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Scientific Interests

- Biochemistry: Structure and Function of Proteins.
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- X-ray crystallographic methods and structural determination of materials focusing on biomacromolecules.
 - Method development for structural biology.
- Synchrotron radiation, data collection – analytical methods and instrumentation for the structural characterization of biomacromolecules (X-ray single crystal/ powder diffraction).

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Personal Information

Family name, First name: Margiolaki, Irene, Nationality: Greek

Education

2004 (20/02/ 2004) DPhil, School of Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Science, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK, Supervisor: Prof. Kosmas Prassides

1999 BSc, Department of Physics, University of Crete, Heraklion, Crete, Greece

Current Positions

2023–present Professor, Section of Genetics, Cell & Developmental Biology/Department of Biology/University of Patras/ Patras/ Greece

Previous Positions

2023–today Professor, Section of Genetics, Cell & Developmental Biology/Department of Biology/University of Patras/ Patras/ Greece

2019–2023 Associate Professor, Section of Genetics, Cell & Developmental Biology/Department of Biology/University of Patras/ Patras/ Greece

2015–2019 Assistant Professor, Section of Genetics, Cell & Developmental Biology/Department of Biology/University of Patras/ Patras/ Greece

2010–2015 Lecturer, Section of Genetics, Cell & Developmental Biology/ Department of Biology/University of Patras/ Patras/ Greece

2006–2010 Instrument Scientist, ID31 Beamline, European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF), Grenoble, France.

2003–2006 Post Doctoral Fellow, ID31 Beamline, European ESRF, Grenoble, France.

1998-1999 Research Trainee (undergraduate student), IESL/FORTH, Heraklion, Crete, Greece

Brief CV



[Irene Margiolaki](#) is currently employed as a Professor at the Department of Biology of the University of Patras (UPAT, Patras, Greece). She graduated in Physics in 1999 (University of Crete, Heraklion, Greece). Her [D.Phil. thesis](#) on “Structural, Magnetic and Dynamic properties of fullerene-based materials” was completed in 2004 at the Department of Physics, Chemistry and Environmental Sciences, of the University of Sussex, UK (official date of graduation: 20 February 2004). During the period, 2003-2010, she has been employed, initially as a post doctorate fellow and later as an instrument scientist, by the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF), in Grenoble, France. An important part of her research at the [ID31 High resolution powder diffraction beamline](#) of the ESRF (2003-2010) and future research activities is the development of

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innovative powder diffraction methods for the structural characterisation of biological macromolecules, when data-quality single crystals for X-ray crystallography cannot be obtained. Since 2010, she leads her 15 member research team. In 2013 she inaugurated a [Biochemistry, Structural Biology and X-ray crystallography laboratory](#) at the Department of Biology equipped with 2 modern diffractometers for single crystal and powder diffraction measurements. In 2015, she created a laboratory for protein expression, purification and crystallisation at the same Department. Her work to date has been recognised by internationally [distinguished organisations](#).

Awards, Fellowships, Committees & Boards

2003 “[Blue John Crystal](#)” award from the biological structures group of the [British Crystallographic](#)

[Association \(BCA\)](#) (data shown on the cover). Related interview on page 16 of the ESRF Newsletter is available from [here](#).

2006 European Powder Diffraction Conference (EPDIC 10) young scientist award. To date, she is the only female researcher among all recipients since 1994. Related [ESRF-Press release](#).

2010 [UNESCO- L'OREAL](#) Co-sponsored International Fellowship for Young Women in Life Sciences.

Dr. Margiolaki is [the only Greek woman](#) who has received this [international fellowship](#).

2012 [Academic and Research Excellence in Higher Education](#): Promotion and Support, Hellenic Ministry of Education.

2014-2015 *Scientific Excellence* research fellowship, “*Aristeia II*”, awarded by the Hellenic Ministry of Education, for the development & application of innovative methods in structural biology.

2015 Presentation of research results on the cover and article (page 18) of the recent volume of the [ESRF newsletter](#).

2016 Presentation of research results in PANalytical [X'Press](#) article 2/2016.

Committees & Boards: Dr. Margiolaki is [the youngest](#) member of the following committees:

2009 - present: Elected member of the European Powder Diffraction ([EPDIC](#)) Committee;

2013 - present: Elected member of the Hellenic Crystallographic Association Committee ([HECRA](#)).

