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Deputy Chair/Associate Professor of Applied Biotechnology, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Alexandroupolis, GR-68100, Greece

Education:

1997-2002 PhD in Food Biotechnology, University of Patras, Department of Chemistry, Greece.
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1992-1997 Degree in Chemistry, University of Patras, Department of Chemistry, Greece.

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2017-today Associate Professor of Applied Biotechnology, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Alexandroupolis, GR-68100, Greece.
2012-2017 Assistant Professor of Applied Biotechnology, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Alexandroupolis, GR-68100, Greece.
2007-2012 Lecturer of Applied Biotechnology, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Alexandroupolis, GR-68100, Greece.

- 2005-2007 Post-Doc Researcher. AMTH11: “Improvement of quality of dairy products by application and modelling of new technologies” with attendance of EVROFARMA Dairy Industry. Budget: 750.000€
- 2006-2008 Post-Doc Researcher. DEL_13: “Production of dried starter cultures for food production using whey as raw material”, with attendance of AVIGAL Dairy Industry. Budget: 756.850€
- 2006-2007 Post-Doc Researcher. PBMAT-3: “Bioethanol production from breweries cellulose wastes (spent grains)” with attendance of MACEDONIA-THRACE Brewery. Budget: 179.200€
- 2004-2006 Post-Doc Researcher. “Pythagoras I: Supporting Research Teams in the Universities: The liquid waste of dairy industry as raw material for the production of freeze-dried probiotic kefir culture and use of the freeze-dried culture in as starter in cheese ripening”. Budget: 80.000€

Record of Funded Research Projects:

Dr. Kourkoutas has participated in many research projects (coordinating most of them) totaling more than 8.500.000€ His funds derive from EU (7th FP), National Grants (Generally Secretary of Research and Technology, Greece) and the Food/Agriculture Industry.

Selected Projects:

In progress

- National action:** Investment Plans of Innovation, Research and Development of the Agrifood sector. **Project title:** Development of an innovative set of novel products from cow milk with increased levels of calcium and protein-JerseyMILK. **Source of funding:** Region of East Macedonia & Thrace and private industrial funds (EVROFARMA DAIRY COMPANY S. A.). **Budget:** 240.000,00€ (40.000,00€ cost of subcontractor). **Starting/ending dates:** December 2019-December 2021. **Coordinator:** Papazilakis, A. **Subcontractor coordinator:** Kourkoutas, Y.
- Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (H.F.R.I.). **Action:** 1st Call of H.F.R.I. research projects for the support of Faculty Members (DEP) and Researchers, and the procurement high-value research equipment. **Project title:** Innovative Functional Foods: Innovative immobilized functional starter cultures: Characterization and application in production of novel foods with health-promoting potential using agricultural wastes-iFUNcultures. **Source of funding:** H.F.R.I. **Budget:** 170.000,00€ **Starting/ending dates:** January 2020-January 2023. **Scientific coordinator:** Kourkoutas, Y.
- Emblematic Action:** Establishment of National Research Networks in the framework of the GSRT. **Project title:** The roads of the vineyards. **Source of funding:** Hellenic General Secretariat of Research and Technology (GSRT). **Budget:** 2.500.000,00€ **Starting/ending dates:** March 2019-March 2021. **Coordinator:** Koundouras, S.
- Action:** RIS3-Region of Western Greece-Agro-Nutrition. **Project title:** Development of novel functional foods exploiting health-promoting microorganisms-NOVoody’s (ΔEP6-0022891). **Source of funding:** Region of Western Greece and private industrial funds (QLCON S. A. and ACHAIKO ENTELWEISS S. A.). **Budget:** 240.000,00€ **Starting/ending dates:** December 2018-December 2020. **Coordinator:** P. Panas. **Scientific Coordinator of Laboratory of Applied Microbiology & Biotechnology, DMBG, DUTH:** Kourkoutas, Y.

5. **Operational Program:** Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation (EPAnEK). **Project title:** FOOD INNOVATION RI: Research Infrastructure of the Development of Food Bioprocesses and Innovation Exploitation. **Source of funding:** Hellenic General Secretariat of Research and Technology (GSRT). **Budget:** 3.000.000,00€ **Starting/ending dates:** November 2018-October 2021. **Coordinator:** Kanellaki, M.

