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Dr Fragkiadaki Eirini graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in 2003, received her MSc in "Animal Science and Molecular Microbiology" in 2005 (Agricultural University of Athens) and her Ph.D. in "Prion diseases and animal genetics" in 2009 (Agricultural University of Athens) (State Scholarships Foundation Fellowship for Master and PhD studies). She has worked in farm animals clinical practice, in lab animals facilities and as research associate in EU and private research projects related to veterinary microbiology and molecular diagnosis, resulting to peer-reviewed 16 publications, 1 book chapter and several announcements.

Since 2012 she is the designated veterinarian of the Department of Animal models for Biomedical Research (DAMBR) of Hellenic Pasteur Institute (HPI), co-author of DAMBRs Regulatory Guide approved by HPI Executive Board and close collaborator with the Head of the department and coworkers in facilitating good quality research through efficient facility's management. In 2021 she undertook the responsibilities for the management of laboratory animals facilities' operations, infrastructures and personnel as the Head of the department. Since December 2021 she was elected and holds the position of Research Staff Scientist B' in HPI. She is responsible for the design and application of health monitoring programs, veterinary care and animal welfare safeguarding, the consultation and support of researchers, the communication with public and private collaborators and national official authorities related to animal research, the organization of educational courses in laboratory animal science and training of animal users and personnel in 3Rs principles (Replacement, Refinement, Reduction) and dissemination of DAMBRs services in scientific and academic areas.

She is a member of the Protocol Evaluation Committee, Institutional Animal Welfare Body and recently member of Occupational Health and Safety Committee of HPI and member of National Committee for the protection of animals used for scientific purposes. Since 2017 she is member of the European working group ETPLAS (Education and Training Platform for Laboratory Animal Science) focusing on the harmonization of education and training of people working with animals used for scientific purposes. Since 202 she is lecturer in Transinstitutional Master Program "Animal Welfare, Ethics and the Law" of Department of Philosophy of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and the Hellenic Pasteur Institute.

Her scientific interests are research ethics, refined laboratory practices, efficient management of laboratory animals' facilities, awareness towards a culture of animal care and validated alternatives to animal research provided they serve the Research Excellence.