

# **Curriculum vitae**



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## **Education**

<b>University</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Field of study</b>
Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace	PhD student	2013-	Biotechnology
Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace	BSc	2013	Molecular Biology and Genetics
School of Science, Faculty of Biology & School of Health Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	MSc	2005	Applications of Biology in Medicine
Department of Faculty of Health and Caring Professions, Technological Educational Institute of Athens	BSc	1999	Technician of Medical Laboratory

## **Scientific work/aims:**

- Functional foods
- Application of innovative biotechnological technologies for quality improvement of foods

## **Fellowships-Awards:**

Mrs Mitropoulou currently is working on the following funded research projects:

1. SYNERGASIA II: Proposal 11SYN\_2\_566: "Novel functional foods containing bioactive essential oils from Greek endemic species with health promoting properties" in collaboration with EVGA S.A and VIORYL S.A., Industries. **Source of Funding:** Greek General Secretariat of Research and Technology (GSRT) and private

industrial funds. **Budget:** 1.184.000€. **Coordinator:** Y. Kourkoutas. **Scientific Coordinator:** A. Chlichlia. **Starting/Ending dates:** August 2013-June 2015. **Role:** Researcher.

2. SYNERGASIA II: Proposal 11SYN\_2\_571: "Functional dairy and meat products with high added value fermented or enriched with new probiotic microorganisms isolated from Greek traditional products" in collaboration with NIKAS S.A., ECOFARMA S.A. RODOPI S.A. Industries. **Source of Funding:** Greek General Secretariat of Research and Technology (GSRT) and private industrial funds. **Budget:** 1.580.000€. **Coordinator-Scientific Coordinator:** C. Tassou. **Starting/Ending dates:** October 2013-June 2015. **Role:** Researcher.

3. Greece-China Cooperation: Proposal 12CHN\_409: "Bioactive essential oils and other beneficial substances isolated from Greek and Chinese endemic species with health promoting properties" in collaboration with VIORYL S.A. and PAXMAN S.A. Industries. **Source of Funding:** Greek General Secretariat of Research and Technology (GSRT) and private industrial funds. **Budget:** 560.000€. **Coordinator:** E. Papavasilopoulou. **Scientific Coordinator:** Y. Kourkoutas. **Starting/Ending dates:** December 2012-September 2015. **Role:** Researcher.

4. Support of New Enterprises for Research & Technological Development Activities: Proposal 17NEWB2012: "Use of biologically active essential oils in the production of alcoholic beverages and pastry products with potential health benefits" in collaboration with TENTOURA CASTRO S.A. Beverage Industry. **Source of Funding:** Greek General Secretariat of Research and Technology (GSRT) and private industrial funds. **Budget:** 190.000€. **Coordinator:** E. Katsigianni. **Subcontractor Coordinator:** K. Fylaktakidou-Y. Kourkoutas. **Starting/Ending dates:** November 2012-January 2015. **Role:** Researcher.

5. Gustafson prize for the participation in the authorship of an innovative article published in the Microbial Ecology in Health and Disease Journal in 2015 cited as: Mitropoulou, G.; Fitsiou, E.; Stavropoulou, E.; Papavassilopoulou, E.; Vamvakias, M.; Pappa, A.; Oreopoulou, A.; Kourkoutas, Y. Composition, antimicrobial, antioxidant, and antiproliferative activity of *Origanum dictamnus* (dittany) essential oil. Microbial Ecology in Health & Disease 2015, 26: 26543.