6. **Action:** Research-Create-Innovate. **Project title:** Innovative Functional Foods: Development, Production, Characterization, Properties-iFUNFoods (T1EAK-03846). **Source of funding:** EYDE-ETAK and private industrial funds (ACHAIKO ENTELWEISS S. A. and QLCON S. A.). **Budget:** 952.434,78€ **Starting/ending dates:** September 2018-September 2021. **Coordinator:** Kourkoutas, Y.

7. **Action:** Research-Create-Innovate. **Project title:** Composting of agricultural winery by-products for production of soil conditioners-WineWasteCompost (T1EAK-04296). **Source of funding:** EYDE-ETAK and private industrial funds (BELLAS WINERY S. A.). **Budget:** 162.260,00€ (42.500,00€cost of subcontractor). **Starting/ending dates:** May 2018-May 2021. **Coordinator:** G. Bellas. **Subcontractor coordinator:** Kourkoutas, Y.

8. **Operational Program:** Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation (EPAnEK). **Project title:** OPENSREEN-GR: An Open-Access Research Infrastructure of Target-Based Screening Technologies and Chemical Biology for Human and Animal Health, Agriculture and Environment. **Source of funding:** Hellenic General Secretariat of Research and Technology (GSRT). **Budget:** 3.025.090,09€ **Starting/ending dates:** December 2017-January 2021. **Coordinator:** Kletsas, D.

9. **Operational Program:** Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation (EPAnEK). **Project title:** OMIC-ENGINE: Synthetic biology: From omics technologies to genomic engineering. **Source of funding:** Hellenic General Secretariat of Research and Technology (GSRT). **Budget:** 4.000.000,00€ **Starting/ending dates:** January 2018-May 2021. **Coordinator:** Mathiopoulos, C.

Past projects

10. **Operational programme:** Human Resources Development, Education and Lifelong Learning. **Call EBAM34:** Support researchers with emphasis on young researchers. **Project title:** Novel wine products using biopreservatives and probiotics (OPS code: 5006289). **Source of funding:** Hellenic Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, Greece. **Budget:** 65.800,00€ **Starting/ending dates:** March 2018-January 2020. **Scientific coordinator:** Kourkoutas, Y.

11. **Action:** SYNERGASIA II. **Project title:** Novel functional foods containing bioactive essential oils from Greek endemic species with health promoting properties-BioFood for Health (11SYN_2_566). **Source of funding:** EYDE-ETAK and private industrial funds (EVGA S. A. and VIORYL S. A.). **Budget:** 1.1840.000,00€ **Starting/ending dates:** August 2013-October 2015. **Coordinator:** Kourkoutas, Y.

12. **Action:** SYNERGASIA II. **Project title:** Functional dairy and meat products with high added value fermented or enriched with new probiotic microorganisms isolated from Greek traditional products-ProbioDairyMeat (11SYN_2_571). **Source of funding:** EYDE-ETAK and private industrial funds (NIKAS S. A., RODOPI S. A. and OIKOFARMA S. A.). **Budget:** 1.580.000,00€ **Starting/ending dates:** October 2013-October 2015. **Coordinator:** Tassou, C.

13. **Action:** Greece-China Bilateral Cooperation-2012-2014. **Project title:** Bioactive essential oils and other beneficial substances isolated from Greek and Chinese endemic species with health promoting properties-BioActiveHealth (12CHN_409). **Source of funding:** Hellenic General Secretariat of Research and Technology (GSRT) and private industrial funds (VIORYL S. A. and PAXMAN Ltd). **Budget:** 560.000,00€ **Starting/ending dates:** December 2012-November 2015. **Scientific coordinator:** Kourkoutas, Y.

14. **Action:** Support of Post-Doctorate Researchers. **Project title:** Production of novel probiotic food products: Investigation of anticancer properties-ProbFood [LS9(3546)]. **Source of funding:** Hellenic General Secretariat of Research and Technology (GSRT). **Budget:** 150.000,00€ **Starting/ending dates:** February 2012-January 2015. **Scientific coordinator:** Kourkoutas, Y.

