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- August 2019 – Present: Associate Professor of Bioinformatics with emphasis in Microbiology, Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, University of Thessaly, Greece.
- January 2014 – August 2019: Assistant Professor of Bioinformatics in Genomics, Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, University of Thessaly, Greece.
- July 2010 – December 2013: Lecturer of Bioinformatics in Genomics, Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, University of Thessaly, Greece.
- February 2010 – June 2010: Postdoctoral researcher at the Systems Biology group of Prof. Stephen G. Oliver, Department of Biochemistry, University of Cambridge, UK.

- February 2008 – January 2010: EMBO long term fellow at Prof. Yves Van de Peer's group, at the Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Genomics Group, Department of Plant Systems Biology, UGent & VIB, Gent, Belgium.
- July 2007 – January 2008: Postdoctoral researcher at the Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Genomics Group of Prof. Yves Van de Peer, Department of Plant Systems Biology, UGent & VIB, Gent, Belgium.
- October 2005 - March 2007: First assistant at the Bioinformatics group of Prof. Marc Robinson-Rechavi, Department of Ecology and Evolution, Faculty of Medicine and Biology, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.
- March 2004 – September 2004. CASE (AstraZeneca) funded PhD placement in text mining, at the Pathways group of Dr David De Graaf, in the pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca PLC, Macclesfield, UK and Waltham, MA, USA.

Education

- 2001-2005: PhD in Bioinformatics, Manchester University, UK. Supervisor: Prof Stephen G. Oliver, Prof Erich Bornberg-Bauer, Dr David Robertson (co-supervisor).
- 2000-2001: MRes in Bioinformatics (with Distinction), Leeds University, UK
- 1998-1999: Exchange student with Erasmus/Socrates programme, Queen's University of Belfast, UK.
- 1994-1999: BSc in Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.

Awards-scholarships-distinctions

- 2008 – 2010: EMBO long-term postdoctoral fellowship (ALTF-930-2007).
http://www.embo.org/fellowships/autumn_07.html
- 2005: Best published PhD research of the year 2004 in the Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Manchester, UK. £1200 prize (see page 6 of document in url bellow, section: Faculty Research Symposium).
<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=7475>
- 2001-2004: EPSRC studentship for PhD studies.
- 2001-2004: CASE (AstraZeneca) studentship for PhD studies.

- 2004: Travel funding to attend the Gordon Conference on Molecular Evolution. Ventura, CA, USA. Poster presentation of the article published in EMBO reports (Amoutzias et al., 2004).
- Article in EMBO reports (Amoutzias et al., 2004) commented in:
<http://www.nature.com/embor/journal/v5/n4/full/7400129.html>
<http://www.corante.com/loom/archives/2004/02/>

Skills

- Programming skills: Perl, R, MATLAB, C, Java, SQL.
- Operating systems: Mac OSX, Linux, Windows
- Mathematical modelling: 3 weeks training (July - August 2012) in principles of Metabolic Simulations with Flux Balance Analysis in the group of Prof. Stephen G. Oliver, Department of Biochemistry, University of Cambridge, UK (certificate upon request).

Reviewing experience

- Served as reviewer (see Publons) for the journals: eLife, Bioinformatics, Genome Biology and Evolution, PLOS Computational Biology, PLOS One, BMC Biology, BMC Evolutionary Biology, Nature Scientific Data, Proteome Science, Analytica Chimica Acta, International Journal of Genomics, Food and Chemical Toxicology, Infection Genetic and Evolution, Virology, Journal of Medical Virology, InterVirology, Fungal Biology, Canadian Journal of Biotechnology.
- Grant application reviewer for Qatar National Research Fund.
- Grant application reviewer (since 2011) for the Research Foundation - Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek -Vlaanderen, FWO).
- Grant application reviewer for the General Secretariat of Research and Technology (ΓΓΕΤ).
- Reviewer for the Kalippos framework of open access online scientific books for the Greek Academia.

Research interests

Evolution, gene regulation, post-translational modifications, transcription factors, phosphorylation, protein methylation, molecular networks, secondary metabolism, viral recombination.

Genomics, Proteomics, Phylogenetics, Data integration, Text Mining.

During my PhD and other research posts, I focused on the integration of data from genomic, proteomic, various other functional 'omic' sources, and from literature. This data integration, combined with statistical, phylogenetic and domain architecture analyses gave insight about the properties, functions and evolution of molecular networks, especially at the level of post-translational regulation. Specifically, the work on dimerizing TFs provided for the first time a detailed and yet simple model for convergent evolution of protein interaction networks. Moreover, it generated new hypotheses about dimerization patterns in oncogenic TFs, that may be targeted and exploited therapeutically in the future.

During my postdoctoral positions at the University of Ghent, Belgium, at the University of Cambridge, UK and as a faculty member at the Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, University of Thessaly, I have been working on the evolution of post-translational regulation. My team has been integrating high-throughput MS/MS proteomic with genomic and functional genomic data. Published and ongoing work has demonstrated the global properties of the yeast phosphoproteome, the intricacies of its evolution and also that post-translational regulation affects the evolution of the genome, specifically by affecting the survival rate of duplicated genes.

