

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., Plant Pathology, University of California, Davis. January 1991. Dissertation: Biocontrol of Rhizoctonia Damping-Off of Cotton Seedlings by *Verticillium tricorpus*.
- B.S. (five-year course, Diploma equivalent to Masters), Major: Plant Technology, Minor: Plant Pathology, Agricultural University of Athens. May 1982. Diploma thesis: Bacterial Speck of Tomato.

### **RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**VICE RECTOR OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PERSONNEL** Agricultural University of Athens, September 2010 – August 2018.

**DIRECTOR OF PLANT PATHOLOGY LABORATORY** Agricultural University of Athens, September 2010 –TODAY

**Professor**, Agricultural University of Athens, Laboratory of Plant Pathology, May 2011 – TODAY.

**Associate Professor**, Agricultural University of Athens, Laboratory of Plant Pathology, May 2007 – MAY 2011.

**Assistant Professor**, Agricultural University of Athens, Laboratory of Plant Pathology, July 2001 to May 2007.

**Associate Research Scientist**, Laboratory of Mycology, Benaki Phytopathological Institute, June 2000 to July 2001.

**Senior Research Scientist**, Laboratory of Mycology, Benaki Phytopathological Institute, June 1996 to June 2000.

**Research Associate**, Laboratory of Mycology, Benaki Phytopathological Institute, October 1992 to May 1996.

**Postdoctoral Researcher**, Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Davis, June 1991 to September 1992.

**Post-graduate Researcher**, Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Davis, January 1991 to May 1991.

**Research Assistant**, Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Davis, September 1987 to December 1990.

**Research Associate**, The Benaki Phytopathological Institute, Kifissia-Athens, Greece, January 1985 to July 1987.

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**, The Benaki Phytopathological Institute, Laboratory of Bacteriology, Kifissia-Athens, Greece, June 1980 to May 1982.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- Recipient, The Dennis H. Hall Award, Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Davis, June 1991.
- Recipient, Nonresident Tuition Fee Fellowship, University of California, Davis, Fall 1989.

- Recipient, Fulbright Scholarship, The Fulbright Foundation, Athens, Greece, 1987-1988 academic year.
- Recipient, Academic Performance Scholarship, The National Scholarships Foundation, Athens, Greece, 1978-1979 academic year.

## **RESEARCH AREAS**

Molecular plant pathogen interactions and biological control of soilborne fungal plant pathogens.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

- American Phytopathological Society
- Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society
- The Hellenic Phytopathological Society
- Mediterranean Phytopathological Union
- The Hellenic Society for Biotechnology

## **MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, RECOGNITION AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**

- Author of seventy (70) scientific papers.
- Citations: more than 1220.
- Scientific coordinator of 22 competitive and 25 national projects funded by the European Commission or national organizations.
- Invited speaker in national and international conferences
- Member of the scientific and/or organizing committees of national and international conferences
- Participated in 29 international and 12 national conferences.
- Reviewer of more than 45 articles submitted for publications to peer reviewed journals
- Senior editor of the journal *Phytopathologia Mediterranea*
- Member of six national or international scientific societies.

