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CURRENT POSITION

Department of Environmental Science and Technology, Cyprus University of Technology Limassol, CY
Environmental Microbiology and Biotechnology 9/2012-Present
Special Teaching Staff

Research interests: Environmental biomonitoring and bioanalytics, Effect-directed analysis, Environmental toxicology, Environmental microbiology, Science communication

EDUCATION

University of Cyprus, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Nicosia, CY
Ph.D. Environmental Engineering 2012
Dissertation: *“Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients in Aqueous Matrices: An Integrated Approach for Assessing Effects”*

University of Cyprus, Department of Education Nicosia, CY
Pre-service training program for secondary school teachers 2009

National Technical University of Athens, Interdepartmental Athens, GR
M.Sc. Environment and Development 2006
Thesis: *“Formal and Non-formal Environmental Education in Cyprus”*

National Kapodestrian University of Athens, Department of Biological Sciences Athens, GR
B.Sc. Biology 2002
Thesis: *“Study of Ecological and Biochemical Characteristics of Artemia spp. population in Dominican Republic”*

AWARDS AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Label on “European PhD on Advanced Oxidation Processes” 2014
M.Sc. Scholarship, National and Technical University of Athens 2003
B.Sc. Scholarship, Cyprus Scholarship Foundation (IKYK) 1998-2002
Biology contest 1st place award, Laniteio Lyceum 1998

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry
Member of the Society of Toxicology
Member of the International Water Association
Member of the Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS)
Member of European Federation of Biotechnology

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Department of Environmental Science and Technology, Cyprus University of Technology Limassol, CY
9/2012-Present
Special Teaching Staff

- Teaching, preparation of teaching material, preparation of laboratories, research, supervision, mentoring and administrative duties
- Member of Departmental Committees “Health and Safety” and “Consumables” and Co-responsibility of “Seminars and Outreach Activities”

NIREAS-International Water Research Center, University of Cyprus Nicosia, CY
4/2013-10/2015
Research fellow

- Research on environmental microbiology and water quality issues, co-supervision of M.Sc. students and administrative duties

GAIA- Laboratory of Environmental Engineering, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Cyprus Nicosia, CY
1/2006-9/2012
Research fellow

- Research on environmental toxicology and microbiology, co-supervision of M.Sc./M.Eng. students, teaching and administrative duties

Medical and Public Health Services, Ministry of Health Nicosia, CY
5/2004-6/2009
Health Inspector

- Representative of Cyprus in water quality issues, participation in Working Groups of the European Commission (Water for human consumption, Bathing water), ENDWARE (European Network for Drinking Water Regulators) and workshops for swimming pools
- Data collection and analysis. Preparation and submission of reports for the European Commission (triennial report of microbiological and chemical monitoring of water for human consumption, annual report on bathing water)
- Representative of Cyprus in the Working Group of Detergents of the European Commission

Medical Entomology Laboratory, Ministry of Health Nicosia, CY
5/2004-6/2009
Research fellow

- Research in environmental toxicology of insecticides (organophosphates, carbamates, pyrethroids, insect growth regulators and biological insecticides)
- Mapping and managing important sites for mosquito breeding
- Mosquito population surveillance and identification of species
- Training of applicators of insecticides

Secondary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture Nicosia, CY
9/2002-2/2004
Teacher of Biology

- Teaching and administrative duties

ATEMAR, Ltd Santo Domingo, DO
2/2002-6/2004
Environmental Health Inspector

- Environmental Impact Assessment and preparation of reports
- Environmental monitoring of ports
- Mapping of marine habitats

