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Biography

Ourania Tsitsilonis is Professor of Immunology at the Department of Biology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA). She majored in Biology and Medicine from NKUA, and received her PhD in Immunology from the same University. She worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Tuebingen , Germany and the Department of Immunology, “St. Savas” Cancer Hospital, Athens, where in parallel she performed her Biopathology residency. Since 2002, she is faculty member at the Department of Biology NKUA, where she teaches Immunology and Physiology at under- and post-graduate level. Her main scientific interests focus on tumor immunology and immunotherapy, specifically in the in vitro and in vivo analysis of the mode of action of biologic response modifiers/adjuvants and the identification of novel prognostic/predictive biomarkers and immune signatures in various malignancies, mainly plasma cell dyscrasias. She has published more than 120 original articles, has successfully supervised 12 PhD theses, many MSc and diploma theses. She has coordinated/participated in projects funded by National (Hellenic Ministries of Development, Health, Education, Empirikion Foundation, Latsis Foundation, HESMO) and International (EU, DAAD, NATO) organizations. She established and heads the Flow Cytometry Unit of NKUA (since 2016), she is Director of the Laboratory of Integrated Physiology at the Department of Biology (since 2018), coordinating board member of the NKUA Centre of Excellence “Bioactive Natural Products” (since 2018), member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Pasteur Institute (since 2023), and Visiting Professor of Tumor Immunology at the European University Cyprus (since 2019).