

BIO – HARIS ALEXOPOULOS



Haris Alexopoulos is currently an Assistant Professor in Cell Biology in the Department of Cell Biology & Biophysics, Faculty of Biology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA). Dr. Alexopoulos studied Biology in NKUA and then moved to the University of Sussex where he earned his master's and doctoral degrees in Cell Biology/Biochemistry and Life Sciences. In 2002 he moved to the University of Oxford as a Wellcome Training Fellow (Advisor, Prof. Angela Vincent FRS), to study the cellular basis of Narcolepsy and Stiff-Person Syndrome using autoimmune cellular, *ex vivo* and animal models. He was also elected as a Research Member of Wolfson College, Oxford.

Since then his research is focused on the investigation of the cellular-molecular mechanisms of autoimmunity affecting the nervous system by using both human samples and cellular, *ex vivo* models. In 2007 he was recruited in the Faculty of Medicine, NKUA to establish, alongside Prof. Marinos Dalakas, the Neuroimmunology Unit, which became a Reference Center for both diagnosis and research in autoimmune neurological disorders. In early 2021 he became a short-term EMBO fellow at the Department of Clinical Neurosciences, Karolinska Institute (Prof. Anna Fogdell-Hahn) and in July 2021 he joined the Faculty of Biology, NKUA as an Assistant Professor in Cell Biology. He has published 50 peer-reviewed papers and several book chapters (>2200 citations, h-index 27), has presented over 60 abstracts in international conferences and has given over 30 talks as an invited speaker in national and international scientific meetings. During 2018-20 he was an elected member of the executive Board for the Hellenic Society for Neuroscience and is a founding member of the Hellenic Brain Council. He has served on the organizing committee of the International Summer School of Immunology (held biannually) and he is a member of Hellenic and international scientific societies. He is also a member of the editorial board of the scientific journals *Frontiers in Neurology* and *BMC Neurology*. Assist. Prof. H. Alexopoulos is also actively engaged in several science communication projects.