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Department of Environmental Science and Technology, Cyprus University of Technology	Limassol, CY
<i>Investigator</i> ; Project Coordinator: Prof. Gerasimos Lyberatos	10/2017-present
Optimization of decentralized domestic wastewater treatment and sanitation via constructed wetlands (DOMUS_CW)	889,534 €
Co-funded by the transnational Cooperation Programme Interreg V-B “Balkan-Mediterranean 2014-2020”	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participation in WP3-5 in the activities related to microbial profile analysis, in the ecotoxicological analysis, wastewater analysis, compost characteristics and application guide on the adoption of best practices based on CW technology 	
<i>Participant</i>	11/2016-present
Developing new genetic tools for bioassessment of aquatic ecosystems in Europe	
Co-funded by the European Science Foundation, European Commission (COST CA15219)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participation in WG3: Field and Lab protocols and WG4: Data analysis and storage 	
<i>Investigator</i> ; Project Coordinator: Prof. Carlos Afonso	5/2016-present
Bioorganic novel approaches for food processing wastewater treatment and valorization: lupanine case study (Biorg4WasteWaterVal+) (2 person-months)	835,355 €
Co-funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation through the ERA-NET Cofund Water Works 2014	
<i>Cyprus Representative (along with Dr. M. Stavrinides, CUT)</i>	1/2016-present
Establishing genetic control programmes for <i>Aedes</i> invasive mosquitoes	157,000 USD
Co-funded by the Joint International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)/ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) through a Technical Cooperation Project	
<i>Representative of the Early Career Investigators</i>	11/2014-present
New and emerging challenges and opportunities in wastewater reuse (NEREUS)	
Co-funded by the European Science Foundation, European Commission (COST ES1403)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participation in WG3: Effect-based bioassays required for wastewater reuse schemes 	
<i>Coordinator</i>	9/2013-6/2016
Unravelling bacterial and fungal biodiversity of <i>Posidonia oceanica</i> and their potential biotechnological applications (X-Posidonia)	4000 €
In collaboration with the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sampling of <i>Posidonia</i> species 	

- Cultivation, isolation and identification of culturable marine Bacteria and Fungi
 - Evaluating lignolytic properties and potential for degrading synthetic polymers
- Coordinator* 4/2014-10/2015
- Identifying toxic inputs of the sewerage distribution system: 4500 €
- Implications on the treatment process of the wastewater treatment plant (WETox)
- Co-funded by the Sewerage Board
- Acute toxicity assessment of urban and industrial wastewaters with *Vibrio fischeri*
 - Physicochemical and ecotoxicological correlation
- NIREAS-International Water Research Center, University of Cyprus** Nicosia, CY
- Teacher/Investigator; Principal Investigator: Dr. Despo Fatta-Kassinou* 4/2013-10/2015
- Integrating Water cycle Management: Building Capability, Capacity and Impact in Education and Business EU Tempus Project (I-WEB) 77,951 €
- Co-funded by the European Commission (Tempus IV) (530718-TEMPUS-1-2012-1-UK-TEMPUS-JPCR)
- Preparation of teaching material related to water quality and treatment processes
 - Teaching undergraduate, graduate students and academic personnel on water quality issues focusing on environmental toxicology and microbiology
- GAIA- Laboratory of Environmental Engineering, University of Cyprus** Nicosia, CY
- Principal Investigator; Project Coordinator: Dr. Despo Fatta-Kassinou* 12/2010-8/2012
- Development of novel methods for the toxicity assessment of multi-component chemical mixtures to humans and the ecosystem (TOMIXX) (24 person-months) *The research proposal received the highest score during evaluation* 69,936 €
- Co-funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, the Republic of Cyprus and the European Regional Development Fund (PENEK/0609/24)
- Development and application of bioassays for assessment of acute and chronic effects on bacteria, algae, crustaceans and mammalian cells
 - Cytotoxic, mutagenic and estrogenic assessment. Implications on gene expression profiling
 - Development of factorial designs for multi-factor analysis
 - Major participation in the preparation of the research proposal
- Investigator; Project Coordinator: Dr. Despo Fatta-Kassinou* 5/2010-11/2010
- Advanced systems for the enhancement of the environmental performance of wineries in Cyprus (WINEC) (6 person-months) 1,371,357 €
- Co-funded by the European Commission (Life+) (LIFE08 ENV/CY/455)
- Application of bioassays for assessment of winery wastewater on acute and chronic effects on bacteria, algae and crustaceans
- Investigator; Project Coordinator: Dr. Despo Fatta-Kassinou* 6/2009-11/2010
- Fate, effect and removal potential of xenobiotics present in aqueous matrices (IX-Aqua) (18 person-months) 396,372 €
- Co-funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, the Republic of Cyprus and the European Regional Development Fund (UPGRADING/DURABLE/0308/07)