## **Publications (if any):**

### Publications in scientific journals (selected):

1. Fitsiou, E.; Mitropoulou, G.; Spyridopoulou, K.; Tiptiri-Kourpeti, A.; Vamvakias, M.; Bardouki, H.; Panayotidis, M.; Galanis, A.; Kourkoutas, Y.; Chlichlia, K.; Pappa, A. Phytochemical profile and evaluation of the biological activities of essential oils derived from the Greek aromatic plant species *Ocimum bacillicum*, *Mentha spicata*, *Pimpinella anisum* and *Fortunella margarita*. *Molecules*, 2016, 21 1069; [doi:10.3390/molecules21081069](https://doi.org/10.3390/molecules21081069).
2. Mitropoulou, G.; Fitsiou, E.; Stavropoulou, E.; Papavassilopoulou, E.; Vamvakias, M.; Pappa, A.; Oreopoulou, A.; Kourkoutas, Y. Composition, antimicrobial, antioxidant, and antiproliferative activity of *Origanum dictamnus* (dittany) essential oil. Microbial Ecology in Health & Disease 2015, 26: 26543.
3. Mitropoulou, G.; Nedovic, V.; Goyal, A.; Kourkoutas, Y. Immobilization technologies in probiotic food production. *Journal of Nutrition and Metabolism*, 2013. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2013/716861>.
4. Kanellopoulou, M.; Martsoukou, M.; Skarmoutsou, N.; Haralampopoulou, A.; Kamperogianni, M.; Mitropoulou, G.; Papafrangas, E. Detection of vancomycin-resistance genes of resistant enterococci, to commercially available hybridization method. *Acta Microbiologica Hellenica*, 2003, 48 29 -33.

Proceedings in international conferences (selected):

1. Mitropoulou, G.; Chorianopoulos, N.; Argiri, A.; Papadopoulos, O.; Tassou, X.; Kourkoutas, Y. Evaluation of *Lactobacillus plantarum* T-571 as potent probiotic culture for Greek feta-type cheese production and characterization of microbial flora by Next Generation Sequencing. Food Chemistry Days 2015-Functional Foods, Athens, Greece, 26-27 Νοεμβρίου 2015.
2. Choulitoudi, E.; Bravou, K.; Bimpilas, A.; Tsironi, T.; Mitropoulou, G.; Tsimogiannis, D.; Kourkoutas, Y.; Taoukis, P.; Oreopoulou, V. Natural antioxidants and antimicrobials in edible and active packaging. 29<sup>th</sup> EFFoST International Conference, Athens, Greece, 10-12 November 2015.
3. Bardouki, H.; Vamvakias, M.; Georganakis, D.; Mitropoulou, G.; Kourkoutas, Y. Characterization and antimicrobial properties of sweet basil (*Ocimum basilicum* L.) essential oil and hydrosol fractions. 29<sup>th</sup> EFFoST International Conference, Athens, Greece, 10-12 November 2015.
4. Bardouki, H.; Vamvakias, M.; Papavassilopoulou, E.; Mitropoulou, G.; Kourkoutas, Y. Composition and antimicrobial properties of spearmint (*Mentha spicata*) essential oil and hydrosol fractions. 29<sup>th</sup> EFFoST International Conference, Athens, Greece, 10-12 November 2015.
5. Mitropoulou, G., Bimpilas, A., Tsimogiannis, D., Oreopoulou, V., Kourkoutas, Y. Antimicrobial properties of the essential oil, ethanol and ethyl acetate extract of *Satureja thympra* against food spoilage and pathogenic bacteria. 38<sup>th</sup> SOMED Congress "Human Microbiome: From the bench to health benefits", Verona, Italy, 11-13 October 2015 (p. 89).
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10. Mitropoulou, G.; Nikolaou, A.; Bimpilas, A.; Tsimogiannis, D.; Oreopoulou, V.; Kourkoutas, Y. Antimicrobial activity of *Thymus capitatus* essential oil against foodborne pathogenic bacteria. 9<sup>th</sup> National Conference "The environment and the man", Athens, Greece, December 5-7, 2014 (pp. 51-58).
11. Mitropoulou, G.; Chachalis, P.; Panas, P.; Kiourtzidis, M.; Kourkoutas, Y. A comparison study of antimicrobial properties of Cinnamon and Chios mastic gum essential oils against foodborne pathogens. Annual Conference and Exhibition on Functional Foods, Nutraceuticals, Natural Health Products and Dietary Supplements, Istanbul, Turkey, 14-17 October 2014 (p. 201).