15. **National action:** Support of New and Small and Medium Enterprises. **Project title:** Use of biologically active essential oils in the production of alcoholic beverages and pastry products with potential health benefits (17NEWB2012). **Source of funding:** EYDE-ETAK and private industrial funds (TENTOURA CASTRO S.A.). **Budget:** 190.000,00€ (58.000,00€ cost of subcontractor). **Starting/ending dates:** November 2012-January 2015. **Coordinator:** Katsigianni, E. **Subcontractor coordinator:** Kourkoutas, Y.

16. **National action:** Support of New and Small and Medium Enterprises. **Project title:** Production of probiotic ice-cream using immobilized *L. casei* on dry nuts and pastry products (15NEWE2009). **Source of funding:** EYDE-ETAK and private industrial funds (ACHAIKO ENTELWEISS S.A.). **Budget:** 200.000,00€ (60.000,00€ cost of subcontractor). **Starting/ending dates:** September 2011-December 2014. **Coordinator:** Michalopoulos, I. **Subcontractor coordinator:** Kourkoutas, Y.

Granted Patents:

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2. ACHAIKO ENTELWEISS S. A.; Panas, P.; Kourkoutas, Y. Industrial use of wet or dried immobilized lactic acid bacteria on dry nuts and pastry products in probiotic ice-cream production. Patent. Hellenic Industrial Property Organization, 2013, no. 1008050.
3. Kanellaki, M.; Kourkoutas, Y.; Bosnea, L.; Sidira, M. Industrial use of wet, thermally-dried or lyophilized immobilized lactic acid bacteria in production of meat products. Patent. Hellenic Industrial Property Organization, 2012, no. 1007555.
4. Kanellaki, M.; Koutinas, A. A.; Kourkoutas, Y.; Bosnea, L. Industrial use of wet or lyophilized immobilized lactic acid bacteria in production of dairy products. Patent. Hellenic Industrial Property Organization, 2006, no. 1005393.

Publications:

Dr. Kourkoutas has published 94 papers in peer-reviewed journals (citations:>2000; *h*-factor: 21).

1. Kokkinomagoulos, E.; Nikolaou, A.; Kourkoutas, Y.; Kandylis, P. Evaluation of yeast ains for pomegranate alcoholic beverage production: Effect on physicochemical characteristics, antioxidant activity, and aroma compounds. *Microorganisms*, 2020, 8, 1583; <http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/microorganisms8101583>.
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3. Mitropoulou, G.; Sidira, M.; Skitsa, M.; Tsochantaridis, I.; Pappa, A.; Dimtsoudis, C.; Proestos, C.; Kourkoutas, Y. Assessment of the antimicrobial, antioxidant, and antiproliferative potential of *Sideritis raeseri* subsp. *raeseri* essential oil. *Foods*, 2020, 9, 860; [doi:10.3390/foods9070860](https://doi.org/10.3390/foods9070860).

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6. Mitropoulou, G.; Nikolaou, A.; Santarmaki, V.; Sgouros, G.; Kourkoutas, Y. *Citrus medica* and *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* essential oils as potential biopreservatives against spoilage in low alcohol wine products. *Foods*, 2020, 9, 577; [doi:10.3390/foods9050577](https://doi.org/10.3390/foods9050577).
7. Nikolaou, A.; Sgouros, G.; Mitropoulou, G.; Santarmaki, V.; Kourkoutas, Y. Freeze-dried immobilized kefir culture in low alcoholic winemaking. *Foods*, 2020, 9, 115, [doi:10.3390/foods9020115](https://doi.org/10.3390/foods9020115).
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9. Papadopoulou, O. S.; Argyri, A. A.; Varzakis, E.; Sidira, M.; Kourkoutas, A.; Galanis, A.; Tassou, C.; Chorianopoulos, N. G. Use of lactobacilli strains with probiotic potential in traditional fermented milk and their impact on quality and safety related to *Listeria monocytogenes*. *Int Dairy J*, 2019, 98, 44-53.
10. Dimitrellou, D.; Kandyliis, P.; Kourkoutas, Y. Assessment of freeze-dried immobilized *Lactobacillus casei* as probiotic adjunct culture in yogurts. *Foods*, 2019, <http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/foods8090374>.
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Invited Talks:

Dr. Kourkoutas has been invited as a plenary keynote lecturer and has served as Chairman in several conferences.

