

Detailed Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (the most important)

- **European Projects and Youth Policy Officer at Thessaloniki European Youth Capital 2014** (06/2013-12/2014). The positions was about grand writing and project coordination, and also the Liaison Office with the European Youth Forum and the Network of European Youth Capitals.
- **Coordinator of Forest Task Force of BirdLife Europe** (2010-2014) and of **Hellenic Ornithological Society/Birdlife Greece** (2008-), positions which include both EU and national policy work and conservation work.
- **North Greece Officer at Hellenic Ornithological Society** (5/2007-31/12/2011). Coordinating or participating in several H.O.S. projects, from which the most important: "*Argent actions for threatened birds of prey of Greece*" (04-10/2002 and 01-04/2004), "*Eco – Development of SE Peloponisos/ Leader+*" (9/2004–5/2005), "*Assessment and mapping of High Nature Value Forest and Agricultural Areas of Greece*" (2007-2008), "*Monitoring and conservation actions in Natura 2000 site in Greece*" (03/2008-12/2011) which included a relevant EVS project, "*Research on the cormorants diet and its effect on the fishes of Axios River Delta* (07/2008-12/2008)" - Coordinator of the permanent H.O.S. local project in Agras- Vrita-Nisi Wetland, Edessa (2008-2011)
- **Technical Assistant at the Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes**, Greece (09/06-01/07)
- **Technical Assistant at "Non public Forestry"/ 3rd Community Support Framework** in the West Macedonia Region, Greece (9/2005- 1/2007)
- **Lecturer at the Technological Institute of Forestry** (Karpenisi, Greece): Pedology and Forest Recreation. (2004-2005)
- **Researcher at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**, Greece for the FP7 projects "*The role of animal husbandry on the rangelands and landscape protection and development at the buffer zone of the lake Koronia*" (4/2004-9/2005), "*Evaluation of the animal husbandry impacts on desertification at the Mediterranean rangelands*" (1/10-12/2003), "*Geomatics and evaluation on sustainable development of the Mediterranean rangelands*" (7-8/2001 and 1/2002 -09/2003)
- **Freelancer in several studies** on Protected Areas - Special Protection Studies (since 2001), Forest Recreation (since 2004), Reedbeds management (2003) and mine restoration by creating wetlands (2006).
- **Forester at the Civil Forest Service** of Kozani, Greece (8/2005 – 11/2005)
- **Teacher at Vocational Training Institute** of Kozani and Thessaloniki, Greece: "*Health & Safety*" and "*Forest Protection*" (2003-2004, 2005-2006)
- **Participation in several environmental education projects** of Hellenic Ornithological Society and "Mama Earth" (1999-2011)

STUDIES

- **Ph.D. of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (A.U.Th.), Forest, and Natural Environment School**, Fresh Waters Management Laboratory. Thesis title: "*Evaluation of the sedimentation hazard for reservoirs by using GIS and Remote Sensing (Implementation: Artificial Lake of Polifitos, Pr. Kozani)*". (01/10/2010)
- **Graduated student of Master of the A.U.Th, Forest, and Natural Environment School**. Specialization on Rangeland Ecology, Wild Fauna and Natural Waters Ichthyology (26/06/2003)
- **Personal certification for studies** from the Ministry for Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works of Greece, A' Class for Forest studies and Environmental studies (11/2004)
- **National Youth Trainer** for the National Youth Agency (Greek Institute of Youth and Long-life Learning). (2014-2020)

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Member of the Trainer Registry under the framework of EU Erasmus+ for Youth (2014 – 2020)
- Member of the Advisory Group on Forestry & Cork, DG Agriculture of EU (2010- 2014)
- Member of the Working Experts Group Forest & Natura2000: Opportunities & Challenges, DG Environment of EU (2012-2014)
- Member of the Management Committee at the Actions COST FP1206 “Orchestra” and FP1207 “EuForMix” (2013-2017)
- Member of the Board of Directors at UNESCO Youth Club of Thessaloniki (2014-)
- Member of the Working Experts Group on Forest Information, DG Agriculture of EU (2011-2012)
- Member of the Thematically Groups of Strategic Planning (TGSP) of the Program “Rural development of Greece 2007-2013” “Agrienviromental Actions- Climate Change” (TGSP4) and “Forestry- Climate Change” (TGSP5)
- Member of the Working Group of “Thessaloniki European Youth Capital” (2012)
- Member of the Board of Directors as a representative of Environmental NGOs at the Management Authority of the National Park of Lakes Koronia- Volvi and at the National Park of Rodopi Mountain (2009-)
- Member of the Board of Directors of Society for the Protection of Prespa (2008-2011)
- Member of the Management Committee of Leader+ of Thessaloniki Regional Unit (2008-)

