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Panagiotis Sainatoudis was born in Vamvakousa, Serres in 1969. He is the founder of Peliti, [www.peliti.gr](http://www.peliti.gr). He organized the first group in Greece for the local seed varieties in January 1991. In 1995 he started Peliti where he coordinates until today. His work has played a key role in changing perceptions in Greece on the issue of local varieties. His work has influenced Bulgaria, Cyprus, Turkey, the USA, etc.

Collaborates with international personalities such as Dr. Vandana Shiva. For his work he has been honored abroad and in Greece. On May 22, 2009, he was honored as the "Guardian of the Mediterranean Biodiversity" by the Secretary General of [Bioversity International](http://BioversityInternational.org) and the Mayor of Rome. In 2013 Peliti received an award for his volunteer work in the country from the President of the Hellenic Republic Mr. Karolos Papoulias. In 2013 Peliti Seed Festival was named the [largest Seed Exchange Festival in the World](http://www.seedsavers.net) by Australia [www.seedsavers.net](http://www.seedsavers.net)