

**Dr. Yorgos Koutsoyannopoulos**, a Helic co-founder, Chairman and CEO of the company since its inception in 2000, is responsible for corporate strategy and business development. His vision of a cutting-edge EDA company with a global reach has largely defined Helic's corporate identity. With H/Q in CA, sales offices in Japan and Germany and a R&D base in Athens, Helic develops and markets EDA tools for high frequency extraction and signal integrity. During his tenure at the helm of Helic, the company has managed to sell EDA products in the US and Japan to big semiconductor corporations such as Toshiba, Sony, Fujitsu, Intel, Freescale and Broadcom, reaching more than 50 in the past 2 years. He has raised \$12M from reference investors such as Sun Microsystems founder, Andy Bechtolsheim, VCs, strategic investors and grants from the Greek state. Since 2007 he has been Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Semiconductor Industry Association, a non-profit organization which he helped grow from 13 to 50 corporate members in 2 years. He has published 14 papers in refereed journals and international conferences with more than 250 citations and has been a reviewer for IEEE Transactions of Electron Devices and the Design Automation Conference. He is a member of the Technical Chamber of Greece (1996) and the IEEE (1993). He got both his diploma and PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the NTUA in 1995 and 1999 respectively.