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EDUCATION

- 1967-1974 *M.D.*, Medical School, University of Athens
- 1974-1975 *Special Student*, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University
- 1975-1981 *Ph.D. in Cell and Developmental Biology*, Division of Medical Sciences, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, USA
- Thesis: "Studies on ecdysteroid-inducible polypeptides and their RNAs in a *Drosophila melanogaster* cell line". Advisor: Prof. Peter Cherbas

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

- 1981-1982 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Harvard University, USA
- 1982-1984 *Postdoctoral Researcher*, supported by an EMBO long-term fellowship, Department of Genetics, University of Cambridge, UK

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

PAST APPOINTMENTS

- 1984-2008 *Associate Investigator*, Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (IMBB-FoRTH)
- 1985-1987 *Assistant Professor of Molecular and Cell Biology*, Division of Basic Medical Sciences, Medical School, University of Crete
- 1987-1995 *Associate Professor of Molecular and Cell Biology*, Division of Basic Medical Sciences, Medical School, University of Crete
- 1995-2016 *Professor of Molecular Biology and Molecular Genetics*, Division of Basic Medical Sciences, Medical School, University of Crete
- 2006-2008 *Visiting Professor and Principal Research Fellow*, Division of Cell and Molecular Biology, Imperial College London (on sabbatical leave)
- 2009-2010 *Director*, Institute of Cell & Developmental Biology, B.S.R.C. "Alexander Fleming"
- 2010-2016 *Scientific Director and Chairman of the Board*, B.S.R.C. "Alexander Fleming"

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

2016- *Professor Emeritus*, University of Crete
2016- Associate Researcher, B.S.R.C. "Alexander Fleming"

OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS

1988-1989 *Director*, Division of Basic Medical Sciences, Medical School, University of Crete
1997-1999 *Director*, Division of Basic Medical Sciences, Medical School, University of Crete
1998-2001 *Director of Studies*, Joint Graduate Program on Molecular Biology and Biomedicine, IMBB-FoRTH, Department of Biology and Medical School, University of Crete

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

2003-2004 *President (Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board)*, Hellenic Medicines Agency (ΕΟΦ)

SCIENTIFIC ACADEMIES

EMBO member since 2000

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Scholarships Foundation (IKY) Scholarship, 1967-68
Papadakis Scholarship, University of Athens, 1968-1973
Research Award, FoRTH, October 2000.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- Task Force on Bioinformatics, European Commission, 1987-1989
- Evaluation Panels for research proposals, European Commission, 1990-1997
- Scientific Council, IMBB-FoRTH (elected) 1985-1997, 1999-2004
- Executive Board, European Molecular Biology Network EMBNet (elected) 1994-1996
- Research Committee, University of Crete (elected to represent the Medical School) 1999-2006
- Executive Board of the Research Committee, University of Crete (elected) 1999-2006
- *Co-founder and Non-executive Director*, Minos BioSystems Ltd, 1999-2006
- Scientific Council, National Center of Scientific Research "Demokritos", 2000-2003
- *Vice-Chair*, Hellenic National Council of Research and Technology (ΕΣΕΤ), 2001-2004
- Management Board, European Medicines Evaluation Agency (EMA, *ex officio*), 2003-2004
- EMBC and EMBL Councils (National Delegate for Greece), 2003-2016
- External Advisory Group on Human Resources, Mobility and Marie Curie Actions, European Commission (now Advisory Group, *People Program*), 2003-2010
- International Advisory Committee for Nucleotide Sequence Databases, 2004 -
- Biology and Biotechnology Council of ΕΣΕΤ, 2004-2010 (Chairman, 2004-2007)
- Ethics Committee, Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas, 2005-2015

- *Chair*, EMBL Council, 2007-2009
- European Nucleotide Archive Scientific Advisory Board, 2010 -
- ELIXIR Interim Board 2013-2016
- ERC Consolidator Grants evaluation panel 2014
- *Vice Chair*, EMBC Council, 2015-2016
- National Bioethics Commission 2015 -
- National Commission for Human Rights 2015 -
- Head of Node, ELIXIR-GREECE 2016 –
- Ethics Committee “Athena” Research & Innovation Centre, 2016 –
- Vice-Chair, National Research & Innovation Council (ΕΣΕΚ), 2017 -

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH

Research in my laboratory has focused mainly on:

- Development of transposon-based transgenesis and mutagenesis systems in insects and in mammals, using the *Minos* mobile element as vector
- Development of novel genetic methodologies to control populations of insects of importance to man, using *Minos*-based technologies
- Understanding the molecular basis of host-symbiont interactions in *Wolbachia*-insect associations and applying *Wolbachia*-induced cytoplasmic incompatibility for insect population control

Minos, a *Tc1*-like Type 2 transposable element of *Drosophila hydei*, was discovered in the Savakis laboratory. Work by my group demonstrated that *Minos* is active in a variety of invertebrate species, in human cultured cells and in mouse somatic and germ line cells. *Minos*-mediated germ line transformation of the Medfly, *Ceratitis capitata*, a major agricultural pest, was the first demonstration of transposon-mediated transgenesis in insects other than *Drosophila* and *Minos* has been used to transform *Anopheles* mosquito species and the olive fly *Bactrocera oleae*. *Minos*-based insertional mutagenesis in *Drosophila melanogaster* is now established as an important tool for genome-wide functional analysis in this model organism.