Invited oral presentations (selected):

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Ad hoc Evaluator in National and International Calls for Proposals:

Dr. Kourkoutas has served in grant evaluation study section panels for both national and international calls of proposals:

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2. Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation (RPF)-RESTART 2016-2020 Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation, Cyprus (October 2018).
3. Support of Young Researchers call of the Greek Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs (June 2017).
4. 3rd National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation for the period 2015-2020 (PNCDI III)] (October 2016).
5. “Cooperation-2011”, EYDE-ETAK, Greece (July 2015-July 2016).
6. “Aristia II”, General Secretariat of Research and Technology, Greece (March 2016).
7. Research Grants Archimides III, Technological Educational Institute (TEI) of Athens, Greece (April 2015).
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10. Call of the Estonian Research Council (ETAg), Norwegian-Estonian Research Cooperation Programme (May 2013).
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12. Call “Program for Updating Knowledge in University Graduates”, Greek Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs (July 2012).
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15. COST OC-2009-2 Domain Food and Agriculture (February 2010).
16. IRAKLITOS II call of the Greek Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs (October 2009).

Member of the Editorial Board in Scientific Journals:

Dr. Kourkoutas has served as member of the Editorial board in the following scientific journals and special issues:

1. Foods, Lead Guest Editor, Special issue on “Probiotics: Technological Aspects, Development of Dairy Foods”, 2020.
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5. Biomed Research International, Lead Guest Editor, Special issue on “Application of Innovative Technologies for Improved Food Quality and Safety”, 2015.

6. Biomed Research International, Lead Guest Editor, Special issue on “Bioactive Natural Products: Facts, Applications, and Challenges”, 2014.
7. Journal of Nutrition and Metabolism, Lead Guest Editor, Special issue on “Probiotics and Prebiotics: Health Benefits and Challenges”, 2013.
8. Journal of Chemistry, Member of Editorial Board, 2012-today

Ad-hoc Reviewer in Scientific Journals:

Dr. Kourkoutas is an ad-hoc reviewer in >20 International peer-review scientific journals, including the following:

Anaerobe	Applied Microbiology & Biotechnology
Bioresource Technology	Biomass & Bioenergy
Biotechnology Progress	Chemical Engineering Communications
Food Chemistry	Food Hydrocolloids
Food Microbiology	Food Technology and Biotechnology
European Food Research and Technology	Journal of Food Engineering
International Journal of Food Microbiology	LWT-Food Science and Technology
Journal of Industrial Microbiology & Biotechnology	Process Biochemistry
Journal of Molecular Nutrition and Food Research	PloS One
Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry	Foods
International Journal of Molecular Sciences	Molecules

Member of Scientific Societies:

Dr. Kourkoutas has served as member of the following scientific societies:

1. 2015-today Treasurer, Society of Microbial Ecology in Health and Disease (SOMED).
2. 2012-today Member of the International Forum on Industrial Bioprocesses (IFIBiop).
3. 1997-today Member of the Association of Greek Chemists.

Member of the Organizing Committees of International Conferences:

Dr. Kourkoutas has served as member of the organizing committee of the following international conferences:

1. European Biotechnology Congress-Eurobiotech 2018, Athens, Greece, 26-28 April 2018.
2. European Symposium on Food Safety, Athens, Greece, 11-13 May 2016.
3. Food Chemistry Days, Functional Foods, Athens, 26-27 November 2015.
4. 38th Congress of the Society for Microbial Ecology and Disease, Verona, 11-13 October 2015.
5. XXXIII International Congress on Microbial Ecology in Health and Disease (SOMED 2010), organized by SOMED and Democritus University of Thrace (Greece) on a cruise boat from Piraeus to the Greek islands of Myconos, Rhodes, Patmos, Crete, Santorini and to Kusadasi (ancient Ephesus), 6-10 September 2010.

