

Argyro Kalaitzaki, the first Ph.D. from the Örebro University - NHRF

On Monday 9/6/2014, the defense of the first Doctoral Dissertation held in Örebro of Sweden in cooperation of the Örebro University and National Hellenic Research Foundation (NHRF). The PhD candidate Argyro Kalaitzaki, Chemical Engineer, defended successfully her thesis with the title “Biocompatible microemulsions: formulation, encapsulation of bioactive compounds and their potential applications”.

According to the Swedish system, the procedure included a brief presentation of the research field made by the distinguished Professor Dr. B. Lindman from Lund University, Sweden, as Opponent, the presentation of the dissertation from the candidate, and the examination part with a series of targeted questions from the Opponent. The procedure completed with brief clarifying questions from the three-member International Committee consisting of Prof. F. Rutjes, University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands, Prof. A. Kärrman, Örebro University, Sweden and Prof. B. Ntourtoglou, TEI of Athens. The defense was attended by the supervisors Docent Professor and Research Director Dr. A. Xenakis, and Prof. B. Van Bavel, Örebro University and was open to the public. The presentation was a success.

The 7th Swedish-Hellenic Life Science Conference followed, which is the seventh consecutive conference which is organized under the cooperation of Örebro University and NHRF. The participation from the NHRF/IBM CB side was five full-time staff members and four graduate students. The attendees left with very good impressions and expressed the desire for continuation of successful partnerships and creating new ones.

It was stressed that the success of bilateral cooperation in the future will be based primarily on two axes:

- a) research activities, by submission of European research proposals, which will lead to funding of major joint EU research projects, with the participation of the two organisations and
- b) education activities, by exploring the possibilities of organizing joint graduate program (Master).