2015 - 2021: Appointed member of the Board of Directors: Patras Science Park ([PSP](#)).

2019-present: Director of the Section of Genetics, Cell Biology and Development, Department of Biology, University of Patras, Patras, Greece.

2020-present: Appointed, by the [International Union of Crystallography \(IUCr\) executive committee](#), Co-editor of [Acta Crystallographica section A: Foundations and Advances](#).

2021 [Press release of the Paul Scherrer Institute](#) (PSI- Switzerland) on our [recent publication](#) and [cover](#) of the May 2021 issue of Acta Cryst. A (International Union of Crystallography journals).

2022 Interview for the [ESRFNews, December 2022](#).

Research Experience

Irene Margiolaki's research focuses on:

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More details related to her research are provided below.

(a) Structural characterization of proteins associated with pharmaceutical importance [[A.1](#): 1, 32, [B.1](#): 1-4, [C](#): 1-2] [[A.1](#): 1, 32, [B.1](#): 1-4, [C](#): 1-2]. The long-term aim is the relation between their structure and function and the development of new (drug design) or improvement existing pharmaceuticals (drug delivery). Along this axis, she collaborates with a broad scientific network from Academic Institutes (University of Manchester, University of Hamburg, EPFL, AFMB) and the R&D departments of 3 major pharmaceutical companies: [Sanofi Aventis](#) (France) [[A.1](#): 8], [Novo Nordisk](#) (Denmark) [[A.1](#): 10, 12-14, 15, 18, 23-24, 27, 30, 31] and more recently [CBL](#) (Greece) [[A.1](#): 21, 29]. Since 2002, she collaborates with the research team of [Prof. Bruno Canard](#) (Research Director, AFMB, CNRS) in Marseille, France [[A.1](#): 13, 17, 19, 26; [B.1](#): 3]. Regarding the structure- function relation, we focus on the study of protein-protein and protein-ligand interactions via the synergistic use of diffraction methods with: (a) Nuclear Magnetic Resonance [[A.1](#): 13, 30], Small angle X-ray Scattering, Differential Scanning Fluorimetry-DSF, Isothermal Titration Calorimetry-ITC and Molecular Dynamics [[A.1](#): 26, 31].

(b) Method development for structural biochemistry. Since 2003, significant part of her research at ESRF and later at UPAT is dedicated on the development and application of methods for the structural characterization of proteins from microcrystalline samples using the X-ray Powder Diffraction (XRPD) technique [all related papers are provided in Sections [A.1](#) ; [B.1](#); [C](#)]. Today she continues her work combining the XRPD technique with other uprising methods: Precession Electron Diffraction Method (PED), Automated Diffraction Tomography (ADT), Serial Synchrotron X-ray crystallography (SSX). The main aim is the combinatorial use of the 3 techniques for structurally characterizing nano-crystalline proteins [articles:[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)]. Her contribution to both the development of instruments and analytical algorithms as well as their application on pharmaceutically interesting proteins has been internationally recognised, with 6 international/national awards & fellowships, 7 invited review articles & 2 book chapters (monographs), [several press releases & ESRF Scientific Highlights](#), more than 100 invited lectures at conferences and [15 EU & industrial grants](#); some of these elements are listed below. To date, there are many structures in the *Protein Data Bank* ([PDB](#)) derived from these methods and 35 related articles/ 2 book chapters produced by our team; for most of them IM is corresponding author.

(c) Development of modern laboratory XRPD systems for collecting high resolution data from protein polycrystalline samples. The main advantage of this approach is that a major bottleneck associated with difficulties in the production of good quality protein crystals can be overcome. She has worked on this project since 2003 as Instrument Scientist at ESRF and since 2010 at UPAT. She collaborates with international companies producing scientific instruments including: [PANalytical](#) (*X-ray powder diffraction instruments*), [BRUKER](#) (*X-ray single crystal diffraction instruments*) & [NanoMEGAS](#) (*electron diffraction instruments*).

(d) Method development for biochemistry and the characterization of structural and dynamical characteristics of complex materials. A great part of her published work described in Sections [A2](#); [B2](#), is related to this axis of research. Especially her collaboration with the research team of Prof. Gerard Ferey (Université de Versailles - UVSQ) on the synthesis and structural characterization of the new family of materials, *metal organic framework materials* (*MOF's*), has attracted high scientific interest worldwide. Their work since 2004 has produced 15 papers with high number of citations [[A.2](#): 40, 44, 46, 51, 57, 59, 63, 64, 65, 69, 70, 74, 77, 79, 85]. Especially the article in *Science* has been selected as one of the most cited papers in 2007 (Sciencewatch) with **4,013** citations to date [[46](#)].

