

Spyros Georgatos (SG) was born in 1956 in Pireas, Greece, and entered the Athens University School of Medicine in 1974. He graduated in 1980 and moved to the US, where he did his Ph.D at Yale University. In 1984, he joined the Blobel Lab at Rockefeller University. In 1990 he was offered the position of a Group leader at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL, Heidelberg, Germany), where he stayed until 1996. The same year, he moved to the University of Crete, Heraklion, Greece, accepting an Associate Professorship. In 2002, he was elected as a Professor in the University of Ioannina School of Medicine. His current research interests concern the remodeling of chromatin during differentiation of the embryonic stem cells. He has published 66 papers, with app. 5000 citations and an h-index of 41.

Over the years, SG's lab has generated reagents that have been tried and tested by numerous other laboratories. These include specific antibodies recognizing lamins, LBR, LAP1, LAP2 and histone modifications (H3T3ph, PMM mark). The lab has also generated cDNA clones, as well as stable lines of somatic and embryonic stem cells that lack or over-express HP1, LBR or Haspin.

SG has trained or collaborated with 80 diploma students, graduate students, post-docs and technicians. Ten of these colleagues are now Faculty or permanent personnel in Research Centers and Academic Institutions in the US and Europe.

While serving in Crete, SG established the first Confocal Microscopy Facility in the country. After joining the University of Ioannina School of Medicine and the Division of Biomedical Research (IMBB, FORTH-ITE), he helped organize the Super-resolution Light Microscopy Unit that is now in place.

SG has received the Irma T. Hirsch/Monique Weil-Caulier Career Scientist Award (USA) in 1989. A milestone in his scientific career has been his election as a regular member in the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) in 1999.

In the period 2015-2016, SG joined the Ministry of Education and Research, where he designed from scratch the Hellenic Foundation of Research and Innovation (H.F.R.I.) and negotiated a starting fund with the European Investment Bank. He is active in the domain of Science Policy and Education, serving as the President of the National Council for Education and Development of Human Capital (since 2017) and as an elected Vice-Rector responsible for Research in the University of Ioannina (since 2018). He has been also serving (since 2016) as the representative of Greece in EMBL Council.

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