

## **Dr. Stavros Kalaitzidis**

Dr. Stavros Kalaitzidis graduated from the Department of Geology, University of Patras, Greece, in 1997, and in 2007 concluded his Ph.D. in the scientific field of “Peatlands and Peatification Processes” at the same Department. As postgraduate student he worked in several research programmes at the University of Patras in collaboration with Universities and Institutions in Germany, UK, and The Netherlands, but also for the Greek Institute of Geology and Mineral Exploration (IGME), and the Institute for Solid Fuels Technology and Applications (ISFTA) in Athens. He gained significant research experience in the areas of coal geology and coal exploitation, as well as in environmental aspects of coal utilization.

From 2008 to 2014 he served in various positions in the Australian mining industry, initially in the exploration and mining sectors of BHP Billiton, and later as Senior Geologist at Integral Resource Consulting Ltd. based in Brisbane, Queensland.

In 2014 he accepted an appointment to the University of Patras and currently he holds an Assistant Professor position in the field of Economic Geology, dealing mostly with ore geology and exploration.

From 2008 till 2016 he served as Secretary of Commission I of the International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (ICCP), and in 2016 he was elected Chair of the same Commission for the 2017-2021 terms.

He authored and co-authored more than 30 papers in peer reviewed journals; his work received more than 500 citations in the SCI system.