Experimental Techniques

- **Protein production:** protein expression in bacteria and purification via liquid chromatography.
- **Crystallography – Structural Analysis:** Protein Crystallization, method development for structural biology, user of most synchrotrons around the world, X-ray powder and single crystal diffraction, structure solution and refinement methods.
- **Electron diffraction:** using the methods *Precession Electron Diffraction Method, PED & Automated Diffraction Tomography, ADT*. Ερμηνεία των δεδομένων με χρήση κρυσταλλογραφικών μεθόδων.
- **Neutron diffraction:** user since 1999 of nuclear reactors (ILL, France) and Neutron Spallation Sources (ISIS, UK). Ερμηνεία των δεδομένων με χρήση κρυσταλλογραφικών μεθόδων.
- **Other experimental techniques that she has obtained basic knowledge include:** Small angle X-ray scattering, Optical microscopy, Inelastic neutron scattering, Positive muon spin relaxation.

Development of [Infrastructures](#) at UPAT (2010- present)

2012: Establishment of a *wet lab* for protein production and crystallization at the Department of Biology (UPAT). The lab (100 m²) can accommodate up to 15 people (4 fully equipped benches): cold room, fume-hood, Leica DM2500 Microscope, biochemistry equipment such as incubators, orbital shakers (Thermo Scientific), a liquid chromatography system (ActaSTART FPLC), a sonicator, bench-top centrifuges, classic gel electrophoresis system for analysis of protein samples and UV-Vis light absorption spectrometers, Oryx Nano protein crystallization robot (Douglas Instruments).

2013: Establishment of a Biochemistry, Structural Biology and X-ray Crystallography lab (200 m²) at the department of biology (UPAT). Two X-ray diffractometers were installed in 2013: a single crystal diffractometer (BRUKER, Kappa-CCD) equipped with an Oxford nitrogen Cryostream (400 series) for sample cooling down to 80K and a modern powder diffractometer, specially modified for protein powder diffraction measurements (PANalytical, X'Pert PRO) with focusing optics, robotic sample changer for thin films and a PIXcel (MEDIPIX) ultra-fast detector. Both instruments are routinely used for measurements on single crystals of small organics/inorganics and powder samples of mainly biological macromolecules, respectively. The instruments are supported by an EATON UPS (80KVA) system installed in the lab. The lab is visited routinely by users coming from national and international institutes. In 2023, an [Anton Paar MHC-trans chamber](#) was installed in the X'Pert PRO diffractometer for in situ XRPD measurements of compounds upon controlled humidity- temperature variation. The latter is unique at an international level for measurements of microcrystalline proteins and was one of the main goals of an [H.F.R.I. grant](#).

2013: The long term collaboration of [NanoMEGAS](#) with Irene Margiolaki, led to the installation of scientific equipment at the [Inter-departmental Electron Microscopy & Microanalysis lab](#) located at the basement of the department of Biology. The equipment and software provided are used for electron diffraction experiments using the uprising methods: *Precession Electron Diffraction Method*, *PED* & *Automated Diffraction Tomography*, *ADT*. Specifically, the system «*Spinning Star*» was installed on the Transmission Electron Microscope ((TEM/HRTEM) JEM-2100) and is available for measurements to the whole scientific community.

Teaching Experience

Supervision of students and postdoctoral fellows

2010–present 3 Post-docs/5 PhD candidates (5 completed)/13 Master Students (10 completed and 3 currently ongoing)/37 Undergraduate Research trainees (1 year research project each, 30 completed and 7 currently ongoing), Section of Genetics, Cell & Developmental Biology/ Department of Biology/ University of Patras/ Patras/Greece. [Selected theses](#) are available.

