



**Forty Years of Neurodegenerative Research in Thessaloniki**  
**13 September 2023**  
**Aristotle University Research Dissemination Center (KEDEA)**



**Meeting Program**

	<b>Coordinator: Konstantinos Xanthopoulos</b>
10:00-10:15	<b>Efstratios Stylianidis</b> , Vice Rector for Research and Lifelong Learning, Professor, School of Spatial Planning and Development, Faculty of Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki <b>Theodoros Dardavesis</b> , Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor, School of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki <b>Kyriakos Kachrimanis</b> , Chair of the School of Pharmacy, Professor, School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Health Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
	<b>Chairs: Konstantinos Xanthopoulos and Christos Panagiotidis</b>
10:15-10:45	<b>Hermann Schaezel</b> , Scientific Director of the UofC Prion-Virology Animal Facility, and Head of the Calgary Prion Research Unit, Calgary University, Canada <b>Title: How sunny islands and snowy mountains shaped the development of anti-prion strategies.</b>
10:45-11:15	<b>Magdalini Polymenidou</b> , Associate Professor for Biomedicine, Department of Quantitative Biomedicine, University of Zurich, Switzerland <b>Title: The role of TDP-43 in neurodegenerative diseases</b>
11:15-11:45	<b>Spyros Petrakis</b> , Researcher, Institute of Applied Biosciences, CERTH, Greece <b>Title: Development of therapeutic strategies and cell models for human neurodegenerative diseases</b>
	<b>Chairs: Eirini Kanata and Aggelos Kannelis</b>
11:45-12:15	<b>Evgenia Salta</b> , Group leader, Laboratory of Neurogenesis & Neurodegeneration, NIN Amsterdam, Netherlands <b>Title: From Thessaloniki to Amsterdam: A journey of unexpected events and findings (zoom session)</b>
12:15-12:45	<b>Nina Papavasiliou</b> , Professor, Division of Immune Diversity, German Cancer Research Center, Heidelberg, Germany <b>Title: There and Back Again: a career at the conceptual cutting edge of science (zoom session)</b>
12:45-13:15	<b>Vasileios Petrou</b> , Assistant Professor and Chancellor Scholar, Department of Microbiology, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School <b>Title: Tales of structural biology from New York and New Jersey (zoom session)</b>
<b>13:15-14:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
	<b>Chair: Dimitra Dafou and Nikolaos Grigoriadis</b>
14:15-14:35	<b>Konstantinos Xanthopoulos</b> , Associate Professor, School of Pharmacy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki <b>Title: From Trypanosomes to plant extracts: Exploring novel therapeutic approaches in Prion diseases</b>
14:35-14:55	<b>Eirini Kanata</b> , Senior Researcher, School of Pharmacy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki <b>Title: RNA editing in Prion disorders</b>
14:55-15:10	<b>Ruth Gabizon</b> , Professor, School of Medicine-Researchers-Hadassah Medical Center, Israel <b>Title: The making of a smart food supplement: Bridging nature and science for the prevention of neurodegenerative diseases (zoom session)</b>
15:10-16:10	<b>Brief salutations from old friends</b>
16:10-17:00	<b>Theodoros Sklaviadis</b> , Professor, School of Pharmacy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki <b>Title: Wine(byproducts) to combat neurodegenerative diseases</b>
<b>17:00-19:00</b>	<b>Wine Reception</b>

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