Supervisor in PhD thesis:

1. Nelios, G. Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece.
2. Somalou, P. Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece.
3. Prapa, I. Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece.
4. Sgouros, G. Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece.
5. Mitropoulou, G. Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece.
6. Nikolaou, A. Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (date of examination: 15/04/2019).
7. Santarmaki, V. Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (date of examination: 14/12/2018).

Member in PhD Committees:

1. Karampatea, A. Department of Food Science, Vine and Beverage Sciences, University of West Attica (Supervisory Committee Member).
2. Panitsa, A. Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece (Supervisory Committee Member).
3. Terpou, A. Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece (Supervisory Committee Member, date of PhD viva: 15/01/2017).
4. Sidira, M. Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece (graduated in 2014) (Supervisory Committee Member, date of PhD viva: 11/04/2014).

External Examiner of PhD theses:

1. Aindelis, G. Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (date of PhD viva: 06/04/2020).
2. Fitsiou, E. Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (date of PhD viva: 20/12/2017).
3. Saxami, G. Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (date of PhD viva: 19/12/2016).
4. Barouni, E. Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece (date of PhD viva: 23/12/2015).
5. Schoina, V. Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece (date of PhD viva: 22/12/2014).
6. Papadopoulou, O. Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece (date of PhD viva: 31/10/2013).
7. Kallis, M. Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece (date of PhD viva: 21/12/2012).
8. Bosnea, L. Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece (date of PhD viva: 26/06/2009).

9. Kopsahelis, N. Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece (date of PhD viva: 25/06/2009).
10. Kandyliis, P. Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece (date of PhD viva: 22/06/2009).
11. Dimitrellou, D. Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece (date of PhD viva: 22/06/2009).
12. Agouridis, N. Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece (date of PhD viva: 31/10/2007).

Supervisor in MSc theses:

1. Tzotzis, I. MSc in Infectious Diseases and International Medicine: From Bench to Bedside, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics and Department of Medicine, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece, project in progress.
2. Pavlatou, C. MSc in Infectious Diseases and International Medicine: From Bench to Bedside, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics and Department of Medicine, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece, project in progress.
3. Karapantzou, I. MSc in Translational Research in Molecular Biology & Genetics, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece, project in progress.
4. Feidaki, E. MSc in Translational Research in Molecular Biology & Genetics, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece, 2016.
5. Kiourtzidis, M. MSc in Translational Research in Molecular Biology & Genetics, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece, 2014.

Course Co-ordination/Invited Lectures in MSc programs:

1. MSc in Didactics of Biosciences, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (2019-today):
 - i) Introduction to the world of functional foods (invited lecture).
 - ii) Bioethics in genetically modified foods (invited lecture).
2. MSc in Infectious Disease-International Medicine, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (2017-today):
Co-ordination of the course “Molecular and Clinical Bacteriology”.
3. MSc in Translational Research in Biomedicine, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (2013-today):
 - i) Co-ordination of the courses “Clinical Nutrition” (2019-today) and “Bioentrepreneurship” (2018-today).
 - ii) Safety in working with bacteria (invited lecture).
 - iii) Bioethics in genetically modified foods (invited lecture).
4. MSc in Sustainable Production Systems & the Environment in Agriculture, Department of Agricultural Development, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (2008-2013):
 - i) Biotechnological applications in industrial and agricultural waste treatment (invited lecture).
 - ii) Innovative applications in probiotic products production (invited lecture).
5. MSc in Food Biotechnology, Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece (2007-2011):
 - i) Milk: Ultra high temperature processing-Aseptic packaging (invited lecture).

ii) New trends and research results in brewing (invited lecture).

Administrative work:

1. Deputy Chair (elected) at the Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (Sep 2018-today)
2. Erasmus+ Coordinator for the Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (2017-today).
3. Member of the Under-Graduate Courses Committee, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (2014-today).
4. Member of the Steering Committee of MSc in Translational Research in Molecular Biology & Genetics, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (2015-2016).
5. Member of the Post-Graduate Courses Committee, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (2014-2016).
6. Establishment of the Laboratory of Applied Microbiology & Biotechnology, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece (2015).