

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

Athanasios Konstantinidis, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor of Respiratory Medicine

Athanasios Konstantinidis graduated from the Medical School of the University of Ioannina in 1991 with grade: "Very Good: 8.1 ". He was trained in Respiratory Medicine, at the University Hospital of Ioannina, Division of Respiratory Medicine. The last 5 months of his training in Respiratory Medicine were carried out at the Free University Hospital - Vrije Universiteit, Division of Pulmonology, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. He subsequently successfully completed his doctoral thesis, entitled: "Genetics and Airway Expression of IL-13 Receptors in Asthma," at the University of Southampton, UK, Division of Human Genetics & Division of Infection, Inflammation and Repair. During his dissertation he described the polymorphisms of IL13RA1 and IL13RA2 genes and their genetic associations with asthma, as well as the expression of IL-13R α 1 IL-13R α 2 in human airway epithelial cells, airway fibroblasts and human airway biopsies. After obtaining his USA medical license (USMLE/ECFMG certification), following successful examinations, he initially completed an Internal Medicine Residency Program at Bridgeport Hospital, Connecticut, Yale School of Medicine affiliated. During his training at Bridgeport Hospital, he worked in the Medical Intensive Care Unit for 6 months and in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit for 2 months. He was then trained in Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Division of Allergy/Immunology, a tertiary referral center for patients with severe asthma, ABPA, hyperosinophilic syndromes, and primary immunodeficiencies. During his clinical training in Chicago, he worked in parallel with Professor Schleimer and Dr. Lu to demonstrate the role of steroid receptor isoforms in the apoptotic effects of corticosteroids on dendritic cells.

Since 2010 he has been Assistant Professor of Respiratory Medicine in the Division of Respiratory Medicine at the University of Ioannina School of Medicine. He has served as Head of the Division of Respiratory Medicine at the University Hospital of Ioannina, from September 2014 until January 2019. He has been the Scientific Director of the Sleep Laboratory, Division of Respiratory Medicine, since 2014. He has become “Somnologist Expert in Sleep Medicine” since 2017, following successful completion of the examinations organized by the European Sleep Study Society. His research activities focus on respiratory infections, obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome, asthma and COPD.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EDUCATION AND WORKING/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

MEDICAL EDUCATION **09/1985 - 09/1991**
Medical School of the University of Ioannina
Ioannina, Greece
Doctor of Medicine

APPOINTMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOANNINA

- Assistant Professor of Respiratory Medicine, **06/2010 - present**
Medical School of the University of Ioannina.
- Scientific Director, Sleep Laboratory, Division of Respiratory **09/2014 - present**
Medicine. University Hospital of Ioannina.
- Head, Division of Respiratory Medicine **09/2014 – 01/2019**
University Hospital of Ioannina

QUALIFICATIONS

- Doctor of Medicine (Medical School of the University of Ioannina) **1991**
- Accreditation in Respiratory Medicine (Greece) **1998**
- PhD Degree (University of Southampton, UK) **2005**
- USMLE/ECFMG (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates) Certificate (USA) **1998**
- American Board of Internal Medicine (USA) **2006**
- American Board of Allergy and Immunology (USA) **2008**
- Somnologist Expert in Sleep Medicine **2017**
(European Sleep Research Society Certified)

PREVIOUS POSTS - TRAINING

Allergy/Clinical Immunology Fellow **07/2006 – 06/2008**

Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Feinberg School of Medicine

Division of Allergy/Immunology

Chicago, IL, USA.

Program Directors: Professor P. Greenberger and Dr. P. Avila

Medical Resident **07/2003 – 06/2006**

Department of Internal Medicine

Bridgeport Hospital, Yale New Haven Health

Bridgeport, CT, USA.

Program Director: Dr. C. Manthous, Internal Medicine
and Critical Care specialist.

PhD student**03/1999 – 06/2003**

Southampton University, United Kingdom

Divisions of Human Genetics & Infection, Inflammation and Repair

Southampton, UK.

Supervisors: Professor S. Holgate and Professor I. Day

Respiratory Medicine Fellow

University Hospital of Ioannina

11/1995 - 11/1998

Ioannina, Greece.

Program Director: Professor S. H. Constantopoulos

Medical Resident**06/1994 – 09/1995**

University Hospital of Ioannina

Ioannina, Greece.

Program Director. Professor M. Elisaf

Medical Resident**03/1994 – 07/1995**

Community Health Office

Gardiki Thesprotias, Greece

SELECTED KEY PUBLICATIONS

- Charisis A, Tatsioni A, Gartzonika C, Gogali A, Archimandriti D, Katsanos C, Efthymiou A, Katsenos S, Daskalopoulos G, Levidiotou S, Constantopoulos SH, **Konstantinidis AK**. Value of adding an IGRA to the TST to screen for latent tuberculous infection in Greek health care workers. Int J Tuberc Lung Dis 2014;18:1040-1046.

- Cao Y, Bender IK, **Konstantinidis AK**, Shin SC, Jewell CM, Cidlowski JA, Schleimer RP, Lu NZ. Glucocorticoid receptor translational isoforms underlie maturational stage-specific glucocorticoid sensitivities of dendritic cells in mice and humans. *Blood* 2013;121:1553-62.
- **Konstantinidis AK**, Puddicombe SM, Mochizuki A, Sheth PD, Yang IA, Yoshisue H, Wilson SJ, Davies DE, Holgate ST, Holloway JW. Cellular localization of Interleukin-13 receptor $\alpha 2$ in human primary bronchial epithelial cells and fibroblasts. *J Investig Allergol Clin Immunol* 2008;18:174-180.
- **Konstantinidis AK**, Barton S, Sayers I, Yang I, Rorke S, Lordan J, Keith T, Clough JB, Holgate ST, Holloway JW. Genetic association studies of interleukin-13 receptor $\alpha 1$ subunit gene polymorphisms in asthma and atopy. *Eur Respir J* 2007;30:40-47.