

# Professor Dr Kyriakos Kyriacou



**Profile: K.Kyriacou, PhD.**

**Current Position:** Professor and Head of the Department of Electron Microscopy/Molecular Pathology  
Dean: The Cyprus School of Molecular Medicine

**Education:**

BSc Honours degree, in Biochemistry/Physiology, University of London. 1977

PhD, Faculty of Medicine. Department of Oral Pathology, King's College Schools of Medicine and Dentistry. 1982,

Thesis title: Nerve induced secretory processes in rabbit submandibular glands.

**Academic appointments:**

1982 : Lecturer in Biochemistry, Medical School at King's College Hospital, London.

1985: Research Associate and Head of the Electron Microscope Department, at King Saud University, Riyadh Saudi Arabia.

1991: Senior Scientist, at the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics.

Head of the department of Electron Microscopy/Molecular Pathology

2012 : Professor, Cyprus School of Molecular Medicine

2014 : Dean, The Cyprus School of Molecular Medicine

**Research interests:**

The main research interests include the genetic epidemiology and molecular pathology of cancer, with emphasis on breast cancer genetics. Instrumental in characterising the spectrum of mutations in the BRCA genes in Cypriot families and also obtained substantial funding, towards the establishment of the first Electron microscope department in Cyprus. His group has carried out the largest epidemiological study on breast cancer in Cyprus and has identified factors which lower the risk of breast cancer in Cypriot women such as the Mediterranean diet. Through this research unique mutations were also identified in Cypriot families, in BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes and these results led to the establishment of an important cancer genetics service. for the whole Cyprus

population. He is the co-ordinator of several research projects, has obtained more than 8,000,000 euros in competitive funding and has published more than 120 articles, in peer reviewed journals. He represents Cyprus in several Societies and advisory committees in Europe. He has been appointed by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation as the representative of Cyprus, in the EU-COST programme, in the BMBS (Biomedicine and Biomolecular Sciences) domain. He is an active member of the Electron Microscopy working group which is part of the European Society of Pathology and a Consultant to ESMO on Educational Courses on Genetics. He serves as a reviewer for several scientific journals and research funding bodies. Professor Kyriacou has organized several scientific conferences, at both National and International levels and has been invited to deliver many lectures both locally and at International Conferences.