- Development and application of advanced biological methods for xenobiotics assessment of chronic effects
- Participant*; Vice Chair of the Action: Dr. Despo Fatta-Kassinou 2009-2013
 Detecting evolutionary hot spots of Antibiotic Resistance in Europe (DARE)
 Co-funded by the European Science Foundation, European Commission (COST TD0803)
- Member of the WG2: Prevalence and spread of antibiotics and antibiotic resistant microbes and the WG3: Antibiotics and antibiotic resistance evolution in natural environments
 - Organizational and administrative duties
- Investigator*; Project Coordinator: Dr. Despo Fatta-Kassinou 9/2010
 Development of a solar technology for the removal of effluent organic matter from wastewaters (SolTec) (1 person-month) 139,885 €
 Co-funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, the Republic of Cyprus and the European Regional Development Fund (AEIFO 0308/BIE/01)
- Evaluation of acute toxicity effects towards *Vibrio fischeri*
- Investigator*; Project Coordinator: Dr. Despo Fatta-Kassinou 2/2009-4/2009
 Degradation of estrogen compounds in waters and wastewaters (urban and hospital wastewaters) by heterogeneous photocatalytic chemical oxidation, (Estrogens) (3 person-months) 49,920 €
 Co-funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation (PROEM/0308/06)
- Development and application of a genetically-modified yeast assay for estrogenicity assessment
- Investigator*; Project Coordinator: Dr. Despo Fatta-Kassinou 1/2007-6/2009
 Development and application of innovative advanced oxidation processes for the removal of active organic compounds in urban wastewaters and monitoring of toxicity (PHAREM) (12.5 person-months) 219,713 €
The projects' results received the Research Award Nicos Symeonides 2011 and a follow-up grant of 50,000 €
 Co-funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation (AEIΦO/0506/16)
- Development and application of a battery assay for the assessment of effects to bacteria, algae and crustaceans
 - Involvement in the preparation of the research proposal
- Participant* 2005-2009
 Xenobiotics in the Urban Water Cycle
 Co-funded by the European Science Foundation, European Commission (COST636)
- Member of the WG3: Impact assessment of xenobiotics
- Investigator*; Project Coordinator: Dr. Georgios Papadakis, Technical University of Crete 3/2006-10/2006
 Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) as a Decision Support Tool (DST) for the eco-production of olive oil (ECOIL) (8 person-months) 94,447 €
 Co-funded by the European Commission (Life+) (LIFE04 ENV/GR/000110)

- Administrative duties

Medical Entomology Laboratory

Principal Investigator; Project Coordinator: Mr. Andreas Hadjivassilis
 Alternatives methods for mosquito control in Cyprus (KOUNOUIA)
 (16 person-months) *The research proposal received the second highest score during evaluation*

Nicosia, CY
 8/2005-11/2008
 279,527 €

Co-funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation (UGEIA/1104/29)

- Mapping of significant mosquito breeding sites and identification of species
- Evaluation of the insecticides resistance levels of mosquito
- Physicochemical analysis of mosquito breeding sites

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

FORMAL EDUCATION

Department of Environmental Science and Technology, Cyprus University of Technology

Limassol, CY

Postgraduate teaching

- Advanced Ecotoxicology ETP 632, 7 ECTS (half-course lecturer, preparation of study material, examiner, number of participants:14) Spring 2015, 2016
- Advanced Environmental Microbiology ETP 636, 7 ECTS (lecturer, preparation of syllabus and study material, examiner, total number of participants: 58) 2012-2016
- Advanced Special Issues in Environmental Sciences ETP 635 (lecturer, preparation of two lectures, examiner, number of participants:14) Fall 2014
- Advanced Environmental Science and Marine Sedimentology ETP 631, 7 ECTS (lecturer, preparation of syllabus and study material, examiner, total number of participants: 44) Spring 2013, 2014, 2015

Undergraduate teaching

- Biology for Chemical Engineers CEN 103, 5 ECTS (lecturer, preparation of syllabus and study material, examiner, total number of participants: 33) 2017
- Laboratory Biology
- Toxicology II ETP 314, 4 ECTS (lecturer, preparation of syllabus and study material, examiner, total number of participants: 121) 2013-2017
- Laboratory Toxicology II ETP 314.E, 2 ECTS (lecturer, organization of six two-hours laboratory classes, evaluation of laboratory reports, examiner, total number of participants: 121) 2013-2017
- Environmental Microbiology ETP 211, 4 ECTS (lecturer, preparation of syllabus and study material, examiner, total number of participants: 165) 2012-2017
- Laboratory Environmental Microbiology ETP 211.E, 2 ECTS (lecturer, organization of six two-hours laboratory classes, evaluation of laboratory reports, examiner, total number of participants: 165) 2012-2017

