

Professor Constantinos Deltas, PhD



Prof. Deltas graduated in 1982 from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens with a degree in Pharmaceutics. He then earned a PhD degree in Biochemistry, from Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey, USA in 1988. Between the years 1988-1990 he worked as Instructor in Medicine, Jefferson Institute of Molecular Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA, USA. He worked as a Research Associate in the Division of Neurology at Duke University Medical Center, at Durham, North Carolina, USA. In 1991 he returned to his home country, Cyprus, at the newly established Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics. He created and directed the Department of Molecular Genetics C' with emphasis on molecular diagnostics and genetics research, mostly engaged in inherited kidney disorders. In 2002 he was

elected Professor of Genetics in the newly created Department of Biological Sciences of the University of Cyprus. He served twice as elected Chairman and had a key role in establishing the Department, implementing undergraduate and graduate programs of study and hiring new faculty. He is Director of the Molecular Medicine Research Center and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on human molecular and medical genetics. He served two terms as member of the Cyprus National Bioethics Committee and served as a representative of Cyprus to the Standing Committee of the European Medical Research Council of the European Science Foundation and as a Coordinator of the Committee of the Cyprus Council of the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications (KY.S.A.T.S.), on the subject of Biology-Biochemistry. He served as an elected member of the Council School of Pure and Applied Sciences and the Senate of the University of Cyprus. Presently he is a member of the newly appointed Cyprus Council for Medically Assisted Reproduction.

His research activities focus on Nephrogenetics while he is developing tools for better understanding of molecular pathomechanisms at cellular and animal level. Recently, with competitive funding of 2m Euro by the European Regional Development Fund and the Republic of Cyprus through the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, he founded the Molecular Medicine Research Center at the University of Cyprus (www.ucy.ac.cy/mmrc), of which he is the Director. Also, with competitive funding, he started and established the first Biobank in the country, upon approval by the Cyprus National Bioethics Committee, for archiving samples and patients with genetic diseases. His work has been reported in more than 120 original and review peer-reviewed publications in international journals and in additional local journals.

In 2008, Prof. Deltas was elected as “Eminent Scientist 2008” by the International Research Promotion Foundation, which honoured his innovative research on “Nephrology and Human Genetics” and awarded him with its prestigious Millennium Golden International Award for Europe. Also, he was awarded with the “Cyprus Research Award-Distinguished Researcher 2014” upon nomination by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, based on long standing research experience in Cyprus and demonstration of outstanding achievements with local and international impact honoring Cyprus, significant publication record in high impact journals, development of innovative molecular diagnostic methods, success on attracting competitive research funding, the creation of significant research infrastructures and the training/guidance of young researchers.

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