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

1. Tjamos, E. C. and Paplomatas, E. J. 1987. Effect of soil solarization on the survival of fungal antagonists of *Verticillium dahliae*. EPPO Bulletin 17:645-653.
2. Tjamos, E. C. and Paplomatas, E. J. 1988. Long-term effect of soil solarization in controlling Verticillium wilt of globe artichokes in Greece. Plant Pathology 37:507-515. (IF 1.167)
3. Juarez-Palacios, C., Felix-Gastelum, R., Wakeman, R. J., Paplomatas, E. J. and DeVay, J.E. 1991. Thermal sensitivity of three species of *Phytophthora* and the effect of soil solarization on their survival. Plant Disease 75:1160-1164. (IF 1.429)
4. Tjamos, E. C., Biris, D. A. and Paplomatas, E. J. 1991. Recovery of olive trees with Verticillium wilt following individual application of soil solarization in established olive orchards. Plant Disease 75:557-562. (IF 1.429)
5. Gilbertson, R. L., Hidayat, S. H., Paplomatas, E. J., Rojas, M. R., Hou, Y-M. and Maxwell, D. P. 1992. Pseudorecombination between the infectious cloned DNA components of tomato mottle and bean dwarf mosaic geminiviruses. Journal of General Virology 74:23-31. (IF 3.300)
6. Gilbertson, R. L., Paplomatas, E. J., Rojas, M. R. and Maxwell, D. P. 1992. Advances in the molecular detection and characterization of geminiviruses infecting leguminous plants. Fitopatología Brasiliera 17: 141-142.
7. Paplomatas, E. J., Bassett, D. M., Broome, J. C. and DeVay, J. E. 1992. Incidence of Verticillium wilt and yield losses of cotton cultivars (*Gossypium hirsutum*) based on soil inoculum density of *Verticillium dahliae*. Phytopathology 82: 1417-1420. (IF 2.220)
8. Patel, V. P., Rojas, M. R., Paplomatas, E. J. and Gilbertson, R. L. 1993. Cloning of biologically active geminivirus DNA using PCR and overlapping primers. Nucleic Acids Research 21:1325-1326. (IF 7.051)
9. Stapleton, J. J., Paplomatas, E. J., Wakeman, R. J. and DeVay, J. E. 1993. Establishment of apricot and almond trees using soil mulching with transparent (solarization) and black polyethylene film: Effects on Verticillium wilt and tree health. Plant Pathology 42:333-338. (IF 0.857)
10. Paplomatas, E. J., Patel, V. P., Hou, Y-M, Noueiry, A. O. and Gilbertson, R. L. 1994. Molecular characterization of a new sap-transmissible bipartite genome geminivirus infecting tomatoes in Mexico. Phytopathology 84: 1215-1224. (IF 2.220)
11. Paplomatas, E. J., Elena, K. and Lascaris, D. 1995. First report of *Phytophthora boehmeriae* causing boll rot of cotton. Plant Disease 79: 680 (Disease Notes). (IF 1.429)

12. Psallidas, P. G., Paplomatas, E. J., Panagiotopoulou, A. and Tsiantos, J. 1996. Studies on streptomycin resistant bacterial isolates from pome fruit orchards. *Acta Horticulturae* 411: 211-217.
13. Elena, K. and Paplomatas, E. J. 1998. *Phytophthora boehmeriae* boll rot: A new threat to cotton cultivation in the Mediterranean region. *Phytoparasitica* 26:20-26. (IF 0.646)
14. Elena, K. and Paplomatas, E. J. 1998. Vegetative compatibility groups within *Verticillium dahliae* isolates from different hosts in Greece. *Plant Pathology* 47: 635-640. (IF 1.167)
15. Pappas, A .C. and Paplomatas, E. J. 1998. Pyricularia Leaf Spot: A new disease of ornamental plants of the family Marantaceae. *Plant Disease* 82: 465-469. (IF 1.429)
16. Hou, Y.-M., Paplomatas, E. J. and Gilbertson, R. L. 1998. Host adaptation and replication properties of two bipartite geminiviruses and their pseudorecombination. *Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions* 11: 208-217. (IF 3.845)
17. Termorshuizen, A. J., Davis, J. R., Gort, G., Harris, D. C., Huisman, O. C., Lazarovits, G., Locke, T., Melero Vara, J. M., Mol, L., Paplomatas, E. J., Platt, H. W., Powelson, M., Rouse, D. I., Rowe, R. C. and Tsror, L. 1998. Interlaboratory comparison of methods to quantify microsclerotia of *Verticillium dahliae* in soil. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* 64:3846-3853. (IF 3.691)
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19. Paplomatas, E. J., Elena, K. and Tsagkarakou, A. 2000. Screening tomato and cucurbit rootstocks for resistance to *Verticillium dahliae*. *EPPO Bulletin* 30:239-242.
20. Elena, K. and Paplomatas, E. J. 2002. First Report of *Fomitiporia punctata* Infecting Kiwifruit. *Plant Disease* 86:1176 (Disease Notes). (IF 1.429)
21. Elena, K. and Paplomatas, E. J. 2002. Survival of *Fusarium proliferatum* from Asparagus after Sublethal Heating or Solarization. *Acta Horticulturae* 579:563-565.
22. Paplomatas, E. J., Elena, K., Tsagkarakou, A. and Perdikis A. 2002. Control of Verticillium Wilt of Tomato and Cucurbits through Grafting of Commercial Varieties on Resistant Rootstocks. *Acta Horticulturae* 579:445-449.
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24. Paplomatas, E. J., Malandrakis A. A. and Nektarios, P. A. 2004. Compost Management of Brown Patch Disease in Turfgrass. *Acta Horticulturae* 661:487-489.
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26. Paplomatas, E. J. 2004. Molecular diagnostics for soilborne fungal pathogens. *Phytopathologia Mediterranea* 43:213-220.
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