Accepted Research Proposals.

- 2014 - 2015: Aristeia II national research framework for the **F**iltering, **A**nnotation and **B**ioinformatics analyses of high-throughput **P**hosphoproteomic data (FAB-Phos). Budget: €200,000. Principal Investigator: Dr. Amoutzias.

- 2011 – 2012: Processing and analysis of human genomic and phosphoproteomic data. Funded by the Research Committee of the University of Thessaly. Budget: €3,330. Principal Investigator: Dr. Amoutzias.
- 2008 – 2010: EMBO long-term postdoctoral fellowship (ALTF-930-2007).

Publications

I have co-authored 48 peer-reviewed papers (13 as first author, 8 as corresponding author), 2 book chapters (as first author) in the field of Bioinformatics and translated in Greek one book chapter of a student book. All my work is purely computational. According to Google Scholar (search on 19-09-2019), my work has been cited 1826 times and has an H-index of 20 and i10 index of 26.

Book Chapters

3) Παπασιδέρη Ι, Αμούτζιας Γρ. Γονιδιωματική, Πρωτεομική, Βιολογία Συστημάτων. Κεφάλαιο 5 Φοιτητικού συγγράμματος «Το Κύτταρο-Μια Μοριακή προσέγγιση”. Επιστημονική επιμέλεια της μετάφρασης του κεφαλαίου.

2) **Amoutzias G.D.** and Van de Peer Y. Single-Gene and Whole-Genome duplications and the evolution of protein-protein interaction networks. In: Evolutionary Genomics and Systems Biology. 2010. pp. 413-429

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Peer-reviewed Papers

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47) Daskou M, Tsakogiannis D, Dimitriou TG, **Amoutzias** GD, Mossialos D, Kottaridi C, Gartzonika C, Markoulatos P. WarmStart colorimetric LAMP for the specific and rapid detection of HPV16 and HPV18 DNA. *J Virol Methods.* 2019 Apr 28;270:87-94.

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45) Nikolaidis M, Mimouli K, Kyriakopoulou Z, Tsimpidis M, Tsakogiannis D, Markoulatos P, **Amoutzias** GD. Large-scale genomic analysis reveals recurrent patterns of intertypic recombination in human enteroviruses. *Virology* 2019 Jan 2;526:72-80.

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43) Karakasidou K, Nikolouli K, **Amoutzias** GD, Pournou A, Manassis C, Tsiamis G, Mossialos D. Microbial diversity in biodeteriorated Greek historical documents dating back

to the 19th and 20th century: A case study. *Microbiologyopen*. 2018 Oct;7(5):e00596. doi: 10.1002/mbo3.596.

42) Priftis A, Goutzourelas N, Chalabalaki M, Ntasi G, Stagos D, **Amoutzias GD**, Skaltsounis LA, Kouretas D. Effect of polyphenols from coffee and grape on gene expression in myoblasts. *Mech Ageing Dev*. 2017 Nov 23. pii: S0047-6374(17)30155-0. doi: 10.1016/j.mad.2017.11.015.

41) Tsakogiannis D, Moschonas GD, Bella E, Kyriakopoulou Z, **Amoutzias GD**, Dimitriou TG, Kottaridi C, Markoulatos P. Association of p16 (CDKN2A) polymorphisms with the development of HPV16-related precancerous lesions and cervical cancer in the Greek population. *J Med Virol*. 2017 Nov 23. doi: 10.1002/jmv.24996.

40) Kyriakopoulou Z, **Amoutzias GD**, Dimitriou TG, Tsakogiannis D, Mossialos D, Markoulatos P. Intra- and inter-serotypic recombinations in the 5' UTR-VP4 region of Echovirus 30 strains. *Arch Virol*. 2017 Oct 30. doi: 10.1007/s00705-017-3600-1.

39) Fikatas A, Dimitriou TG, Kyriakopoulou Z, Moschonas GD, **Amoutzias GD**, Mossialos D, Gartzonika C, Levidiotou-Stefanou S, Markoulatos P. Detection of negative and positive RNA strand of poliovirus Sabin 1 and echovirus E19 by a stem-loop reverse transcription PCR. *Lett Appl Microbiol*. 2017 Jun 20. doi: 10.1111/lam.12766. PMID: 28631392.

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- 36) Tsimpidis M, Bachoumis G, Mimouli K, Kuriakopoulou Z, Robertson DL, Markoulatos P, **Amoutzias GD**. T-RECs: Rapid and large-scale detection of recombination events among different evolutionary lineages of viral genomes. *BMC Bioinformatics*. 2017 Jan 5;18(1):13.
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- 32) Vlastaridis P, Oliver SG, Van de Peer Y, **Amoutzias GD**. The Challenges of Interpreting Phosphoproteomics Data: A Critical View Through the Bioinformatics Lens. *Lecture Notes in Bioinformatics*. 2016. 9874, pp. 196-204.
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