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received his BSc degree in Biology from the University of Patras, Greece in 1996. Then he moved to Oxford, where he was awarded his Ph.D. in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Genetics from the Department of Biochemistry, Oxford University, UK in 2000. During this period, he worked on epigenetic aspects of eukaryotic transcriptional regulation. During his PhD thesis he was supported with studentships from prestigious organizations such as Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, Florey-EPA studentship from Queen's College of Oxford University and Wellcome Trust Fund. He has also been awarded the NASA planetary biology internship that gave him the opportunity to work in the Chemical Evolution Lab in the field of prebiotic Chemistry at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, CA, USA. He then obtained a post-doctoral position in the lab of Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology of the Hellenic Pasteur Institute, Athens, Greece. His research in Athens focused on the regulation of neuronal differentiation and specification, studying the role of genes that coordinate cell cycle exit and differentiation of neural stem cells during embryonic development. He joined Biomedical Research Foundation of the Academy of Athens in January 2007 as Principal Investigator (Assistant Professor Level) at the Center for Basic Research. He has also been recently elected as Associate Professor of Biochemistry at the Department of Chemistry, University of Athens, Greece. His research interests are focused on how epigenetic mechanisms can regulate cell differentiation and proliferation during development in health and disease. In his research career he has managed to contribute more than 40 peer-reviewed publications in high profile Journals and Books