12. Mantzourani, I.; Panopoulou, M.; Staupoulou, E.; Papaemmanoil, V.; Dimitriou, M.; Theodoridou, I.; Mitropoulou, G.; Bezirtzoglou, E. Evaluation of the antimicrobial susceptibility profiling of tigecycline and other antibiotics against clinical isolates. Anaerobe, Chicago, USA, 28 June-1 July 2014 (p. 57).
13. Mitropoulou, G., Vamvakias, M., Bardouki, H., Panas, P., Kourkoutas, Y. Assessment of antimicrobial properties of basil essential oil against foodborne pathogens. Anaerobe, Chicago, USA, 28 June-1 July 2014 (p. 182).
14. Mitropoulou, G.; Vamvakias, M.; Bardouki H.; Panas P.; Kourkoutas Y. Assessment of antimicrobial properties of Chios mastic gum essential oil against foodborne pathogens. Anaerobe, Chiicago, USA, 28 June-1 July 2014 (p. 161).
15. Mitropoulou, G.; Galanis, A.; Vamvakias, M.; Bardouki, H.; Kourkoutas, Y. Assessment of antimicrobial properties of spearmint essential oil against foodborne pathogens. 3<sup>rd</sup> Internationl ISEKI Food conference, Athens, Greece, 21-23 May 2014 (p. 127).
16. Mitropoulou, G.; Nikolaou, A.; Bimpilas, A.; Tsimogiannis, D.; Oreopoulou, V.; Kourkoutas, Y. Antimicrobial activity of *Origanum vulgare* ssp. *hirtum* (carvacrol chemotype) essential oil against foodborne pathogenic bacteria. 36th Scientific Conference of Hellenic Association for Biological Sciences, Ioannina, Greece, 8-10 May 2014 (p. 227).
17. Vasileiadis, S.; Fitsiou, E.; Saxami, G.; Tiptiri-Kourpeti, A.; Spyridopoulou, K.; Mitropoulou, G.; Vekiari, S.; Galanis, A.; Pappa, A.; Chlichlia, K. Evaluation of potential biological effects of cranberry juice. 36<sup>th</sup> Scientific Conference of Hellenic Association for Biological Sciences, Ioannina, Greece, 8-10 May 2014 (p. 29).
18. Sidira, M.; Ypsilantis, P.; Charalampopoulos, D.; Saxami, G.; Mitropoulou, G.; Galanis, A.; Simopoulos, C.; Kourkoutas, Y. Assessment of potential probiotic attributes of immobilized *Lactobacillus casei* ATCC 393. International Conference in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, ICABB, Pune, India, 25-27 November 2013 (p. B52-B53).
19. Sidira, M.; Mitropoulou, G.; Galanis, A., Kourkoutas, Y. Immobilized probiotic starter cultures for probiotic meat products with enhanced resistant to microbial spoilage. International conference on Health, Environment and Industrial Biotechnology, Biosangam, Allahabad, India, 21-23 November 2013 (p. 414).
20. Mitropoulou, G.; Santarmaki, V.; Panas, P.; Michalopoulos, I.; Kourkoutas, Y. An Economic Evaluation for Production of dried probiotic immobilized starter culture using whey. International conference on Health, Environment and Industrial Biotechnology, Biosangam, Allahabad, India, 21-23 November 2013 (p. 441).
21. Mitropoulou, G.; Georgalis, A.; Tsakanika, K.; Rebelakos, A.; Apostolikas, N.; Thanos, A.; Panotopoulou, E. bcl-2, bax expression in prostate carcinogenesis. 29<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Societe Internationale d' Urologie, Paris, France, 2-6 September 2007, 70(3A) (p. 245).
22. Mitropoulou, G.; Georgalis, A.; Tsakanika, K.; Rebelakos, A.; Apostolikas, N.; Thanos, A.; Panotopoulou, E. Bag-1 and bax expression in benign prostatic hyperplasia and prostate cancer. 29<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Societe Internationale d' Urologie, Paris, France, 2-6 September 2007, 70(3A) (p. 130).
23. Skarmoutsou, N.; Kanellopoulou, M.; Martsoukou, M.; Fakiri, H.; Margeti, E.; Mitropoulou, G.; Papafrangas, E. Trends in resistance of *P. aeruginosa* isoletes from lower respiratory tract over a five year period (1998–2002) in a tertiary adults hospital. 14<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Prague, Czech Republic, 1-4 May 2004, 10(3) (p. R1929).

