

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Bachelor degree (BSc) in Biology, Department of Biology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, *BSc Diploma grade:* “Very good”, *BSc Thesis:* “Study of oxidative stress mediators in experimentally induced diabetes”

Doctorate degree (Ph.D) in Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, Grade: “Excellent”, *PhD Thesis:* “Interaction between innate and adaptive immunity at the level of Toll-like and TCR receptors, in infections caused by parasites of the genus *Leishmania*”

Career development - trainings

2021: Training in IHU – Mediteranee Infection, Unite MEPHI, Marseille, France

2019: Training in the molecular diagnosis of human leishmaniasis, DNA extraction and *Leishmania* parasite identification by Ln-PCR and molecular characterization of *Leishmania* species. Reference and Research Laboratory for Parasitology, National Centre for Microbiology, Instituto de Salud Carlos III, WHO Collaborating Centre for Leishmaniasis, Madrid, Spain

2009-2023: **Special Technical Scientist**, Laboratory of Cellular Immunology and National Reference Laboratory for Leishmaniasis, Department of Microbiology, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

2023-to the present: **Special Technical Scientist**, Laboratory of Molecular Parasitology and National Reference Laboratory for Leishmaniasis, Department of Microbiology, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

Honors and Awards

2021: Scholarship from the French Government concerning short-term mobility grants for PhD holders researchers, established in Greece, in order to carry out a project or research activity in an attached laboratory or university or research center, in France

2015: Scholarship from the organizing committee of the conference "Annual Scientific Meeting of the Institute Pasteur International Network", for participation and monitoring of the conference

2010: Scholarship from the organizing committee of the conference "Annual Scientific Meeting of the Institute Pasteur International Network", for participation and monitoring of the conference

2006-2008: Scholarship from the Hellenic Pasteur Institute

Publications in scientific journals

24 scientific publications, citations: 259 (up to 2/2024). H-index: 8 (up to 2/2024)

Complete list of publications:

<https://www.webofscience.com/wos/woscc/summary/a4eb45fd-4654-4671-a097-c09554ff38b5-cfebdc89/relevance/1>

Conference proceedings

Oral and Poster presentations in 25 international and 12 national conferences.

Other Professional Activities – Memberships

Peer reviewer for international journals

Member of the Hellenic Society for Biological Sciences

Member of the One Health Science Society

Educational activities

Participation in the training of pre and post-graduate students

Dissemination and outreach activities to the public

Participation as a team member in the action “*Cutting edge technologies and their contribution to Life Sciences*”, Training Seminar for Secondary Education Biology teachers