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Dr. Victoria Samanidou was born on the 11th of January 1963, in Thessaloniki, Greece. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, in 1985, from the Chemistry Department of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. From 20-7-86 to 25-8-86 she joined the Institute of Ecological Chemistry, in GSF, Attaching/Freising, Germany, for additional work on her PhD Thesis, as well as research work on Photochemistry and study of photodecomposition products of chlorophenols by HPLC-Diode array and GC-MS. From 15-7-87 to 4-9-87 she joined the Institute of Ecological Chemistry, in GSF, Neuherberg-Munich, Germany, for additional work on her PhD Thesis, as well as research work on carbamate analysis by HPLC and GC-MS. From 1-7-88 to 30-9-88 she joined the Institute of Ecological Chemistry, in GSF, Neuherberg-Munich, Germany, for additional work on her PhD Thesis, as well as research work on controlled release of pesticides by HPLC and GC-MS.

In 1990 she obtained a doctorate (Ph.D.) in Chemistry from the Department of Chemistry of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. The topic of her Thesis was "Distribution and mobilization of heavy metals in waters and sediments from rivers in Northern Greece". In the same year Dr. Samanidou joined the Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry, in the Department of Chemistry of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, as

Technical Assistant. Nine years later she was elected as Lecturer in the Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. In 2007, she joined the Institute of Analytical Chemistry and Radiochemistry in Graz Technical University, for four months, developing methods by LC-MS/MS.

Since 2015, Dr Samanidou is Full Professor in the Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.

Dr Samanidou has authored and co-authored more than 170 original research articles in peer reviewed journals and 50 reviews and 50 chapters in scientific books, with H-index 36 (Scopus November 2019, <http://orcid.org/0000-0002-8493-1106>, Scopus Author ID 7003896015) and ca 3800 citations. She has supervised four PhD Theses, 24 postgraduate Diploma Theses, 2 postdoc researchers and more than 15 undergraduate Diploma Theses. She has served as Member of 10 advisory PhD committees, 21 examination PhD committees and 32 examination committees of postgraduate Diploma Theses. She is member of editorial board of more than 10 scientific journals and she has reviewed ca 500 manuscripts in more than 100 scientific journals. She was also guest editor in more than 10 special issues in scientific journals. She has served as Academic Editor for Separations mdpj, as Re-

gional editor in *Current Analytical Chemistry* and as Editor in Chief of *Pharmaceutica Analytica Acta*.

Her educational activities include Laboratory Practice in Instrumental Chemical Analysis, Qualitative Chemical Analysis, Principles of Analytical Chemistry, Separation Methods in Chemical Analysis, Specific separation methods of chemical analysis, Qualitative analysis in Geology and Agricultural Department, Quantitative Chemical Analysis, Environmental Pollution Control, Environmental Chemistry, as well as lectures in Undergraduate and postgraduate courses Separation methods in chemical Analysis, Instrumental Chemical Analysis, Specific methods of separation and chemical analysis, Qualitative Chemical Analysis, Bioanalytical Chemistry, Specific methods of analysis as well as in Postgraduate Studies: Advanced Separation Techniques in Instrumental Chemical Analysis, Advanced Analytical Chemistry and Research Methodology.

Her research interests include:

1. Development and validation of analytical methods for the determination of inorganic and organic substances using chromatographic techniques:
 - High Pressure Liquid Chromatography (HPLC).
 - Liquid Chromatography Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS).
 - High Pressure Ion Chromatography (HPLC).
 - Gas Chromatography (GC).
2. Development and optimization of methodology for sample preparation of various samples e.g. food, biological fluids etc, in terms of selective extraction of analytes, using modern sample pre-treatment techniques such as solid phase extraction, matrix solid phase dispersion, membranes, sonication, microwaves etc.
3. Study of new chromatographic materials used in separation and sample preparation (polymeric sorbents, monoliths, carbon nanotubes, fused core particles etc) compared to conventional materials.
4. Application of HPLC in the analysis of different samples such as food, biological fluids, pharmaceuticals, environmental, forensics etc.
5. Application of Ion Chromatography in environmental pollution elimination.

She has established collaboration with several research groups in Greek as well as European and USA universities. She has also been Member of organizing and scientific committee in 20 scientific conferences.

Since December 2015 Dr. Samanidou has been elected as

President of the Steering Committee of the Division of Central and Western Macedonia of the Greek Chemists' Association. In November 2018 she has been reelected to serve at the same leading position for 3 years more.

She is the mother of two daughters. One is PhD candidate in Chemistry and the other is Pharmacist (graduated in March 2019). She can speak fluently four languages (Greek, English, German and French).

A milestone in her career was in 2016, when she was included in top 50 power list of women in Analytical Science, as proposed by Texere Publishers (<https://theanalyticalscientist.com/power-list/the-power-list-2016>).

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