

Professor John Soldatos

Professor John Soldatos is an associate professor at the Athens Institute of Technology, Greece. He visited Scotland w/c 31st March with thanks to the SICSA DVF scheme. During this time, he gave invited presentations at St Andrews University, University of Edinburgh and University of Glasgow.

All talks were well-attended. For instance, in the University of Edinburgh, Prof Jon Oberlander and Prof Chris Speed were already aware of his work on the award-winning OpenIoT open source project, which was the focus of his presentation in Edinburgh, and were interested in the details he presented. On the other hand, Prof Soldatos' presentation at Glasgow and St Andrews demonstrated recent research in several EU projects, showing how sensing and Internet of Things (IoT) infrastructure can address a number of real-world use cases, including smart cities.

Moreover, through Prof Soldatos' visit, a collaboration involving University of Glasgow staff members was facilitated that resulted in a proposal being submitted for funding to EU Horizon 2020. Finally, Prof Soldatos also met with Michael Burns, who is a Knowledge Transfer Manager at the University of Glasgow with a central focus upon the smart cities portfolio - we envisage that this liaison, as well as other aspects of John's visit, will facilitate the creation of future Horizon 2020 consortia involving Scottish cities and universities.