



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



Meeting Program

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

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