- Biology-Biochemistry ETP 103, 4 ECTS (lecturer, preparation of syllabus and study material, evaluation of laboratory reports, examiner, total number of participants: 123) 2012-2016
- Laboratory Biology-Biochemistry ETP 103.E, 2 ECTS (lecturer, organization of six two-hours laboratory classes, evaluation of laboratory reports, examiner, total number of participants: 123) 2012-2016
* I was on maternity leave during Fall semester 2013

GAIA-Laboratory of Environmental Engineering, University of Cyprus

Nicosia, CY

Postgraduate teaching

Spring 2008-2012

- Experimental methods in water and wastewater analysis and treatment CEE 585, 8 ECTS (lecturer, organization of three three-hours laboratory classes, evaluation of laboratory reports, total number of participants: 100)

Undergraduate teaching

- Wastewater Management CEE 480, 5 ECTS (involvement in the preparation of Microbiology lectures and study material) 2006

Secondary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture

Nicosia, CY

Teacher of Biology

11/2003-5/2004

- Biology (Gymnasium and Lyceum, total number of participants: 120)
- Environmental Sciences (Lyceum, number of participants: 30)

NON-FORMAL EDUCATION/ SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

Nicosia Café Scientifique

11/2017

Invited speaker

- Title of the presentation “Let’s talk about (biological) sex)

MERA-Research Promotion Foundation

CY

Mentor

5/2017-date

- “Identifying sources of plastic pollution in the environment”

Mediterranean Science Festival

Limassol, CY

Member of the Organisational Team

2015, 2017

- Café Scientifique Leader
- Curator of Environmental Science

School Lab Contest

CY

Mentor of 6 secondary school teams

10/2016-3/2017

Youth Board Cyprus

Nicosia, CY

Invited speaker of the series of lectures “Giving the floor to young scientists”

3/2015

- Title of presentation “The chemistry between us”

Stockholm Junior Water Prize

Limassol, CY

Mentor

- “Plastics in the marine environment of Cyprus: monitoring and potential bioremediation strategies” (2nd place in the national contest) 2016
- “Pharmaceuticals in the environment: Is this a problem?” (1st place in the national contest) (Co-supervision Dr. Despo Fatta Kassinos) 2014

CyCYS – Cyprus Contest for Young Scientists

Nicosia, CY

Mentor

2015

- “School waste: a source for energy production” (Co-supervision Dr. Ioannis Vyrides) (1st place in the national contest)

Famelab Cyprus

Nicosia, CY

- Preliminaries contest presentation “Xenobiotics”
- Final contest presentation “Endocrine disruptors”

4/2011

Medical and Public Health Services, Ministry of Health

Nicosia, CY

Instructor

5/2005-6/2009

- Training of the personnel on proper handling and use of insecticides
- Training of the personnel on legislative issues related to water for human consumption, bathing waters and detergents

POSTGRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISION

Department of Environmental Science and Technology, Cyprus University of Technology

Limassol, CY

M.Sc. supervision

- Effects of the wastewater reuse practices to various plant crops. M. Panayiotou 6/2016
- Unravelling the marine microbiological biodiversity of *Posidonia oceanica* in Cyprus and its lignolytic potential. T. Georgiou 12/2015
- Characterization of microbial community of *Posidonia oceanica* with potential biotechnological applications. C. Modestou 6/2015
- Development and assessment of effects of treated wastewater to a battery assay of different trophic levels. E. Andreou 6/2014
- Isolation, identification and culture optimization of microorganisms with enzymes with lignolytic properties. E. Tampouri 6/2014
- Development of a Toxicity Identification Evaluation Scheme for the assessment of toxicity of wastewater with the use of acute and chronic toxicity assays. E. Eleftheriou 6/2014

M. Sc. co-supervision

- Ecotoxicity of ionic liquids. E. Nicolaou (Principal supervision M. Koutinas) 6/2016

B.Sc. supervision

- Preliminary study of the abundance of mosquito species in Limassol. A. Zachariou 6/2017
- Update on the occurrence and risk assessment of active pharmaceutical ingredients (Literature review). K. Amirides 6/2017

