Athens, addressing; energy innovation, sustainable construction and high-performance buildings; geospatial technologies for wildfire and disaster preparedness; sustainable agri-food systems; sustainable public health and digital intelligence, workforce development; and international collaboration.

Ministers and International Leadership

Distinguished governmental participation includes invitations to Dr. Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou, Greek Prime Minister's Envoy for the Ocean and Chair of the Hellenic Parliament's Environmental Protection Committee; Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Health of Greece; Dr. Marios Themistocleous, Deputy Minister of Health; Dimitris Papastergiou, Minister of Digital Governance; Nikolaos Hardalias, Regional Governor of Attica; and Senator Antonio Salvatore Germanà of the Italian Republic. Attendance remains subject to official schedules and final availability.

World-Class Experts

The international speaker roster includes Kevin Kampschroer, former Chief Sustainability Officer and Head Officer of Federal High-Performance Buildings, U.S. General Services Administration (Ret'd); Professor Sabine O'Hara, PhD, Founding Dean, University of the District of Columbia; Professor Ashish Joshi, MBBS, MPH, PhD, Dean University of Memphis School of Public Health; Dr. Reginald Swift, Chief Scientist, TheraSyn Bio, Inc.; Virginia Gibson, President of Merchant Marine Council, U.S. Navy League; Barbara Ryan, former Executive Director, World Geospatial Industry Council; Vince Ambrosia, recipient of the NASA Outstanding Public Leadership Medal; Joining them are Kinga Hydras, CEM, CSDP, ASHRAE Fellow; Alkis Triantafyllopoulos, ASHRAE Society Trainer; and Professor Ioannis Gitas of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, among others.

University of West Attica (UNIWA) School of Public Health
UNIWA School of Public Health anchors the academic program, led by Professor Elpida Pavi, Dean, School of Public Health; Professor Georgios I. Zakynthinos, Academic Coordinator; Professor Yiannis Koumpouros; Assistant Professor Olga-Eleni Astara; Assistant Professor Michalis Skordoulis; Professor Georgios Priniotakis; Associate Professor Anastasios Sepetis, among others.

U.S.–Greece Leadership
WGES Global Athens 2026 is led by Professor Robert, President of WGES Global, Inc.; Daisy Gallagher, Executive Lead of the U.S.–Greece Organizing Team, Chairwoman GGW, Inc., WGES Global Board and Leadership; Dr. Kostas Mastorakis, DVM, WGES Global Athens Ambassador and Vice President of Nazionale Piloti; Professor Georgios I. Zakynthinos and Nikoletta Anagnostopoulou Bakalarou.

Founded in the United States in 2009, WGES Global™ brings government, academia, science and industry together for knowledge exchange and practical collaboration — and Athens marks its expansion into Europe.

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Seats for the Symposium and the NOVA Awards evening are limited and registering quickly. Sponsors, delegates and guests are encouraged to secure Program, Registration & Tickets now at www.WGESglobal.com.

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