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Studies

- BSc in Biology by the University of Patras in Greece
- M.Sc. in Genetic Toxicology by the Swansea University College, Wales, UK
- Ph.D. in Hygiene by the University of Patras

Professional experience

- Assoc.Professor at the Laboratory of Hygiene and Environmental Protection at the Department of Medicine of the Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (up to 2008).
- Representative of ELOT in the Technical Committee CEN/TAG4/WG6 on issues of standardization of molecular techniques for detecting viruses in food.
- Expert of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food at meetings organized by the European Union and CEFAS on virological control and shellfish hygiene in general.
- Technical Inspector at the Unified Food Control Agency, Ministry of Rural Development, Head of the Laboratory Control & Measurement Department
- Technical Inspector at Occupational Risk Prevention Center/Labor Inspectorate of Western Greece on Occupational Health and Safety issues.

Research

- Supervised over 15 European programs (European Union, FP7) and over 50 research programs have/had scientific responsibility (Ministries, ROPs, Prefectures, Municipalities).
- Supervised 8 Ph.D. theses (3 in English) and over 50 diploma theses (at postgraduate level) and 40 diploma theses (at undergraduate level).
- Technical and Quality Manager of the accredited virological laboratory iwaterfood (AP 550-3).

Publications

- Published over 100 research papers in foreign journals,
- 1 Global Water Pathogen Project Book
- 5 Greek Books (1 translation, 3 papers in chapters),
- 8 Educational notes for undergraduate and postgraduate students,
- 10 research papers in Greek magazines,
- > 90 articles in Greek magazines/newspapers
- Organized 6 foreign and 20 Greek conferences/conferences,
- Published more than 100 papers in international conference proceedings, 70 papers in Greek conferences, 9 speeches as invited to international conferences and more than 50 lectures/presentations in Greek conferences and workshops.

Teaching

- ◆ Director in Postgraduate course in Public Health in UPA
- ◆ Postgraduate level in more than 5 postgraduate Teaching programs.
- ◆ Undergraduate level for more than 15 years in UPA and DUT.

Administrative

- Member at the National Committee of Public Health of the Ministry of Health until 2020.
- Member of the Board of Water Quality of the University of Patras.
- Member of the Library and e-Class Committee of the Faculty of Medicine
- Member of the Coordinating Committee on Health and Safety of the University of Patras
- Member of the Committee of Service Laboratories of University of Patras
- Member of the Committee of Vulnerable Social Groups of University of Patras
- Former chairman of the Sports Committee of the University of Patras

Societies

- Member of the Editorial Board of Food & Environmental Virology, Journal of Diseases and Global Health, Advances in Public Health and Reviewer in Virology Journal, Journal of Virological Methods, Environmental Research and Hygiene, International Public Health Journal, Pathogens, Water Science Technology & Water Safety, Advances in Public Health
- Member of 10 scientific societies