- Evaluating the plastic biodegradation capacity of marine microorganisms isolated from *Posidonia oceanica*. E. Aristodemou 6/2017
- Isolation and identification of marine hydrocarbon degraders. C. Kaizer 6/2016
- Bioaccumulation of metals in the habitat of *Posidonia oceanica*. M. Papageorgiou 6/2016
- Biodegradation of plastics with the use of marine fungi (Literature review). P. Palates 6/2015
- Microplastics and their effects to marine microorganisms (Literature review). C. Hadjigeorgiou 6/2015

GAIA- Laboratory of Environmental Engineering, University of Cyprus

M.Sc./M.Eng. co-supervision with Dr. Despo Fatta-Kassinou

- Advanced bioassays for evaluating the mixture effects of pharmaceuticals on humans and microorganisms. M. Tarapoulouzi (in collaboration with Dr. Nancy Lambrianides and Dr. Lida Ioannou) 12/2014
- Exploring the biological potency of wastewater matrices. E. Constantinou 6/2014
- Development of public communication material using as examples winery wastewater management and the assessment of effects of pharmaceutical residues in the environment. M. Michael (in collaboration with Dr. Lida Ioannou) 6/2013

Independent study co-supervision with Dr. Despo Fatta-Kassinou

- Occurrence, Fate and effects of b-blockers and anti-inflammatory drugs in the environment. E. Eliadou 6/2012

TRAINING COURSES

European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), Germany 5/2017

Dr. Giuseppe D'Auria, Dr. Jaqueline Dreyer- Lamm, Dr. José Eduardo González-Pastor

Microbial Metagenomics: A 360° approach (8-days)

- Experimental design
- Laboratory work for metagenomic studies: DNA extraction, metagenomic library preparation
- Metagenomics work-flow, data analysis and sample characterization

Tragsa Group, Sociedad Estatal de Participaciones Industriales, Spain 4/2017

Dr. Carlos Tur Lahiguera

Mosquito Detection, Surveillance, Data Recording and Analysis for Area-Wide Integrated Mosquito Management in the European Area (5-days)

- Use of GPS-GIS technology in AW-IPM mosquito programme (Introduction to QGIS for mosquito surveillance)
- Spatial data structures and manipulation: vector data and raster data to design GIS pest surveillance network
- Geographical GPS-GIS data processing and creation of standardized maps

- Introduction to database creation for data storage
- Institute Pasteur** 2/2017-3/2017
Dr Anna-Bella Failloux, Dr Vincent Robert
 Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Medical Entomology (6-weeks)
- Insects and arthropods that affect human health (mosquitoes, sandflies, other hematophagous insects and ticks)
 - Vector-borne diseases and risk mapping (arbovirosis and parasitic diseases: malaria, dengue, Zika, Lyme borreliosis, Chagas disease)
 - New methods/ concepts to approach vector-borne diseases
 - Insect immunity and microbiome
 - Novel approaches for mosquito control
- International Atomic Energy Agency, Austria** 1/2017
Dr Martin Geiger, Dr Francis Schaffner and Dr Dusan Petric
 Mosquito identification, surveillance and trapping methods for area-wide integrated mosquito management in the European area (one week)
- Biology, morphology, ecology and behaviour of mosquito
 - Mosquito trapping and surveillance technology
 - Methods for collection, handling and storage of mosquito samples
 - Methods of mosquito identification and classification
- BioDetection Systems B.V., The Netherlands** 12/2016
Dr. Harrie Besselink
 ANSWER (ANSWER/H2020-MSCA-ITN-2015/675530 project) Training Event on sample preparation and effect-based monitoring in water quality assessment (2 days)
- Solid Phase Extraction methods for estrogenicity bioassaying
 - ER-CALUX and antibiotic detection
 - Data analysis
- University of Barcelona, Spain** 6/2016
Interdisciplinary scientific team from the NEREUS COST Action
 NEREUS “Cristina Becerra-Castro” Training School on “Methods for detecting and quantifying antibiotic resistant bacteria and antibiotic resistance genes in the environment” (3 days)
- qPCR data analysis
 - Introduction to next-generation sequencing data analysis
- Biochemical Engineering and Environmental Biotechnology Laboratory, National Technical University of Crete, Greece** 6/2015
Prof. Nicolaos Kalogerakis
 ERASMUS+ Staff Training Mobility (2-weeks)
- Culture, Isolation and Pathway investigation of hydrocarbon and synthetic polymers degraders
- University of Sheffield, UK** 5/2015
Participation in the workshop entitled “Open Access to Research Data” (2 days)
- Introduction to open access to research data
 - How to develop data management plans
- Biochemical Engineering and Environmental Biotechnology Laboratory, National Technical University of Crete, Greece** 6/2014

