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Education

- 1975-1979: Bachelor of Sciences (**B.Sc.**), Chemistry, (Honors).
Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science. Philadelphia, PA. U.S.A
- 1979-1984: Doctor of Philosophy (**Ph.D**), Organic Chemistry
University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. U.S.A
"Ionophore antibiotic X14547A- Enantioselective synthesis of the tetrahydropyran unit; Studies directed towards the total synthesis of Amphotericin B; Syntheses of O-Glycosides and Glycosyl Fluorides."
Supervisor of Dissertation: Professor K. C. Nicolaou

Fields of Specialization

- Stereocontrolled total synthesis of architecturally complex natural products having significant bioregulatory properties.
- Carbohydrate chemistry.
Drug design and synthesis.
- New synthetic technology.

Current Research Interests

- Chiroselective synthesis of novel endogenous and natural cannabinoid analogs.
- Development of novel arachidonic acid cascade modulators.
- Development of tissue-specific antiestrogens.
- Fluorine chemistry.
- New synthetic technology enabling the synthesis of conformationally constrained bioactive molecules.
- Organocatalysis: Asymmetric Aldol and Michael reactions in aqueous media.

Appointments

1978-1979: Teaching Assistant – Organic Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science.

1979-1983: Teaching Assistant–Organic Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania.

1983-1984: Research Assistant – Organic Chemistry, Department of chemistry,

University of Pennsylvania.

1986-1991: Researcher - Department of Research and Development, Vioryl S.A.

1991-1998: Research Associate, National Hellenic Research Foundation.

1998-2002: Special Functional Scientist, National Hellenic Research Foundation.

2002-2007: Senior Researcher, National Hellenic Research Foundation.

2007- Present: Research Director, National Hellenic Research Foundation.

Teaching Experience

1978-1979: Teaching Assistant – Organic Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science

1979-1983: Teaching Assistant – Organic Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania

1998: Instructor in training seminar on “Modern Chemistry and its Applications” chemistry teachers in secondary education in Greece.

1993-present: Supervisor of 4 diploma students, 2 post-graduates, 5 M.Sc., 3 Ph.D., and 9 post doctoral fellows (ICB).

Other Activities

1993-present: Member of the Greek Chemical Society

1996-present: Member of the Greek Chemical Society, Pharmaceutical Chemistry Division

2001-present: Member of the Organizing Committee of 5 International and 3 Greek Symposia

2005-present: Reviewer in peer-reviewed international journals: Letters in Organic Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry, Letters in Drug Design and Discovery, Journal of Organic Chemistry.

Awards

“Academic Achievement in Science Award”(1977-1978).

“Who is who in American Colleges and Universities Award” (1978-1979).

“Outstanding Foreign Student Award”(1979).

“ American Institute of Chemists Award”, Pennsylvania Section (1979).

Publications

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8. "Ionophore Antibiotix X-14547A. Enantioselective Synthesis of the Tetrahydropyran Unit. Studies towards the Synthesis of Amphotericin B. Synthesis of O-Glycosides and Glycosyl fluorides", **D.P. Papahatjis**, Ph.D. Thesis, University of Pennsylvania (Supervisor: Prof. K.C. Nicolaou), 1984, **336** pp.
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11. "Enhanced Optical Purity of 3-Hydroxy-esters Obtained by Bayker's Yeast Reduction of 3-Ketoesters", V. Spiliotis, **D.P. Papahatjis** and N. Ragoussis, *Tetrahedron Letters*, **31**, (11) 1615-1616 (1990).
12. "A brief review of the recent achievements in the field of Cannabinoids with main emphasis on the synthesis of lead compounds and their interactions on lipid bilayers", T. Mavromoustakos, **D.P. Papahatjis**, T. Kourouli, E. Theodoropoulou, A. Makriyannis, *Rev. Clinical Pharmacology*, **13**, 105 (1995).
13. "Study of Thermotropic properties of Cannabinoids in Phosphatidylcholine bilayers using Differential scanning Calorimetry and Small Angle X-ray Diffraction", T. Mavromoustakos, **D.P. Papahatjis**, E. Theodoropoulou, T. Kourouli, De-Ping Yang, M. Trumbore, A. Makriyannis, *Biochim. Biophys. Acta*, **1281**, (2) 235-244 (1996).
14. "Pharmacophoric Requirements for Cannabinoid Side chains. Naphthoyl and Naphthylmethyl substituted Δ^8 -THC Analogs.", **D.P. Papahatjis**, T. Kourouli and A. Makriyannis, *J. Heter. Chem.* **33**, 559-562 (1996).
15. "Pharmacophoric Requirements for Cannabinoid Side Chains. Multiple bond and C1'-Substituted Δ^8 -Tetrahydrocannabinols", **D.P. Papahatjis**, T. Kourouli, V. Abadji, A. Goutopoulos and A. Makriyannis, *J. Med. Chem.* **41**, 1195 (1998).
16. "Novel Analogues of Arachidonylethanolamide (Anandamide): Affinities for the CB1 and CB2 Cannabinoid Receptors and Metabolic Stability." S. Lin, A. T. Khanolkar, P. Fan, A. Goutopoulos, Ce Qin, **D.P. Papahatjis**, and A. Makriyannis, *J. Med. Chem.* **41**, 5353 (1998).
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Presentations

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Research funding

- *Research, Create, Innovate MIS 5031214 (2018-2022) Project RESET:* "Bio-inspired antiaging proteasome activators"
- *Research Funding Program (2018-2021) BioImaging-GR* "A Greek Research Infrastructure for Visualizing and Monitoring Fundamental Biological Processes"
- *Research Funding Program MIS 5002691 (2018-2021) OPENSREEN-GR:* "An open-access research infrastructure of target-based screening technologies and chemical biology for human and animal health, agriculture and the environment"
- *Research Funding Program KRIPIS2: (2017-2020) Project STHENOS-B:* "Targeted therapeutic approaches against ageing and degenerative diseases, cancer in particular - Hit compounds optimization"

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- *Professional Services Agreements with UNI-PHARMA. S.A. (2011-2012).*
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