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Dr. Stella Apostolaki, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, Executive Director of Center of Excellence in Sustainability, The American College of Greece

Dr. Stella Apostolaki, is Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, Department of Science and Mathematics, Deree - the American College of Greece and Executive Director of the Centre of Excellence in Sustainability at The American College of Greece (ACG).

She has a wide research experience, she is expert evaluator of Call for Proposals for European Commission, has worked as a researcher in collaboration with Universities and Authorities in Greece and in the U.K., and has participated in numerous EU funded projects. She collaborates as external consultant with several entities such as the Green Fund of the Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy in the project LIFE-IP AdaptInGR – Boosting the implementation of adaptation policy across Greece. She has been collaborating with the ATHENA Research Centre, the UNSDSN Greece & Climate KIC Greece, P.S.G Environmental Geo-Exploration Ltd. Her main research interests are on integrated water management and innovation, sustainable development, sustainable stormwater management, climate change, conservation of biodiversity, ecosystem restoration, public awareness - stakeholder engagement methods and public

education, green urban planning with emphasis on amenity and biodiversity and on the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



Dr. Loukas Georgalas, Head of the General Water Directorate

Geologist, PhD in Hydrogeology at the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), Director of Water Planning and Management Services, former General Director of Mineral Raw Materials at the Ministry of Environment and Energy, as well as former Director of the Directorates of Energy Policy, Renewable Sources, and Energy Conservation, Policy of Mineral Raw Materials and Energy Minerals.

Loukas Georgalas has over 25 years of exclusive experience in water resource management, coupled with concurrent involvement in energy-related matters and geothermics. He is recognized for a substantial body of work and a series of presentations. Currently presiding over various committees, including the acceptance committee of the Archive of exploration, research, and exploitation of hydrocarbons by Hellenic Petroleum S.A. (ELPE), on behalf of the Ministry of Environment and Energy, he is also former member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Association for Energy Economics (HAEE).



Dr. Gianna Kitsara, Research Fellow, Institute for Environmental Research and Sustainable Development, National Observatory of Athens

Dr. Gianna Kitsara is a climatologist, working as a Research Fellow, in the "Climate change IMpacts and ADAPTATION (CLIMADAPT)" Group (<http://climadapt.meteo.noa.gr>) of the Institute for Environmental Research and Sustainable Development, National Observatory of Athens. She holds a Bachelor Degree in Physics [National Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)-Greece, 2004]), a M.Sc. degree in Environmental Physics (NKUA-Greece, 2007) and a Doctorate in Physics (NKUA-Greece, 2015) in the Physics (funded scholarship). Her main research interests are concerning the investigation of air temperature, evaporation/evapotranspiration, solar radiation, precipitation and climate indices (such as drought indices) using ground observations, data from regional climate models, statistical analysis of long time series to monitor the environmental/climate changes. Her Ph.D. Thesis was upon the Impact of climate change on the components of hydrological cycle. She has conducted a post-doctoral research (2016-2017) for investigating the impact of urbanization on changes in solar radiation and evaporation in Greece, funded by the National Scholarships Foundation. From 2018 she is a Research Fellow, in National Observatory of Athens conducting research on the impacts of climate change and adaptation on various sectors such as agriculture, tourism, urban environment and human health. She is/was involved in research/science teams as well as communication, dissemination and project management activities in a number of Climate Change related EU or national projects such as, FIRE -RES, Life-MareNatura, LIFE-TERRACESCAPE (Employing Land Stewardship to transform terraced landscapes into green infrastructures to better adapt to climate change), LIFELIFE-IP AdaptInGR (Boosting the implementation of adaptation policy across Greece), CLIMPACT (NATIONAL NETWORK FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT), LIFE-ADAPT2CLIMA (Adaptation to Climate change Impacts on the Mediterranean islands' Agriculture), LIFE-URBANPROOF (Climate Proofing Urban Municipalities). She has published 14 articles in peer reviewed journals and 30 articles in conference proceedings.



Dr. Anastasia Misseyni, Professor of Environmental Studies – Chemistry, Coordinator, Environmental Studies Program, Deree - The American College of Greece

Anastasia Misseyni is Professor of Environmental Studies at Deree – The American College of Greece and serves as Program Coordinator for Environmental Studies. She holds a degree in Chemistry from the University of Athens, a DEA in Biochemistry from the University of Paris 7, and a PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Marburg. She has also pursued graduate studies in Ecology and Biodiversity Management at the University of Athens. In her long career in teaching, she has developed and taught many undergraduate natural science and environmental studies courses with emphasis on chemistry, biological chemistry, environmental science, ecology, water resources and methods in environmental analysis. Her present research interests center around education for the environment and sustainability, Mediterranean biodiversity, forest fires and ecosystem services, environmental health issues, active and experiential learning, and innovative teaching and learning strategies in STEM disciplines. In the early years of her career, she conducted research on protein-DNA interactions, hormone-regulated and tissue-specific gene expression. She contributed significantly to the development of the Deree-ACG Environmental Studies (2010) and Biomedical Sciences (2019) undergraduate programs. She served as program coordinator for Environmental Studies in the period 2010-2020 and as Head of the Department of Science and Mathematics from 2014 to 2020. She has also served as advisor to the Deree Environmental Studies Society and has contributed to efforts and initiatives to promote sustainability at ACG. She is actively engaged in international environmental education networks and serves as member of the board of directors of the Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature.



