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## **Short bio**

George Manganaris is currently Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural Sciences, Biotechnology & Food Science at Cyprus University of Technology. He entered the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Division of Agricultural Sciences in 1993 and followed a 5-year bachelor degree. He continued his post-graduate studies in the same University. In particular, he completed an MSc degree in the field of 'Genetic Improvement and Plant Physiology' in 2001 and awarded his PhD degree in 2004. He was appointed as contract Assistant Professor in the Technological Educational Institution of Thessaloniki (Department of Crop Production) and in the Technological Educational Institution of West Macedonia (Department of Marketing and Qualitative Control of Rural Products). During his studies, he was a recipient of two competitive fellowships given by the State Scholarship Foundation of Greece. He was also granted a fund by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki for entering the Master of Science Program and an award of excellence for postdoctoral research associate. In July 2006 he was offered an appointment as post-doc employee from the University of California at Davis (Department of Plant Sciences). From February 2007, after receiving a Marie Curie Individual Intra European fellowship (EIF fellowships), he was employed by the University of Padova (Division of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Environmental Agronomy & Crop Science). From 2009 onwards, he is Academic Staff at Cyprus University of Technology, initially as Lecturer (2009-2013) and then as Assistant Professor. He is responsible of the CUT Fruit Sciences/Posharvest Group. His scientific interests includes the quality evaluation/phytochemical profile of fleshy fruits with the use of physiological, biochemical and molecular approaches, the elucidation of fruit ripening syndrome with emphasis in the development of physiological disorders and overall the postharvest maintenance of fresh produce. In addition, he is involved in projects dealing with the application of environmentally friendly methods for maintaining quality of horticultural crops and the responsiveness of plants to abiotic stress conditions and/or priming agents. He is Council Member of Greece for the International Society for Horticultural Science and member of the Management Committee of EU COST Action FA1104, entitled 'Sustainable production of high-quality cherries for the European market' acting as the Cypriot representative and leader of the Work Package entitled 'Crop Production'.

To date, Dr. Manganaris is the author of 37 scientific papers (19 as senior author) in peer-reviewed journals (819 citations, h-index=16). Data from his work have also been presented in review papers (5), book chapters (7) and full texts in Conference proceedings (9). He is the Editor of the Proceedings of the 25th Hellenic Symposium of Horticultural ScienceS and of the V International Postharvest Unlimited Symposium, (Acta Horticulturae 1079)

Dr. Manganaris is Associate Editor in the Journal of Horticultural Science & Biotechnology <a href="http://www.jhortscib.com/">http://www.jhortscib.com/</a>, Editorial Board Member in Frontiers in Plant Science, while he has handled over 260 reviews as ad hoc reviewer in 45 refereed journals. He was appointed by the Hellenic Quality Assurance Agency of Higher Education to participate in the External Evaluation process (as a committee member) of four Departments in Greece. He has been also assigned to evaluate competitive research proposals from different countries (France, Belgium, Greece), as well as examiner of MSc thesis/PhD dissertations (Italy, United Kingdom, Greece).

## Education

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