

...in the news

▼ GALAXY BAR—ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST



Hotels.com, part of the **Expedia Group**, has chosen the **Galaxy Bar** at the **Hilton Athens** as one of the top 10 hotel bars in the world. States the site on the Galaxy Bar: "It's easy to understand why Greek celebrities frequent the roof-top Galaxy Bar at the recently revamped Hil-

ton Athens, with its relaxed, cosmopolitan atmosphere and majestic views over the Acropolis. Located on the hotel's rooftop 13th floor, on a clear day, guests can see as far as the island of Aegina. The bar keeps patrons happy with live music and a tasty snack menu."

▼ BIOVISTA SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH NOVARTIS

Biovista, a privately held biotechnology company that finds novel uses for existing drugs, and profiles their side effects using their mechanism of action, has entered into a research collaboration agreement with **Novartis**. The collaboration is focused on identifying new indications for a number of undisclosed Novartis compounds using Biovista's Clinical Outcome Search Space (COSS) technology. "We look forward to working with Novartis to enhance their drug discovery efforts" said **Aris Persidis**, President of Biovista. "Our unique COSSTM technology offers significant advantages in terms of speed, comprehensiveness and depth of clinical outcome exploration, which we expect will help patients in need of novel solutions," he said. ▶ www.biovista.com

▼ GREEK SCIENTIST WINS AWARD

Greek scientist **Nikos Pelekanos** was among three European scientists who received the **Solar Innovation 2010 prize** for his proposal "III-V nanowires for next generation photovoltaics".

The prize is awarded by the **French Atomic Energy Commission**. He shares the prize, which includes funding and technical support for the research proposal for three years, with scientists **Tamzin Lafford** and **Vincent Renard**.

Pelekanos received a PhD from **Brown University** in the United States and worked as a researcher in France for roughly 10 years, and at the **Max Planck Institute** in Germany. In 2001 he was appointed to a professorship at the **University of Crete** and the **FORTH Institute** at Heraklion, Crete.

MANAGER OF THE YEAR



APOSTOLOS TAMVAKAKIS

Apostolos Tamvakakis, managing director of the National Bank of Greece (NBG), was awarded the "Manager of the Year" award by the Hellenic Management Association for the year 2010, during a ceremony held at the Athens Concert Hall. Addressing the event, government vice-president **Theodoros Pangalos** said that Greece and Greek companies have immense abilities, adding that in this time of economic crisis enterprises were being created, invention patent applications were being submitted, and investments were on the way.

GREECE'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES HONORED



VASSILIS KASKARELIS

The **World Affairs Council**, headquartered in Los Angeles, whose membership consists of opinion leaders, prominent business people and academics, honored Mr. **Vassilis Kaskarelis**, **Ambassador of Greece to the United States**, with the "Diplomat of the Year" award at a special Diplomatic Dinner, held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills on May 4, 2011. Chairman of the World Affairs Council L.A. Board of Directors, Mr. **Marvin Suomi**, bestowed the Award upon the Ambassador in the presence of over 200 guests, stating that "This highly coveted, prestigious award honors the lifetime achievements of select members of the international diplomatic corps."

CELEBRITY CELEBRATES 25 YEARS



KATHY CHRISOVERGIS

Celebrity International Movers celebrated 25 years of being in business on May 10 at a soiree held at the **Athens Hilton**. **Kathy Chrisovergis** and her team hosted friends, customers, colleagues, and business partners with a grand reception and entertainment featuring **Alex de Paris**.

SPEAKER'S CORNER

FRIENDLY ADVICE

If you want to make enemies, try to change something.

—Woodrow Wilson

ACTION HERO

The greatest danger in times of turbulence is not the turbulence; it is to act with yesterday's logic.

—Peter Drucker