

# Curriculum Vitae

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- EDUCATION:**
- University of North London (UNL), UK** 10/94 - 07/99  
PhD in Chemistry  
Iron complexes of quinone mono-oximes and their potential as agents for the treatment of iron deficiency in plants
- Cyprus International Institute of Management (CIIM),** 01/04 - 11/06  
Cyprus  
MBA
- University of Athens, Greece** 09/89 - 07/94  
Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
- HONORS:**
- Scholarship from the Cyprus Republic for the University of Athens
  - Scholarship from the Leventis Foundation for the UNL
  - Graduate of the Royal Society of Chemistry
  - Member of the Cyprus Society of Chemistry
- EXPERIENCE:**
- Department of Environment, Nicosia, Cyprus** 12/13 – Present  
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SENIOR OFFICER
- Climate Change Risk Assessment
  - INDCs and 2015 Agreement for climate change
- Permanent Representation of Cyprus to the United Nations**  
**Agencies for Food and Agriculture, Rome, Italy** 09/08 – 11/13  
ALTERNATE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE (Agricultural Attaché)
- Representing Cyprus at the meetings of UN Agencies (FAO, WFP, IFAD)
  - Taking an active role in the EU Coordination Meetings
  - Writing reports to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment.
  - ERG Chair
  - OECD Chair
- Agricultural Research Institute, Nicosia, Cyprus** 06/02 – 08/08  
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SENIOR OFFICER
- In charge of the laboratory
  - Checking all the routine analysis and supervising the work that takes place
- Mundipharma Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Nicosia, Cyprus** 09/01 - 05/02  
QUALITY CONTROL MANAGER
- Writing all the SOPs
  - Checking the analysis of the finished products
  - Writing up the certificate of analysis of raw materials and finished products
- University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus** 01/01- 06/01  
VISITING LECTURER, Department of Chemistry
- Teach Inorganic chemistry to fourth year chemistry students
  - Demonstrate Laboratory Techniques to undergraduate chemistry students, and supervise them in their practical performance

**Medochemie**, Limassol, Cyprus  
SENIOR SCIENTIST

10/99 - 11/00

- Evaluate scientific findings
- Validate analytical methods
- Perform stability studies of the pharmaceutical products
- Compile testing specifications

**University of North London**, London, UK  
VISITING LECTURER, School of Biological and Applied Sciences

10/95 - 06/99

- Instruct Chemistry Tutorials to undergraduate chemistry students
- Demonstrate Laboratory Techniques to undergraduate chemistry students, and supervise them in their practical performance

**COMPUTER SKILLS:**

Windows 2000 XP, Vista, 7, Lotus Smart Suite, Microsoft Office, Word Perfect, Internet, Chemwind, Wimp2000, Matlab Suite, MS-DOS, SAS, BIDS

**LANGUAGES:**

Fluent in Greek and English, proficient in French, fair in Italian.

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Selected to participate in the Pre-Doctoral Symposium of the Royal Society of Chemistry, Fall 1997. Presented my research entitled “Metal Complexes of sulphonated derivatives of 1,2-naphthoquinone-1-oxime-3,6-disulphonic acid ”
- Helped organise and participated in the conference “The Cyprus Community of the UK ....Towards 2000”, June 1997
- Helped organise and participated in the conference “Cyprus and the European Union: a Challenge”, June 1995
- Alumni Ambassador of University of North London in Cyprus.
- Participation in Chemical Food Safety Network for the enlarging Europe.
- Participation in Risk Assessment of Pesticides.

**TRAINING COURSES:**

Training course on “Environmental Cost Benefit and Impact Assessment”, Malta, October 2002.

Training course on “Organoleptic Assessment of Olive Oil”, Limassol, October 2002.

Training course on “Estimating Uncertainty in Analytical Chemistry”, Nicosia, November 2002.

Training programme at Cyprus Academy of Public Administration on “Induction Courses for Newcomers in the Public Service”, Nicosia, November 2002.

Training programme at Cyprus Academy of Public Administration on “Basic training programme on EU issues”, Nicosia, April 2003.

Advanced Training Course on Irrigation/Fertigation, Nicosia, June 2003.

Training programme on “European Legislation on foodstuffs and its application in industry and businesses of Cyprus”, Nicosia, September 2003.

Training course in “Risk Assessment of Pesticides”, Nicosia, 2003-2004.

Training course for Assessors and Technical Experts, Nicosia, January 2004.

Training programme “Diametros” -Part A, Nicosia, May 2004.

Training programme “Diametros” -Part B, Nicosia, October 2004.

**PRESENT RESEARCH:**

1. Project PHYTOPEST (2004-2006) funded by Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation **Risk assessment of ten pesticides in Cyprus.**
2. Project SAFEFOODNET (2005-2006) funded by European 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme **Chemical food safety for the enlarging Europe.**
3. Project INTERREGIIC/FARVALDI (2005-2007) funded by the European Union **Cross-border action for the conservation of agrobiodiversity.**
4. Project funded by the Agricultural Research Institute **Changes in the Chemical Composition of Basil caused by different drying procedures.**
5. Project funded by Agricultural Research Institute **Post-harvest management of**

**WORKSHOPS,  
SEMINARS,  
MEETINGS:**

**potatoes.**

Integrated Water Management Policy Aspects. Nicosia-Cyprus, June 19-21, 2003.  
Workshop on “Integration of Gender Dimension in Water Management in the Mediterranean Region”, Bari-Italy, June 3-5, 2004.  
European Conference on “Women and Sustainable Rural Development in Europe”, Nicosia-Cyprus, June 7-10, 2004.  
Kick-off meeting of SAFEFOODNET, Milan-Italy, February 11-14, 2005.  
First annual meeting of SAFEFOODNET, Prague-Czech Republic, January 20-21, 2006.  
SETAC (Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry) Europe 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Hague, Netherlands, 7-11 May 2006.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Christina Pitta, 1999. Iron complexes of quinone mono-oximes and their potential as agents for the treatment of iron deficiency in plants. PhD Thesis. University of North London.

Chimonidou Dora, Christina Pitta and I. Papadopoulos, 2004. Integration of Gender Dimension in Water Management in Cyprus. Proceedings of the Workshop on Integration of Gender Dimension in Water Resources Use and Management in the Mediterranean Region (INGEDI), June 2-6, 2004, Bari, Italy. Options Meditterraneenes, Series A, No 62 p. 59-66.

Dora Chimonidou, Androniki Bolla, Christina Pitta, Loukia Vassiliou and Henriette Mc Put, 2005. Possibility of Transferring Aroma from *Rosa damascena* to Tea Hybrid Cultivars by Hybridization. In Proceedings of the Fourth International Symposium on Rose Research and Cultivation. Santa Barbara, California, 18-22 September 2005, (Acta Horticulturae, in press).

Chimonidou Dora, Bolla Androniki, Christina Pitta, Kyriakou G., Vassiliou Loukia, Christoforou S. and Papafotiou Maria, 2005. Programme of Transferring Aroma from *Rosa damascena* to Tea Hybrid Cultivars by Hybridization. In Proceedings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Hellenic of Science Society on Horticulture, Patra, Greece, 18-22 October, 2005 (in press).

Y. M. Ioannou, N. Ioannou, C. Pitta, N. Seraphides, V. Vassiliou, A. K. Kouppari, S. C. Michaelidou, P. Ziegler and N. Papasavva, 2006. Risk Assessment of ten pesticides in Cyprus. The Toxicologist (Book of Abstracts), Vol., 90, Number 1, p. 469.