

EU-LIFE Woman Postdoc Mentoring Programme

Short bios of mentors



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I joined the faculty of IMBB FORTH in September 2021, and since then, I have been leading a dynamic research group of young scientists (<https://ntinilab.com>). In 2022, with the support of a Fondation Santé research grant, I recruited a PhD student, Christos Katsioulas, who was subsequently awarded an H.F.R.I. fellowship under my mentorship, and was also offered a prestigious Fondation Santé fellowship. Additionally, I have supervised three Master's theses, two completed in 2023: Ms Sofia Perdikari was recently accepted as a PhD fellow in a MarieCurie (MSCA) Doctoral Network (RBP-ReguNET), and Ms Nikoleta Pateraki is currently enrolled in the ERASMUS programme, visiting Prof. E. Leucci's lab at KU Leuven, Belgium. She will then pursue her PhD starting in late 2024. As a mentor, I have actively supported and motivated my group members and students to attend workshops and conferences, and summer schools (<https://www.ntinilab.com/news>). This act has not only enhanced the development of their interpersonal and networking skills but also facilitated scientific exchange. For example, my group members have attended the International summer school at IMBB Mainz 2023 in 'Gene regulation, Epigenetics and DNA damage' (attended by Ms Pateraki), the NGS School 2023 in Poland (A. Kozonakis), the RNA summer school 2023, CEITEC Brno (C. Katsioulas), the Summer School 2022 on Ntini, Evgenia CV Chromatin Biology, Helmholtz Munich (C. Katsioulas), as well as have given talks and poster presentations at conferences (for instance, HSBMB 2023).

Furthermore, for two continuous years I have secured financial support from the RNA society to hold a 'Cretan RNA salon' with monthly invited presentations from PIs and senior postdocs from Greece and abroad, promoting the active participation and interactive attendance of students and young researchers.

Education

- 2005 – 2009 Department of Developmental Biology, University of Göttingen, Germany PhD in Biology, summa cum laude
- 2000 – 2005 Department of Biology, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece Diploma in Biology



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Positions

- 2021 – Present Principal Researcher, Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, FORTH
- 2018 – 2021 Postdoctoral Research Scientist, Dept. Mathematics and Computer Science, Freie Universität Berlin
- 2014 – 2018 Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Alexander-von-Humboldt), Max-Planck institute for Molecular Genetics
- 2011 – 2013 Postdoctoral Researcher, Dept. Molecular Biology and Genetics, Aarhus University, Denmark
- 2010 Research Assistant, Dept. Developmental Biology, University of Göttingen, Germany
- 2005 – 2009 Graduate Student, Dept. Developmental Biology, University of Göttingen, Germany

Complete list of publications

- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/evgenia.ntini.1/bibliography/public/>
- Bibliometric profile (Google scholars): • > 3,737 citations • h-index 14

Supervision & Mentorship

- 2021 – Present 1 PhD student/ 3 Master's students/ 4 Undergraduate (BSc Thesis)/ 2 Internships Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, FORTH
- 2014 – 2021 3 PhD students, 2 M.Sc. students, Max-Planck Institute of Molecular Genetics/ Freie Universität Berlin (co-supervision in the labs of U. Ørom and A. Marsico)

I have attended an EMBO Lab Leadership Group Leader Course (2022). I am also participating as a mentor in the Mentoring and Career Track Scheme directed by Prof. Gizeli at IMBB FORTH.

Eligible leaves and obligations

- Maternity leave 04/2019 – 02/2020
- Single parenting while moving abroad 05/2021 – 08/2021