Prof. Nicolaos Kalogerakis

ERASMUS+ Staff Training Mobility (2-weeks)

- PCR-DGGE profiling of marine bacteria

ZMF Medical Research Center, University of Heidelberg, Germany

7/2012

Prof. Norbert Gretz

- Microarray techniques and data analysis (2-weeks)

**Center for Integrative Bioinformatics Vienna,
Vienna University and Medical University, Austria**

2/2012

Prof. Arndt von Haeseler

Training organized within the COST Action Dare (one week)

- Basic principles in bioinformatics

**Section for Applied Environmental Research,
Medical Center of Freiburg, Germany**

6/2012-9/2012

Prof. Klaus Kümmerer

- Cell-line culturing and maintenance (4 months)
- Genotoxicity assessment by the micronucleus assay
- Bacteria (*Pseudomonas putida* and *Vibrio fischeri*) cultivation
- Acute and chronic toxicity assessment with bacteria
- Close Bottle Test application for assessment of biodegradation

**British Council, Cheltenham Festivals and European Office Cyprus,
Cyprus**

2/2011

Malcom Love

- Science communication (3-day workshop)

Environmental Hygiene Division, University of Naples Federico II, Italy

10/2007

Prof. Marco Guida and Prof. Sureyya Meriç

- Cultivation and maintenance of microalgae and crustaceans (2 weeks)
- Implementation of acute and chronic toxicity tests with *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata*, *Daphnia magna* and *Artemia salina*

Institute for the Environment, University of Brunel, UK

2/2006

Prof. John Sumpter and Dr. Edwin Routledge

- Growth of genetically-modified *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and implementation of yeast estrogen assay (YES) and yeast androgen assay (YAS) (2 weeks)

Medical Entomology Laboratory, Ministry of Health, Cyprus

6/2005

Dr. Margaret Wirth (University of Riverside, California) and Dr. Anna Samanidou (National School of Public Health)

- Identification of mosquito species
- Insecticide resistance evaluation to *Culex spp.*

LANGUAGES

Spanish, Greek and English (excellent)

French (very good)

Turkish and German (basic)

COMPUTER SKILLS/OTHERS

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- Microsoft Office tools (excellent)
 - Statistical software: ToxStat, SPSS, NCSS, CompuSyn, MINITAB (very good)
 - Synchronous web-based education platform: Piazza (very good)
 - Website development software: Wordpress, Moodle, Dreamweaver (basic)
 - Network engineering (basic)
 - Geographic Information System software: ArcGIS, ERMapper (basic)
 - Document preparation system: LaTeX (basic)
 - LINUX environments and bioinformatics software (basic)
 - Graphic design applications: PhotoShop (basic)
 - Scuba Diver (Open water certified)

EXTERNAL REVIEWER OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS

H2020-MSCA-IF-2016: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (Independent Evaluation Report of 8 proposals and Consensus Report of 2 proposals)	ENV, CHE
H2020-MSCA-IF-2017: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (Independent Evaluation Report of 5 proposals)	ENV

JOURNAL REVIEWER

Chemical Engineering Journal
 Chemosphere
 Current Opinion in Environmental Science and Health
 Environment International
 Frontiers in Chemistry
 Frontiers in Marine Science
 Journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering
 Journal of Hazardous Materials
 Science of the Total Environment
 PLOS One
 Water Research

LIST OF REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

17. Parmaki S, Vyrides I, **Vasquez MI**, Hartman V, Zachariou E, Afonso CAM, Drouza C, Koutinas K (2018) Bioconversion of alkaloids to high-value chemicals: Comparative analysis of newly isolated lupanine degrading strains. *Chemosphere* 193:50-59.
16. Patsalou M, Menikea KK, Makri E, **Vasquez MI**, Drouza C, Koutinas M (2017) Development of a citrus peel-based biorefinery strategy for the production of succinic acid. *Journal of Cleaner Production* 166:706-716.
15. **Vasquez MI**, Tarapoulouzi M, Lambrianides N, Hapeshi E, Felekkis K, Saile M, Carsten Sticht C, Gretz N, Fatta-Kassinos D (2016) Assessing the potential of pharmaceuticals and their transformation products to cause mutagenic effects. Implications in the gene expression profiling. *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry* 35:2753-2764.
14. Leese FGV, Altermatt F, Bouchez A, Ekrem T, Hering D, Szabolcs Csabai Z, Padisák J et al. DNAqua-Net: Developing new genetic tools for bioassessment and monitoring of aquatic ecosystems in Europe (2016). *Research Ideas and Outcomes* 2: e11321.

