

Professor Dr Leonidas Phylactou



Leonidas Phylactou studied Medical Biochemistry at the University of Birmingham in UK and then did a PhD in Molecular Genetics and Gene Therapy in the same University, although most of the time was spent at the University of Connecticut Health Centre in USA. He then moved back to UK at the University of Oxford for as a post-doctoral scientist, where he set up a team working on gene therapy for Myotonic Dystrophy.

In 1998 he established a research group at the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics working on the gene function and gene therapy. In 2005 he was appointed Head of the Department of Molecular Function and Therapy in which apart from the research activities he is responsible for diagnostic services in Medical Genetics. He is also the Chief Executive and Medical Director of the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics.

Leonidas Phylactou sits on the Editorial Boards of the journals *Molecules* and *Pharmaceuticals* and has secured international funding from several organisations such as the Association Française Contre Les Myopathies, the Human Frontiers Sciences Program and the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign of UK. He participates in several European Networks and published extensively in the areas of expertise.