We have developed systems for insect pest control through genetic engineering, focusing on the Medfly and the olive fruit fly as model organisms for non-*Drosophila* dipterans of economic importance. In this line of work, proof-of-principle has been demonstrated for a novel technology (SIPP, Sensitization of Insect Populations to Pro-insecticides), which can be useful for genetic sexing and insect population control.

In addition, in collaboration with the group of Kostas Bourtzis, now at the University of Partras, we have studied the biology of an endosymbiotic bacterium of insects, *Wolbachia pipientis*, which manipulates the reproduction of its hosts, and have investigated the potential use of *Wolbachia* for the control of populations of insect pests.

FUNDING

Co-ordination of 9 European and 15 Greek grants and participation in 7 international and 2 Greek grants, with a total budget of approximately 11,000,000 €.

PUBLICATIONS

ORIGINAL RESEARCH PAPERS

1. Kouvelas E.D., C. Savakis, E.T. Tzebelikos, G. Bonatsos, and S. Mitrosilis. 1976. Developmental characteristics of histamine methyl transferase and phenylethanolamine N-methyl transferase of rat

- brain. *Experientia* 32: 1136-1138. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/971743> [Abstract]
2. Wieland S.J., T.O. Fox and C. Savakis. 1978. DNA binding of androgen and estrogen receptors from mouse brain: Behavior of residual receptor of *tfm* mutant. *Brain Research* 140: 159-164. http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6SYR-483SNY7-116&_user=10&_coverDate=01%2F20%2F1978&_rdoc=1&_fmt=high&_orig=search&_origin=search&_sort=d&_docanchor=&view=c&_acct=C000050221&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=10&md5=07973bbd1eaa1e44cd671227e6bbceca&searchtype=a [Full text]
 3. Savakis C., G. Demetri, and P. Cherbas. 1980. Ecdysteroid-inducible polypeptides in a *Drosophila* cell line. *Cell* 22: 665-674. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/6780196> [Abstract]
 4. Cherbas P., L. Cherbas, C. Savakis, and MMD Koehler. 1981. Ecdysteroid-responsive genes in a *Drosophila* cell line. *Amer. Zool.* 21: 743-750. <http://icb.oxfordjournals.org/content/21/3/743.abstract>
 5. Savakis C., M.M.D. Koehler, and P. Cherbas. 1984. cDNA clones for the ecdysone-inducible polypeptide (EIP) mRNAs of *Drosophila* Kc cells. *EMBO J.* 3: 235-243. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC557326/?tool=pubmed> [Full text]
 6. Chia W., C. Savakis, R. Karp, H. Pelham, and M. Ashburner. 1985. Mutation of the *Adh* gene of *Drosophila melanogaster* containing an internal tandem duplication. *J. Mol. Biol.* 186: 679-688. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/2419573> [Abstract]
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 9. Savakis C., M. Ashburner and J.H. Willis. 1986. The expression of the gene coding for alcohol dehydrogenase during the development of *Drosophila melanogaster*. *Devel. Biol.* 114: 194-207. http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6WDG-4DNH4XR-2S&_user=10&_coverDate=03%2F31%2F1986&_rdoc=1&_fmt=high&_orig=search&_origin=search&_sort=d&_docanchor=&view=c&_searchStrId=1532502567&_rerunOrigin=google&_acct=C000050221&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=10&md5=3ef34a793593b176ea34f0ce150fd5b0&searchtype=a [Full text]
 10. Chia W., C. Savakis, R. Karp, and M. Ashburner. 1987. *Adhⁿ⁴* of *Drosophila melanogaster* is a nonsense mutation. *Nucleic Acids Res.* 15: 3931. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC340805/?tool=pubmed> [Full text]
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18. Zacharopoulou A., M. Frisardi, **C. Savakis**, A. Robinson, P. Tolia, M. Konsolaki, K. Komitopoulou and F.C. Kafatos. 1992. The genome of the Mediterranean fruitfly *Ceratitis capitata*: Localization of molecular markers by *in situ* hybridization to salivary gland polytene chromosomes. *Chromosoma*. 101: 448-455. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/1618026> [Abstract]
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