Dr. Spyridoula Ntemiri, LIFE-IP AdaptInGR Project Manager for the Green Fund

Ms Spyridoula Ntemiri (Chemical engineer, PhD) has been an expert on Climate Change issues for more than 15 years. She has been a member of the national as well as of the EU GHG emissions inventory team, involved in the data collection, handling, verification (including the development of tools for QA/QC), as well as in analysis and visualisation processes to support the dissemination of information about GHG and air pollutant emissions. Since 2016 she works at the Green Fund. Her current duties mainly involve the support and monitoring of climate change related projects and the mobilization of funds towards the implementation of climate change policy in Greece, as well as capacity building activities on climate change adaptation in the context of the strategic LIFE-IP AdaptInGR project.



Lydia Papadaki, PhD Candidate Athens University of Economics and Business, Researcher ATHENA RC

Lydia Papadaki (<https://ae4ria.org/members/lydia-papadaki/>) is a PhD candidate at the Athens University of Economics and Business (Scholarship awarded by the Academy of Athens). She is a researcher at the Alliance of Excellence for Research and Innovation on Aephoria (AE4RIA) participating in several EU-funded projects, among which are the IntelComp (H2020), DOORS (H2020), DAFNE (H2020), TICHE (Erasmus), CATALYST (Erasmus), MENA Accelerator and several EIT Climate-KIC funded projects, such as, ClimAccelerator, Circular Learning Hub and Circular Economy Beacons, Deep Demonstration of Maritime systems innovation in Piraeus, BL.EU Climate, Water Scarcity in Southern Europe and Circular Economy Transition in Smart Specialization Strategy in RIS countries. Lydia has organized more than 50 participatory workshops and

seminars and she has prepared and delivered lectures, seminars and environmental awareness-raising programs addressed to different audiences, including all educational levels and the wider public. She received her M.Sc. in Economics and Policy of Energy and the Environment at University College London (UCL), and her BSc (Distinction) in Economic Theory and policy at Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB). Her main areas of interest are economics, innovation acceleration, behavioural economics, circular economy, blue growth, systems innovation, stakeholder engagement and sustainable development.



Dr. Froso Patsou, Psychologist, Sport Psychologist, f. athlete National & Olympic Track and Field Team of Greece – OLYMPIAN, Municipality of Agia Paraskevi

Frosso Patsou is a Ph.D Psychologist and holder of a Master's Degree in Sports Psychology. Since 2008, she has been a scientific associate of the National Athletics Team. She was one of the top female track and field athletes in our country, having many sporting successes as the 100m track and field champion. Some of her most significant sporting achievements are 4th place at the European Youth Championships in the 100m. in 1994 in Norway, 6th place at the World Championships in Edmonton, Canada in 2001 with the 4*100m relay. both bronze medals at the Mediterranean Games in Tunisia in the same year. Highlights of her career included her participation in the 2000 Olympics in Australia and 2004 in Athens, where she placed 13th. She has educational work in public and private colleges, in Adult Education Centers and in Lifelong Learning structures. Her research work is quite significant with presentations at world conferences and publications in scientific journals.



Dr. George Sachinis, Director of Strategy and Innovation, EYDAP

Civil-Environmental Engineer with experience in planning and implementing corporate strategy, in project management, and in shaping partnerships for research, development and investments in the water sector. He has demonstrated management skills across a wide range of subjects and synergies. He has also been awarded for innovative methods in education.



Prof. Michail Marios Scoullos, Prof. Emeritus of Environmental Chemistry and Oceanography, University of Athens; Director of the UNESCO Chair and Network on Sustainable Development Management and Education at the Mediterranean

He has been honored with: the Gold Medal of the City of Paris (Honorary Citizen), but also the Honorary Citizen of Elefsina, the Award of the Academy of Athens, the Medal of the Superior Brigade of the Cedars of Lebanon, the SIMON BOLIVAR Medal of UNESCO, etc.

Emeritus Professor of Environmental Chemistry and Oceanography at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (EKPA). Founder and Director (2003-2017) of the relevant Laboratory.

Head of the UNESCO Chair and Network for Management & Education for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean at the NKUA.

Member of the European Academy of Sciences.

Founder and Chairperson of MIO-ECSDE (Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development), the main Federation of Mediterranean NGOs.

Coordinator/Team Leader of the Community Mediterranean Program Water and Environment Support (WES) (2019-2024).

Representative of the European Parliament on the Board of Directors and the Executive Office of the European Environment Agency (EEA) (1992-2018).

Coordinator of the MEDIES international network on Education for Sustainable Development.

Chairperson of the Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean.

President of the Greek National Committee MAB/UNESCO (Man and Biosphere).

President 1986-1992 (now Honorary) of the European Environmental Bureau - EEB).

President (1983–2001) (today Emeritus) of the Hellenic Society for Environment and Culture).

Author of a large number of books and about 500 scientific articles, etc., many of which refer to the Gulf of Eleusis.



Sophie Themelis, Executive Coordinator, Wellness, Pilates Instructor, ACG Health & Wellness Center

Born and raised in Amman, Jordan. With a BA in Dance and a strong background in exercise, meditation, and wellness, she has been working since 1990 at Deree as a group fitness instructor, faculty member, Recreational Sports Coordinator, and finally Executive Coordinator, Wellness. Her expertise in group fitness and personal training enabled her to work in spas and sports clubs in Greece and Jordan and had a daily fitness program on Jordanian National Television. She has participated in congresses and seminars in Greece and abroad with the latest being: The Pilates Coach-Germany, The Physicalmind Institute/The Method Pilates -U.S.A, Grounding, Reiki, Biosynthesis, Pranic Healing Light- Greece. She has been a member of IDEA (The Health and Fitness Source) since 1998. Sophie speaks Arabic, English, French and Greek.