Teaching Activities

2011–present Lecturer (2010-2015), Assistant Professor (2015- 2019), Associate Professor (2019- 2023) and Professor (2023-today) – “*Biochemistry I: Theory & Lab work*”, “*Biochemistry II*” (Undergraduate courses), University of Patras/Department of Biology/Greece

2011–present Lecturer (2010-2015), Assistant Professor (2015- 2019), Associate Professor (2019- 2023) and Professor (2023-today) – “*Introduction to Structural Biology - X-ray Crystallography*” (course in the frame of the postgraduate program “*Biological Technology*”), University of Patras/Department of Biology/Greece

2011–present Lecturer (2010-2015), Assistant Professor (2015- 2019) & Associate Professor (2019- 2023) and Professor (2023-today) – “*Structural Biology: Methods for Protein Crystallization & Crystallography*” (course in the frame of the postgraduate program “*Informatics in Life Sciences*”), University of Patras/Faculty of Medicine/Greece

2012-present Lecturer (2010-2015), Assistant Professor (2015- 2019), Associate Professor (2019- 2023) and Professor (2023-today) – “*Structural Biology: Methods for Protein Crystallization & Crystallography*” (course in the frame of the postgraduate program “*Biomedical Sciences*”), University of Patras/Faculty of Medicine/

Other Scientific Activities

Reviewer for International Scientific Journals

Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter, Journal of Synchrotron Radiation, Zeitschrift für Kristallographie,

Acta Crystallographica D (Biological Crystallography), Acta Crystallographica B, European Physical Journal B, Solid State Sciences, Journal of Physics and Chemistry of Solids, IUCrJ, Journal of Applied Crystallography, Molecular Biotechnology, Biomolecules, Journal of Molecular Sciences, Crystals, Molecules.

Selected Institutional Responsibilities (UPAT)

2016-2017 Representative of the Biology Department for the EU mobility program, [Erasmus+](#).

2012-present Committee member of the [Lab of Electron Microscopy & Microanalysis](#).

2014-present University committee member for “Advancing Research Infrastructures” (School of Natural Sciences).

2019-2022 Director of Section of Genetics, Cell Biology and Development, Department of Biology, University of Patras.

Participation in Scientific Societies (selected)

2012-present Member, FP7 Network for access to large scale facilities “[BiostructX](#)”

2008-present Member of the “IUCr: [World Directory of Crystallographers](#)”.

2005-present Member of the [French Crystallographic Association](#)

2020-present Appointed, by the [International Union of Crystallography \(IUCr\) executive committee](#), Co-editor of [Acta Crystallographica section A: Foundations and Advances](#).

Publications

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2. “High Throughput Phase Diagram Mapping via Powder Diffraction: A case-study of HEWL versus pH.”, Acta Cryst. D 61, 1612-1625 (2005), S. Basso, A. N. Fitch, G. C. Fox, I. Margiolaki* & J. P. Wright* ([article available online](#)).
3. “Successful protein cryocooling for powder diffraction.”, J. Appl. Cryst. 40, 121 (2007), M. Jenner, J. P. Wright*, I. Margiolaki and A. N. Fitch ([article available online](#))
4. "Powder diffraction studies for proteins: An overview of data collection approaches", **Invited Review Article associated with the EPDIC Young Scientist Award 2006, (Related ESRF article)**. Z. Kristallogr. Suppl. 26, 1-13 (2007), I. Margiolaki*, J. P. Wright, A. N. Fitch, G. C. Fox, A. Labrador, R. B. Von Dreele, K. Miura, F. Gozzo, M. Schiltz, C. Besnard, F. Camus, P. Pattison, D. Beckers, T. Degen ([article available online](#)).
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6. “Molecular envelopes derived from X-ray diffraction on polycrystalline protein powders.”, J. Appl. Cryst. 41, 329-339 (2008) & [ESRF Scientific Highlights](#), p. 61-62 (2006), J. P. Wright, C. Besnard, I. Margiolaki, S. Basso, F. Camus, A. N. Fitch, G. Fox, P. Pattison, M. Schiltz ([article available online](#)).
7. "Powder Crystallography on Macromolecules", Acta Cryst. A64, 169-180 (2008). I. Margiolaki* & J. P. Wright*, **Invited Review Article for Special Issue of International Union of Crystallography (IUCr)[3]**
8. “Polymorphism of microcrystalline Urate Oxidase from *Aspergillus flavus*”, Acta Cryst. D 66, 539-548