13. Pantelidou NA, Theologides CP, Olympiou GG, Savva PG, **Vasquez MI** & Costa CN (2014) Catalytic removal of pharmaceutical compounds in water medium under an H₂ stream over various metal-supported catalysts: A promising process. *Desalination and Water Treatment* 53: 3363–3370
12. **Vasquez MI**, Lambrianides A, Schneider M, Kümmerer K & Fatta-Kassinos D (2014) Environmental side effects of pharmaceutical cocktails: What we know and what we should know. *Journal of Hazardous Materials* 279: 169–189.
11. **Vasquez MI** & Fatta-Kassinos D (2013) Is the evaluation of “traditional” physicochemical parameters sufficient to explain the potential toxicity of the treated wastewater at sewage treatment plants? *Environmental Science and Pollution Research* 20: 3516–3528.
10. **Vasquez MI**, Hapeshi E, Fatta-Kassinos D & Kümmerer K (2012) Biodegradation potential of ofloxacin and its resulting transformation products during photolytic and photocatalytic treatment. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research* 20:1302-1309.
9. **Vasquez MI**, Garcia-Käufer M, Hapeshi E, Menz J, Kostarelos K, Fatta-Kassinos D & Kümmerer K (2012) Chronic ecotoxic effects to *Pseudomonas putida* and *Vibrio fischeri*, and cytostatic and genotoxic effects to the hepatoma cell line (HepG2) of ofloxacin photo(cata)lytically treated solutions. *Science of the Total Environment* 450-451: 356–365.
8. Fatta-Kassinos D, **Vasquez MI** & Kümmerer K (2011) Transformation products of pharmaceuticals in surface waters and wastewater formed during photolysis and advanced oxidation processes - Degradation, elucidation of byproducts and assessment of their biological potency. *Chemosphere* 85: 693–709.
7. Ioannou LA, Hapeshi E, **Vasquez MI**, Mantzavinos D & Fatta-Kassinos D (2011) Solar/TiO₂ photocatalytic decomposition of β -blockers atenolol and propranolol in water and wastewater. *Solar Energy* 85: 1915–1926.
6. Fatta-Kassinos D, Kalavrouziotis IK, Koukoulakis PH & **Vasquez MI** (2011) The risks associated with wastewater reuse and xenobiotics in the agroecological environment. *Science of the Total Environment* 409: 3555–3563.
This paper is part of the virtual special issue on “Pharmaceuticals and Illicit Drugs in Aquatic Systems” published by STOTEN in October 2012. The papers selected, based on the editors’ opinion, represent excellent examples of the active research in this field.
5. Hapeshi E, Achilleos A, **Vasquez MI**, Michael C, Xekoukoulotakis NP, Mantzavinos D & Kassinos D (2010) Drugs degrading photocatalytically: Kinetics and mechanisms of ofloxacin and atenolol removal on titania suspensions. *Water Research* 44: 1737–1746.
4. **Vasquez MI**, Violaris M, Hadjivassilis A & Wirth MC (2009) Susceptibility of *Culex pipiens* (Diptera: Culicidae) field populations in Cyprus to conventional organic insecticides, *Bacillus thuringiensis subsp. israelensis*, and methoprene. *Journal of Medical Entomology* 46: 881–887.
3. Violaris M, **Vasquez MI**, Samanidou A, Wirth MC & Hadjivassilis A (2009) The mosquito fauna of the Republic of Cyprus: a revised list. *Journal of American Mosquito Control Association* 25: 199–202.
2. Fatta D, Michael C, Canna-Michaelidou S, Christodoulidou M, Kythreotou N & **Vasquez MI** (2007) Pesticides, volatile and semivolatile organic compounds in the inland surface waters of Cyprus. *Desalination* 215: 223–236
1. Fatta D, Canna-Michaelidou S, Michael C, Demetriou Georgiou E, Christodoulidou M, Achilleos A. & **Vasquez MI** (2007) Organochlorine and organophosphoric insecticides,

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