FOREIGN LANGUAGES & PC

- Proficiency in English (ECPE). Michigan University. June 2007
- Self-educated in Italian (basic knowledge)
- ArcGIS, IDRISI, ERDAS, ENVI, Microsoft Office, Internet, Adobe photoshop, Windows, Facebook, Instagram

SEMINARS

- “Youth Capitals in Action”: Large Scale Events (1-8/06/2014), Funding and Fundraising (17-23/07/2014)
- “Together in Europe Labor Migration”: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (28-30/09/2012 Ochrid FYROM, Tirana Albania 18-20/01/2013, Thessaloniki Greece 17-19/05/2013, Skopje FYROM 01-03/11/2013)
- “European Youth and Culture Capitals”: Youth in Action (Cluj Napoca Romania 28/5-2/6 2013)
- “European Youth Capital and its link to the EU Youth Policy”: Youth in Action & Nederlands Jeugd Institute (Maribor Slovenia 05-07/03/2013)
- “Volunteering for sustainability”: Grundtvig (Stockholm Sweden 21-25/09/2011)
- “Adaptive Management”: Foundations of Success (Kerkini Greece 1-5/11/2010)
- “Volunteering”: RSPB (Athens Greece 4-5/03/2009)
- “Trading in Goods & Services”: RSPB (Bulgaria 23-28/06/2008)
- “ENVI: Basic training”: A.U.Th. (Thessaloniki Greece 11-13/04/2006)
- “Research Methodology and Project Management”: A.U.Th.(Thessaloniki Greece 15/12-15/1/04/2005)
- “Environmental Impacts Studies”: Technical Chamber of Greece (Thessaloniki Greece 22/3-30/6/2004).
- “Spatial Decision Support Systems for Environmental Analysis”: A.U.Th.(Thessaloniki Greece 6/2004).
- “Use of experiential techniques on environmental education”: Mama Earth (Thessaloniki Greece 05/03-11/5/2004)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Member of the Network of European Youth Capitals
- Member and volunteer at Greek NGOs (mostly BirdLife Greece, UNESCO Youth Club της Θεσσαλονίκης and Guide Girls) and at National History and Culture Museum of Kozani
- Coordinator of the informal Network of Volunteer NGOs of Thessaloniki “Thess Diktio” (2011-2012)
- Active member of the scientific societies “Greek Forestry Society” and “Hellenic Range and Pastures Society”. Founding member of “European Agroforestry Network” and “Greek Agroforestry Network”
- Member of the Forest Task Force of Birdlife Europe (2007-2014) of BirdLife Europe
- Member of the Forest Task Force of BirdLife Europe (2007-)Member of the Environmental Education Task Force of Hellenic Ornithological Society (2008-)