# Βιογραφικό Σημείωμα



## Όνομα: Γρηγορία Μητροπούλου

<b>Εργαστήριο/Ομάδα:</b> Ερευνητική Ομάδα Εφαρμοσμένης Μικροβιολογίας και Μοριακής Βιοτεχνολογίας	<b>Ηλ. ταχυδρομείο:</b> <a href="mailto:gmitropo@mbg.duth.gr">gmitropo@mbg.duth.gr</a> <b>Τηλέφωνο:</b> 0030 25510 30703
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## Εκπαίδευση

Πανεπιστήμιο	Πτυχίο	Έτη	Γνωστικό αντικείμενο
Τμήμα Μοριακής Βιολογίας και Γενετικής, Δημοκρίτειο Πανεπιστήμιο Θράκης	Υποψήφια Διδάκτωρ	2013-	Βιοτεχνολογία
Τμήμα Μοριακής Βιολογίας και Γενετικής, Δημοκρίτειο Πανεπιστήμιο Θράκης	BSc	2013	Μοριακή Βιολογία και Γενετική
Σχολές Θετικών Επιστημών, Τμήμα Βιολογίας & Ιατρική Σχολή Αθηνών, Εθνικό και Καποδιστριακό Πανεπιστήμιο Αθηνών	MSc	2005	Εφαρμογές Βιολογίας στην Ιατρική
Σχολές Επαγγελμάτων Υγείας και Πρόνοιας, Τεχνολογικό Ίδρυμα Αθήνας	BSc	1999	Τεχνολόγος Ιατρικών Εργαστηρίων

## Επιστημονική δράση/στόχοι:

- Λειτουργικά τρόφιμα
- Εφαρμογή καινοτόμων βιοτεχνολογικών μεθόδων με στόχο την βελτίωση της ποιότητας των τροφίμων.

## Υποτροφίες-Διακρίσεις:

Η κα. Μητροπούλου εργάζεται ως ερευνήτρια στα παρακάτω ερευνητικά προγράμματα:

- ΔΡΑΣΗ ΣΥΝΕΡΓΑΣΙΑ II: 11ΣΥΝ\_2\_566-Νέα λειτουργικά τρόφιμα με ευεργετικές επιδράσεις στην υγεία που περιέχουν βιοενεργά αιθέρια έλαια από Ελληνικά ενδημικά φυτά. **Φορέας Χρηματοδότησης:** ΓΓΕΤ και οι

