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Vasileios Ntafis is a doctor of veterinary medicine (School of Veterinary Medicine, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 2005) with a PhD in “Virology and Viral Diseases” (Agricultural University of Athens, 2010) (Alexander S. Onassis Foundation Fellowship for PhD studies).

Since 2012, he is the Head and Designated Veterinarian of the Animal Facilities of BSRC “Alexander Fleming” (www.animalfacility.eu), responsible for the management of Facilities’ operations, infrastructures and personnel. He is a member of the Protocol Evaluation Committee and the Animal Welfare Body. He was Vice-Chairman of the BSRC Fleming Ethics and Code of Conduct Committee (2019-2025).

In 2025 he was elected to the position of Senior Staff Scientist (BSRC “Alexander Fleming”), with his interests focusing on the development of phenotyping assays for small rodents. He is responsible for the operation of the In vivo Imaging Unit (In vivo Optical Imaging, Endoscopy, Ultrasound Imaging) and the Metabolic Phenotyping Unit and he is actively involved in the development of imaging methods for mice, using x-rays, bioluminescence, fluorescence, endoscopy and ultrasound technologies.

Vasileios Ntafis is the Vice-President International Affairs of the Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Associations (FELASA). Since 2018 he is member of the National Committee (Greece) for the protection of animals used for scientific purposes. He served as President of the Hellenic Society of Biomedical and Laboratory Animal Science from 2022 to 2025. In 2021, he joined the Governing Board of the European Society of Laboratory Animal Veterinarians (ESLAV). Since 2023, he is ad-hoc specialist (site visitor) for AAALAC International.

He has represented Greece (proposed by the Greek Ministry of Reconstitution of Production, Environment and Energy Rural Development) in EU Meetings of the National Contact Points for the implementation of Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes. In recent years, he has participated in European working groups (FELASA-EFAT working group, ETPLAS working group) focusing on the harmonization of education and training of people working with animals used for scientific purposes.

Vasileios Ntafis has published over 20 research articles in peer-reviewed journals (>1000 citations, h-index:15, Source: Google Scholar).

He is reviewer for Scientific Journals (PLOS One, Laboratory Animals, Vaccine, Journal of Molecular Epidemiology and Evolutionary Genetics of Infectious Diseases, BMC Veterinary Research, Virology Journal, Journal of the Hellenic Veterinary Medical Society) and Invited Reviewer (Ethics) for the European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA) and the European Research Executive Agency (REA) proposals.