PUBLICATIONS

- Kakouros P., **P. Kourakli**, P. Hasilidis and R. Tsiakiris 2014. *Synergies between forest biomass exploitation and grazing for avifauna conservation and rural economy*. 8th PanHellenic Range and Pasture Conference, Thessaloniki 01-03/10/2014.
- **Kourakli P.**, A. Demertzi, P. Karagianni, S. Liouza, E. Parharidou and V. Raitsinis 2013. *Wet grasslands and biodiversity: a case study from Greece*. In: Vrahnakis M., Kyriazopoulos A.P., Chouvardas D. and G. Fotiadis (eds), *Dry Grasslands of Europe: Grazing and Ecosystem Services*. ISBN 978-960-86416-5-5, Hellenic Range and Pasture Society (HERPAS). pp. 192 – 197.
- Chouvardas D., Bousbouras D., Ispikoudis I., **Kourakly P.** and M. Daglaroglou. **2011**. *Implementation of an environmental monitoring system of Kastoria Prefecture by using landscape health indicators*. Scientific Annals of the School of Forestry and Natural Environment. Dedicated to the late Professor N. Stamos. Volume ME/2002/45 (In Greek with English summary).
- **Kourakli P.** and P. Stefanidis 2011. *Erosion and development of erosion models in Europe*. 4th Environmental Conference of Macedonia, Greece. Thessaloniki, Greece 18-20/03/2011.
- **Kourakli P.**, A. Bounas, H. Tsilianidis and G. Fotiadis. *Coastal salinas for birds, for nature, for people*. 8th European Dry Grasslands Meeting. Ukraine, 13-17/6/2011.
- **Kourakli P.** D. Markopoulou, D. Chouvardas, A. Manolopoulos, D. Portolou and A. Dimaleksis 2009. *Estimating High Nature Value forests in Greece*. 14th Pan-Hellenic Forestry Conference. Patra 4-7/10/2009.
- **Kourakli P.** and A. Dimaleksis 2009. *Compatibility of conservation and promotion in protected areas: "Ecotourism and environmental awareness"*. 3rd Environmental Conference of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Thessaloniki 15-17/10/2009
- Karagianni P., E. Parcharidou, **P. Kourakli** and V. Goutner 2009. *Preliminary study on the feeding ecology of squacco heron (Ardeola ralloides), little bittern (Ixobrychus minutus) and black-crowned night heron (Nycticorax nycticorax) at the wetland of Agras-Bryta–Nisi, Northern Greece*. 11th International Congress on the Zoogeography And Ecology Of Greece And Adjacent Regions. Iraklio, 21-25 September 21 2009
- Tsilianidis Ch., An. Bounas, Ath.Samaras, Ir. Tsikopoulou, D. Vavylis and **P. Kourakli** 2009. *Tracking bird's biodiversity in the city of Thessaloniki, Greece*. 11th International Congress on the Zoogeography and Ecology Of Greece And Adjacent Regions. Iraklio, 21-25 September 21 2009
- Chouvardas D., Ch. Evangelou, **P. Kourakly**, I. Ispikoudis, and V.P. Papanastasis 2009. Temporal evolution of forest landscapes in relation to socioeconomic changes: the case of Hortiatis watershed in Greece. In the Book: *Woodland Cultures in Time and Space: tales from the past, messages for the future* (E. Saratsi et al. eds). Embryo Publications, Athens. pp. 346 - 353, ISBN 978-960-8002-53-1
- Dimaleksis A., D. Markopoulou, A. Manolopoulos, **P. Kourakli**, D. Portolou, M. Vitaliotou and D. Chouvardas 2008. *Estimating High Nature Value agricultural forest areas in Greece*. Abstract Volume of 4th Pan-Hellenic Conference "Modern trends in the research of ecology". University of Thessalia. Volos 9 – 12/10/2008
- **Kourakli P.**, Y. Tsougrakis and S. Bourdakis 2006. Development of a G.I.S. grid for the atlas of breeding birds of prey in Greece. 10th International Conference of Zoogeography and Ecology of Greece and Adjacent Regions. Patra, Greece, June 26-30, 2006
- **Kourakli P.** And V. Papanastasis 2006. Assessment and mapping of the site quality in the rangelands of Greece with the use of G.I.S. *Geotechnical Scientific Matters*, Geotechnical Chamber of Greece, p. 28-39. (In Greek with English summary)
- **Kourakli P.** and V. Papanastasis 2004. Site quality concept in rangelands. 4th Pan-Hellenic Rangelands Conference. Volos, 10-12/11/2005. p. 250-257. (In Greek with English summary)
- Kolios S., **P. Kourakli** and A. Bais 2004. UVA and UVB Radiation analysis and mapping for Greece by using GIS. 7th Pan-Hellenic Geographical Conference. Mitilini 14-17/10/2004. p. 383-389. (In Greek with English summary)
- Ispikoudis I., Chouvardas D. and **P. Kourakli** 2003. Visual assessment and evaluation of the landscape of the Venetikos river area. 11th Pan-Hellenic Forestry Conference. Ancient Olympia, 30/9-2/10/2003. p. 187-192. (In Greek with English summary)
- **Kourakly P.**, A. Sidiropoulou, P. Kostopoulou & I. Ispikoudis 2003. *Impacts of livestock husbandry on the landscape*. Animal production and natural resources utilization in the Mediterranean mountain areas. International Symposium. Ioannina, Epirus, Greece, 5-7 June 2003