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### UNDER AND POST-GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

- Diploma in Medicine Athens University, Medical School : June 1974
- Doctoral (PhD) Thesis, 1<sup>st</sup> Department of Surgery,  
Medical School, Athens University : June 1976
- Specialist Surgeon (exams) : April 1981
- Specialist Vascular Surgeon : June 1991
- Master Thesis (Msc) Johannesburg, R.S.A : March 2001

### HOSPITAL AND ACADEMIC POSTS

- i. Surgical Resident, Dept. Of Surgery,  
Chania General Hospital : 1.6.1976 - 31.5.1977
- ii. Surgical Resident, First Dept. of Surgery,  
Athens University, Medical School : 22.2.1978 - 22.2.1981
- iii. Registrar, Senior Registrar, Consultant  
Baragwanath Hospital, University of  
Wittwaterstrand Johannesburg, R.S.A : 1.6.1981 - 31.5.1988
- iv. Assistant Professor of Surgery,  
Heraklion University Hospital,  
Medical School, University of Crete : 1.7.1988 - 31.7.1993
- v. Associate Professor of Surgery  
Heraklion University Hospital,  
Medical School, University of Crete : 1.8.1993 - 23.10.2006
- vi. Professor of Surgery  
Heraklion University Hospital,  
Medical School, University of Crete : 24.10.2006 - to date

- vii. Director of the Bariatric Unit  
Heraklion University Hospital,  
Medical School, University of Crete : 14.12.1995 - to date

#### **VISITING PROFESSOR**

- 1996 at Harvard Medical School, Boston, U.S.A.
- 1996 at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, U.S.A.
- 1996 at the Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, U.S.A.
- 1998 at the Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, R.S.A.
- 1999 at Università Degli Studi Di Genova, Genoa, Italy.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, HONORARY POSITIONS**

##### Scholarship

- 1985 Surgical Research Society of Southern Africa  
The Davis and Geck Research Scholarship

##### Awards

- 2002 Golden Pin Award by the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity - IFSO
- 2008 Honorary plaque at the 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress for the contribution in IFSO activities, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2009 Honorary plaque at the 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of IFSO for the contribution for the global development of bariatric and metabolic surgery, Paris, France

##### Honorary positions

- 1998 – to date Founder and President of the Greek Society for Bariatric Surgery
- 1998 – 2003 Member of the Editorial Board of Obesity Surgery Journal
- 2001 President of the 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress of IFSO
- 2003 – to date Associate Editor of Obesity Surgery Journal
- 2004 Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal Surgery for Obesity & Related Diseases (SOARD)

##### Executive and Board of Trustees Member

- 2001 Secretary – Treasurer of IFSO
- 2004 Vice President of IFSO
- 2005 President – Elect of IFSO

2006 President of IFSO  
2007 IFSO Board of Trustees Member

European Accreditation Council for Bariatric Surgery (EAC-BS)

2009 Scientific Board Member, IFSO-endorsed Centre of Excellence (COE) Program for Europe, Middle East and Africa

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Co-Editor of “Textbook of Surgery” for the 6<sup>th</sup> years Medical Students, Athens Medical School. Editors: P. Chryssospathis and V. Golematis, Athens 1980.
- Editor of 2 books for the students of the Medical School, University of Crete:
  - A) “Vascular Surgery”, Heraklion 1990
  - B) “Organ transplantation”, Heraklion 1992
- Six chapters in “Textbooks of Surgery” for the 4<sup>th</sup> year-students of the Medical School, Athens University. Editor: V. Golematis, Athens 1991.
- Two chapters: a. Splenic Trauma, b. Urinary Tract Injury στο βιβλίο “Modern Surgery in Africa”. Editor: Prof. Dez. Pantanowitz, Southern Book Publishers, Johannesburg 1989.
- Chapter entitled ‘IFSO European Chapter Centre of Excellence Program’ in “Handbook of Obesity Surgery”. Editors: M. Deitel, M. Gagner, J. Dixon, J. Himpens, AK.Maden. FD Communications Inc. Toronto, Canada 2010.
- “Hyperthermic Intra-peritoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC) in optimally cytoreduced peritoneal carcynomatosis of gynecology origin: does it provide survival advantages”. Chapter in ‘Cytoreductive Surgery in Gynecologic Oncology’: A Multidisciplinary Approach”. Editor: Yusuf Yildirim. Transworld Research Network, Kerala, India 2010.
- Chapter with title “Benign Vascular, Cystic and Solid Diseases of the Spleen”. στο βιβλίο The Spleen. (Chapter 8, pp 153-178, 2011) Editor: Andy Petroianu (Ed). , Bentham Science Publishers Ltd, 2011.
- 87 full publications in International (Medline indexed) Journals.
- 80 full publications in Greek Journals.
- 43 published abstracts in MedLine Indexed Journals.

## **CONGRESSES**

- Active participation in 97 Greek and 73 International Congresses
- Participation in 64 round table discussions
- 86 lectures as invited speaker

## **CITATIONS**

In the Science Citation Index there are approximately 1262 citations of the above published work.

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## **TEACHING ACTIVITY**

- Teaching of the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th years Medical students, University of Crete Medical School.
- Actively involved in the teaching of students of Athens University Medical School and Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, R.S.A.