- επιχειρήσεις ΕΒΓΑ Α.Ε. και ΒΙΟΡΥΛ Α.Ε. **Προϋπολογισμός:** 1.184.000€. **Συντονιστής:** Ι. Κουρκουτάς. **Επ. Υπεύθυνος:** Α. Χλίχλια. **Έναρξη/Λήξη:** Αύγουστος 2013-Ιούνιος 2015. **Θέση στο Έργο:** Ερευνήτρια.
2. ΔΡΑΣΗ ΣΥΝΕΡΓΑΣΙΑ II: 11SYN\_2\_571-Λειτουργικά γαλακτοκομικά προϊόντα και προϊόντα κρέατος υψηλής προστιθέμενης αξίας με νέα στελέχη προβιοτικών μικροοργανισμών που θα απομονωθούν από παραδοσιακά ελληνικά προϊόντα. **Φορέας Χρηματοδότησης:** ΓΓΕΤ σε συνεργασία με τις επιχειρήσεις ΝΙΚΑΣ Α.Ε., ΟΙΚΟΦΑΡΜΑ Α.Ε και ΡΟΔΟΠΗ Α.Ε. **Προϋπολογισμός:** 1.580.000€. **Συντονιστής-Επ.** **Υπεύθυνος:** Χ. Τάσσου. **Έναρξη/Λήξη:** Οκτώβριος 2013-Ιούνιος 2015. **Θέση στο Έργο:** Ερευνήτρια.
3. ΔΡΑΣΗ ΔΙΜΕΡΗΣ, ΠΟΛΥΜΕΡΕΙΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΕΡΙΦΕΡΙΑΚΕΣ Ε&Τ ΣΥΝΕΡΓΑΣΙΕΣ, ΠΡΑΞΗ ΔΙΜΕΡΗΣ Ε&Τ ΣΥΝΕΡΓΑΣΙΑ ΕΛΛΑΔΑΣ-ΚΙΝΑΣ 2012-2014: 12CHN\_409-Βιολογικά ενεργά αιθέρια έλαια και άλλες ευεργετικές για την υγεία ουσίες από Ελληνικά και Κινέζικα ενδημικά φυτά. **Φορέας Χρηματοδότησης:** ΓΓΕΤ και οι επιχειρήσεις ΒΙΟΡΥΛ Α.Ε. και ΠΑΧΜΑΝ ΕΠΕ. **Προϋπολογισμός:** 560.000€. **Συντονιστής:** Ε. Παπαβασιοπούλου. **Επ. Υπεύθυνος:** Ι. Κουρκουτάς. **Έναρξη/Λήξη:** Δεκέμβριος 2012-Σεπτέμβριος 2015. **Θέση στο Έργο:** Ερευνήτρια.
4. ΔΡΑΣΗ ΕΘΝΙΚΗΣ ΕΜΒΕΛΕΙΑΣ «ΕΝΙΣΧΥΣΗ ΝΕΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΜΙΚΡΟΜΕΣΑΙΩΝ ΕΠΙΧΕΙΡΗΣΕΩΝ», Πράξη «Υποστήριξη Νέων Επιχειρήσεων για Δραστηριότητες Έρευνας & Τεχνολογικής Ανάπτυξης»: 17NEWB2012-Χρήση βιολογικά ενεργών αιθέριων ελαίων στην παραγωγή αλκοολούχων ποτών και προϊόντων ζαχαροπλαστικής με πιθανές ευεργετικές ιδιότητες στην υγεία. **Φορέας Χρηματοδότησης:** ΕΥΔΕ-ΕΤΑΚ (ΓΓΕΤ) και η επιχείρηση ΤΕΝΤΟΥΡΑ ΚΑΣΤΡΟ Ο.Ε. **Προϋπολογισμός:** 190.000€. **Επ. Υπεύθυνος:** Ε. Κατσιγιάννη. **Επ. Υπεύθυνος Υπεργολαβίας:** Κ. Φυλακτακίδου-Ι. Κουρκουτάς. **Έναρξη/Λήξη:** Νοέμβριος 2012-Ιανουάριος 2015. **Θέση στο Έργο:** Ερευνήτρια.
5. Βραβείο Gustafson (award for best PhD student published paper) για το άρθρο που δημοσιεύτηκε στο περιοδικό Microbial Ecology in Health and Disease Journal το 2015: Mitropoulou et al. 2015, Microbial Ecology in Health & Disease 26: 26543.

## **Δημοσιεύσεις:**

### Δημοσιεύσεις σε επιστημονικά περιοδικά (επιλεγμένες):

- Fitsiou, E.; Mitropoulou, G.; Spyridopoulou, K.; Tiptiri-Kourpeti, A.; Vamvakias, M.; Bardouki, H.; Panayotidis, M.; Galanis, A.; Kourkoutas, Y.; Chlichlia, K.; Pappa, A. Phytochemical profile and evaluation of the biological activities of essential oils derived from the Greek aromatic plant species *Ocimum bacilllicum*, *Mentha spicata*, *Pimpinella anisum* and *Fortunella margarita*. *Molecules*, 2016, 21 1069; doi:[10.3390/molecules21081069](https://doi.org/10.3390/molecules21081069).
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### Ανακοινώσεις σε διεθνή συνέδρια (επιλεγμένες):

- Μητροπούλου, Γ.; Χωριανόπουλος, Ν.; Αργυρή Α.; Παπαδοπούλου, Ό.; Τάσσου, Χ.; Κουρκουτάς, Ι. Αξιολόγηση του *Lactobacillus plantarum* T-571 ως πιθανή προβιοτική καλλιέργεια για παραγωγή Ελληνικού

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