
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH Urania Georgopoulou

NAME Urania Georgopoulou Web of Science ResearcherID AAQ-3831-2020	POSITION TITLE Research Director Head of Molecular Virology Laboratory
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A. Personal

EDUCATION/TRAINING	DEGREE	YEARS	FIELD OF STUDY
University Paris XI (Orsay), France	Ph.D.	1983-1986	Sciences de la vie (Physiology and Cellular Biology)
University "Pierre et Marie Curie", Paris VI, France	D.E.A.(M.Sc)	1982-1983	Developmental Biology
University of Patras, Greece	BSc.	1978-1982	Biology

B. Positions and Honors.

- 2018-today: Research Director, Laboratory of Molecular Virology, HPI
- 2007 – 2017: Principal Investigator (Researcher Grade B), Laboratory of Molecular Virology, HPI
- 1994 – 2007: Researcher Grade C - Laboratory of Molecular Virology, HPI
- 1990 – 1993: Post-doctoral researcher in the laboratory of Molecular Virology, HPI
- 1988 – 1990: Post-doctoral researcher in the Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, University Medical School, Athens.
- 1990: Visiting scientist, Human Retrovirus Section - National Cancer Institute (Frederick, USA)
- 1987 - 1988: Post-doctoral researcher in the Laboratory of Hepatology in Hippokration General Hospital of Athens, Greece
- 1986 - 1987: Post-doctoral researcher in the laboratory of Microbiological Immunology, Institut Pasteur – Paris, France

Honors, Awards

- 2015: Award of the Hellenic Association for the Study of the Liver (*Foka P., et al., 14^o Panhellenic Meeting 7-10/5/ 2015, Kos -Greece (Oral Presentation 1st prize).*
- 2009: Award of Hellenic Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (*Katsarou K et al., EEBMB Athens, Greece (Oral Presentation 1st prize).*
- 1987: Grant from the Hellenic Society of Gastroenterology (*Georgopoulou U., et al., oral presentation 1st prize*)
- 1986 - 1987: Scholarship from the French Government
- 1983 - 1986: Institute of National Scholarship Award (IKY)
- 1978 - 1979: Institute of National Scholarship Award (IKY)

C. Professional Activities - Contributions to Science

Functions (memberships, etc) : Contributed in expert committees for the: Italian Ministry of Health, Health, Cyprus Directorate for Research & innovation of the Deputy Ministry of Research and the Medical Research Fund from The Government of the Hong Kong. Expert evaluator for GSRT grant proposals. Greek Representative for Infectious Diseases in the MIRA project, Malta 2009. Member of HPI Bioethics Committee

Editorial activities : Peer-reviewer of scientific papers for international journals (PLOS One, Infection Genetics and Evolution, Intervirology, WJG, WJH, Clinical Experimental Medicine, International Journal of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Biochimie, J. Mol. Biochem., Cells, CIMB, Int J Mol. Sci. Member of the Editorial Board of World Journal of Gastroenterology

Patent Applications: USA Patent Application Title: Nucleic Acids and new polypeptides associated with and/or overlapping with HCV core products. Mavromara P., Varaklioti A., **Georgopoulou U.** Patent Application No: 09/644,987

Organization of Scientific Meetings/Advanced Courses-Educational

- Invited speaker in Instituto Bolognetti-Pasteur Rome, January, 2016
- Invited speaker in the RIIP meeting - Europe May, 27-28 2015
- Invited speaker in the Round table for Viral Hepatitis and cancer in the RIIP meeting for MATI region, Institut Pasteur Morocco 2014
- Guidance of post-graduate research students towards obtaining a doctorate degree
- Post graduate course in virology – University of Cyprus (2005) - invited
- Organizing the Annual Seminars in Hellenic Pasteur Institute (2002-2010)
- 2007: Organizing comitee of 59th meeting of Hellenic Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (Athens)
- 2004: Two days RIPIA meeting: *“Implications of HCV diversity in the diagnosis and pathogenesis of virus infection in Eastern Europe, SE Asia and Central Africa”* (Athens 2004).

Teaching activity:

Teaching Postgraduate courses:

- Postgraduate Course of Immunology in the context of the postgraduate program ‘Clinical Biochemistry–Molecular Diagnostics’. University of Athens, Department of Biology (2013-today)
- Postgraduate Course of Immunology in the context of the postgraduate program ‘Applications of Biology in Medicine’. Medical School, University of Athens, Department of Biology (2013-2019).
- Postgraduate Course of Virology in the context of the postgraduate program in the School of Dentistry, University of Athens (March 2002), (March 2003), (March 2004), (December 2005), (March 2006), 2007-2012

Supervision and Training of Final Year Projects:

-Graduate students: 24, -Postgraduate (MSc) students: 12

Supervision and Training of PhD students:

- V. Valiakou (2016- in progress). National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Title: *“Cellular Signaling and Metabolic Modifications after Hepatitis C infection: identification of cellular targets involved in the development / progression of liver cancer”*.
- G. Papadopoulou (2018 – in progress). National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Title: *Hepatocellular Carcinoma on viral infections and the role of selected biomarkers”*.

- E. Serti (2006-2010) – Medical School, University of Athens. Title: ‘Investigation of the Modifications in the MAPKs-p38 Cell Signaling Pathway in the Presence of HCV Structural Proteins’.
- K. Katsarou (2006-2009) – University of Thessaly, Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology. Title: ‘Investigation of the MAPKs-ERKs Cell Signaling Pathways in the Presence of HCV Structural Proteins’.
- P. Tsitoura (2000-2006) Medical School, University of Athens. Title: ‘Study of the Biological Functions of Selected HCV Proteins’.
- Ph.D supervision in collaboration:
 - E. Karamichali (2007 - 2014) University of Patras, Department of Pharmacy
 - G. Dalagiorgou (2006-2010) – Medical School, Dimokritio University
 - G. Pissas (2004-2010) – University of Thessaly
 - K. Kaliampakou (2005) National and Kapodistrian University, Department of Biology
 - M. Kalamvoki, (2005) National and Kapodistrian University, Department of Biology
 - E. Kochlios (2005-2011) – Medical School, University of Athens
 - A. Varaklioti (2000) Medical School, University of Athens
 - L. Psaridi (1999) Medical School, University of Athens

Training of scientists from Universities abroad

- Hajar Chihab, Calmette Yersin Fellow from Institute Pasteur Maroc (2017)
- Andrew Lucas, postdoc, Germany, (1998)
- Lara Stevanato, Ph.D students, University of Ferrara, Italy, (1996),
- Rafaela Argnani, Ph.D students, University of Ferrara, Italy, (1993),
- Betty Despres, student of International summer studies (1992)

Training of scientific personnel:

- Organization and supervisor of the training of hospital laboratory personnel in molecular Biology techniques (Lab of Epidemiology, Medical School of Athens, 1990).
- Training supervision of students at the Technical School of Athens in Molecular Virology Lab/HPI (2003)