## Vasiliki Skiada

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:** 

Date of Birth: 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1984

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**EDUCATION:** 

04/2013-present: PhD candidate at the Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Plant

and Environmental Biotechnology Laboratory, University of Thessaly,

Larissa, Greece.

PhD thesis: Endophytic fungi in plant roots. Colonization patterns and

mechanisms for protection under abiotic and biotic stress.

<u>Supervisor</u>: Associate Prof Kalliope Papadopoulou.

01/2016-05/2016: 4-month stage period in the Advanced Microscopy Laboratory, Department

of Life Science and Systems Biology, University of Turin.

Supervisor: Associate Prof Andrea Genre

03/2015-05/2016: 2-month stage period in the Plant-Microbe Interactions Laboratory,

Department of Life Science and Systems Biology, University of Turin.

Supervisor: Prof Paola Bonfante

10/2009-11/2011: Master of Research Degree in "Environmental Management", Agricultural

University of Athens, Greece. Grade: excellent

Master thesis project: "Microbial diversity study during co-composting of

solid and liquid agro-industrial residues, using molecular techniques."

09/2002-11/2008: Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. Faculty of Biology, School of

Sciences, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece.

Grade: very good.

**WORK EXPERIENCE:** 

06/2015-11/2015: Participation in the EC funded project "Love to Hate: Pesticides felicity or

curse for the soil microbial community?" (Industry-Academia Partnership). 6-month secondment at ENOVEO Bioengineering Environmental Solutions,

Lyon, France.

03/2012-present: Participation in the Scientific Program: "Contribution of Mycorrhizae to the

sustainability of marginal Mediterranean ecosystems - development of

mycorrhizal inocula". Agricultural University of Athens.

04/2010-11/2010: 8-month occupation contract, as a Biologist, at the Ministry of Rural

Development and Food, Centre of Athens Veterinary Institutes, Institute of

Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, Department of Avian Diseases.

## PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES:

**Technical skills:** Laboratory techniques knowledge:

<u>Classical Microbiology</u>: Culture Media Preparation, Media Inoculation, Isolation of Pure Cultures, Staining techniques for microscopic

observations.

Microscopy: Optical microscopy, Fluorescence Microscopy, Laser Scanning

Confocal Microscopy.

Molecular Techniques: RNA/DNA Isolation, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR, RT-PCR, Real-Time RT-PCR), Agarose Gel Electrophoresis, DNA cleanup from PCR, Ligation Reaction, Transformation of Bacterial Cells, Restriction Enzyme Digestion, Isolation of Plasmid DNA from Bacteria, Denaturing Gradient Gel Electrophoresis, protein isolation, SDS-PAGE.

<u>In vitro techniques</u>: Agrobacterium rhizogenes mediated plant transformation, Root Organ Cultures (ROCs) establishment and

maintenance.

Foreign Languages: English: Proficient user. Proficiency certificate (C2).

French: Proficient user. DALF certificate (C2).

German: Relatively good user. Zertifikat Deutsch certificate (B1).

## **FELLOWSHIPS – AWARDS:**

2009 - 2010: "Zoi Soutsou" fellowship, under written examination, in order to attend

postgraduate studies.

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

Ouzounidou G, **Skiada V**, Papadopoulou KK, Stamatis N, Kavvadias V, Eleftheriadis E, Gaitis F (2015). Effects of soil pH and arbuscular mycorrhiza (AM) inoculation on growth and chemical composition of chia (*Salvia hispanica L.*) leaves. *Brazilian Journal of Botany* 3(3): 487-495.