

PROFESSOR DR ALKIS RAFTIS



When I met Alkis Raftis for the first time, I was captivated by his huge library.

We were both doctorate students in Paris IX University at that time.

I soon understood that he constituted a huge encyclopaedia in himself : Engineer, University Professor , Bank Manager, Director of a prestigious Greek theatre , Dance Historian since forty years and author of more than twenty books and numerous articles , founder of a big number of websites concerning dance , he has always been an adventurer of the spirit

Actual President of the CID , he radically re oriented this NGO to adapt it to the fundamentals of UNESCO by opening it to all dances , all countries, all value dance professionals . The actual CID orientations bear his personal influence

He was the one who understood a long time ago the important dimension of Spirituality in Dance to the point that he elevated the subject to a CID Program

I am grateful to him because he honoured me with the mission to initiate this program

And most of all I am happy to be one of his friends

Constantin Kontogiannis

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