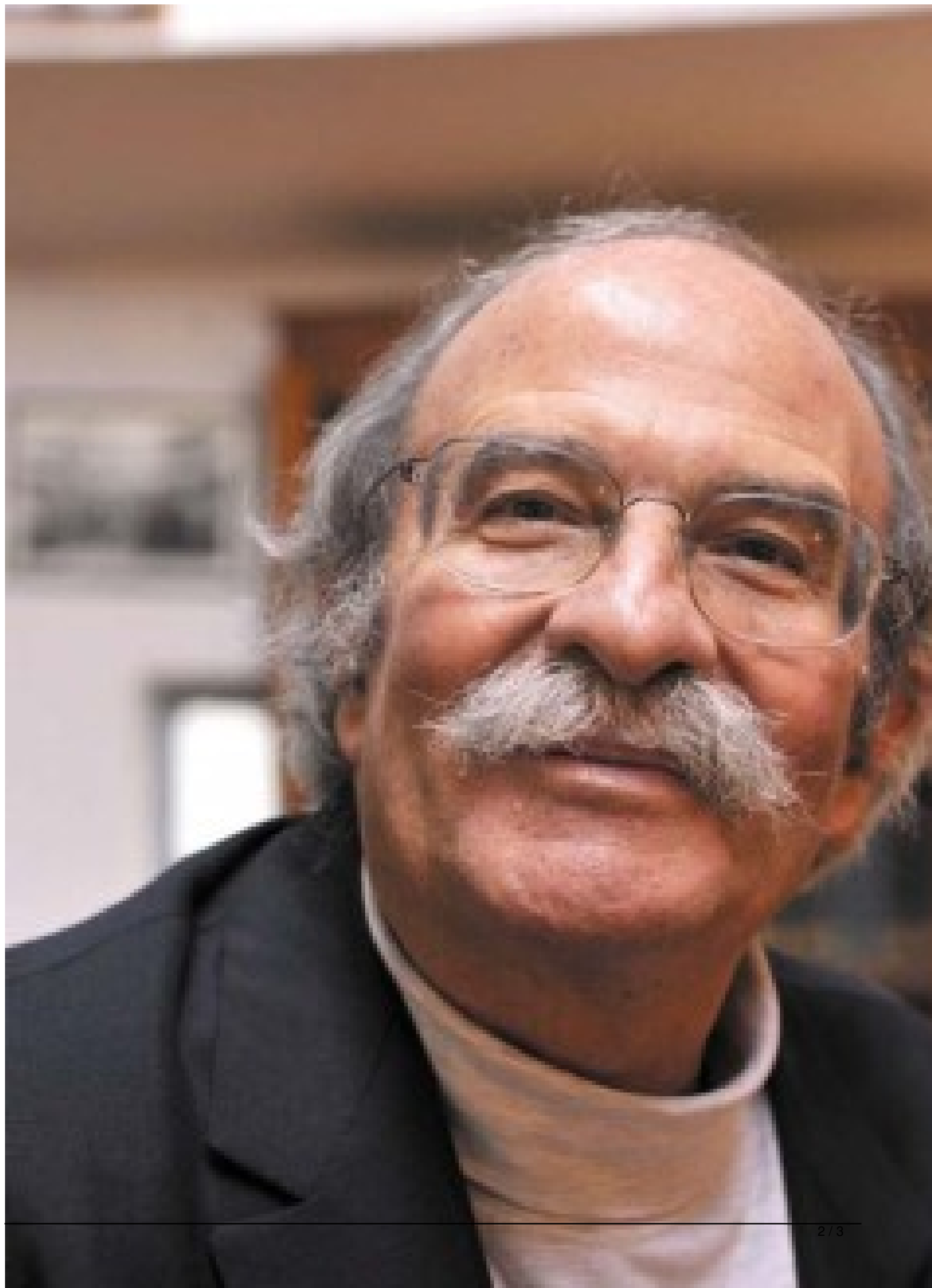


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On 3 May 2020 the Greek and extended international astronomy community lost Professor Emeritus John Hugh Seiradakis, a highly impactful, wide-reaching researcher and educator, and mentor to generations of students.

John (Giannis or Johnny to his colleagues, friends and family) was born on 5 March 1948 in the town of Chania on the island of Crete, Greece, to his mother Mercy Burdett Money-Coutts Seiradaki and his father Michael Seiradakis. Michael was a proud Cretan from a small farming village, who fought with the resistance against the Nazis during the Second World War. In 1947 he married Mercy, a British archaeologist who had moved to Greece in the 1930s and worked on various projects, including the Knossos excavations. She later worked with the Red Cross, and during and after the war she established and directed an orphanage on Crete.



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