- (2010), I. Collings, Y. Watier, M. Giffard, S. Dagogo, R. Kahn, F. Bonnete, J. P. Wright, A. N. Fitch, I. Margiolaki*^[4] ([article available online](#)). [ESRF press release](#).
9. “Features of the Secondary Structure of the Protein Molecule from Powder Diffraction data”, Acta Cryst. D 66, 756-761 (2010)- [Cover article](#), S. Basso, C. Besnard, J. P. Wright, I. Margiolaki, A. N. Fitch, P. Pattison, M. Sciltz ([article available online](#)).
10. “Structural studies of human insulin co-crystallized with phenol or resorcinol via powder diffraction.”, Acta Cryst. D68, 1632-1641 (2012), F. Karavassili, A. E. Giannopoulou, E. Kotsiliti, L. Knight, M. Norrman, G. Schluckebier, L. Drube, A. N. Fitch, J. P. Wright & I. Margiolaki* ([article available online](#)).
11. “X-ray resonant powder diffraction”, Eur. Phys. J. Special Topics 208, 275–289 (2012) – [Invited Review article](#), H. Palancher, S. Bos, J.F. Berar, I. Margiolaki & J. L. Hodeau.
12. “High-resolution powder X-ray data reveal the T6 hexameric form of bovine insulin.”, Acta Cryst. D69, 978-990 (2013), I. Margiolaki*, A. E. Giannopoulou, J. P. Wright, L. Knight, M. Norrman, G. Schluckebier, A. N. Fitch & R. B. Von Dreele ([article available online](#)).
13. "NMR study of non-structural proteins—part I: ¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁵N backbone and side-chain resonance assignment of macro domain from Mayaro virus (MAYV)" Biomolecular NMR Assignments 9, 1, 191–195 (2015), E. Melekis, A. C. Tsika, J. Lichière, C. T. Chasapis, I. Margiolaki, N. Papageorgiou, B. Coutard, D. Bentrop, G. A. Spyroulias ([article available online](#)).
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15. “Human insulin polymorphism upon ligand binding and pH variation: the case of 4-ethylresorcinol”, IUCrJ. 4, 2:534-44 (2015) – [open access](#), S. Fili, A. Valmas, M. Norrman, G. Schluckebier, D. Beckers, T. Degen, J. P. Wright, A. Fitch, F. Gozzo, A. E. Giannopoulou, F. Karavassili & I. Margiolaki*.
16. “Macromolecular Powder Diffraction: Ready for Genuine Biological Problems”, Protein & Peptide Letters, 23 (3):232-41 (2016) - [Invited review article](#), F. Karavassili & I. Margiolaki*.
17. “Coxsackievirus B3 protease 3C: expression, purification, crystallization and preliminary structural insights”, Acta Cryst. F72, 877-884 (2016), S. Fili, A. Valmas, M. Christopoulou, M. Spiliopoulou, N. Nikolopoulos, J. Lichiere, S. Logotheti, F. Karavassili, E. Rosmaraki, A. Fitch, J. Wright, D. Beckers, T. Degen, G. Nenert, R. Hilgenfeld, N. Papageorgiou, B. Canard, B. Coutard & I. Margiolaki* ([article available online](#)).
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21. "Revisiting the structure of a synthetic Somatostatin analogue for peptide drug design." Acta Cryst. B75, 611-620 (2019): Structural Science, Crystal Engineering and Materials ([article available online](#)) S. Fili, A.

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24. "Exploring the complex map of insulin polymorphism: A novel crystalline form in the presence of m-Cresol." *Acta Cryst. D* 76, 4, 375-384 (2020), F. Karavassili, A. Valmas, M. Dimarogona, A. E. Giannopoulou, S. Fili, M. Norrman, G. Schluckebier, D. Beckers, A. N. Fitch and I. Margiolaki* ([article available online](#)).

25. "Rapid screening of in cellulo grown protein crystals via a small-angle X-ray scattering/X-ray powder diffraction synergistic approach." *Journal of Applied Crystallography* 53, 1169-1180 (2020) & **Cover article**, J. M. Lahey-Rudolph, R. Schonherr, C. Michael Jeffries, C. E. Blanchet, J. Boger, A. S. Ferreira Ramos, W. M. Riekehr, D. P. Triandafillidis, A. Valmas, I. Margiolaki, D. Svergun and L. Redecke* ([article available online](#)) & **Scientific Commentary by T. Bergfors & S. Mayumdar**.

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29. "New perspectives in macromolecular powder diffraction using single photon counting strip detectors: High resolution structure of the pharmaceutical peptide, Octreotide." *Acta Cryst. A* 77, 186-195 (2021) & **Cover article**, M. Spiliopoulou, F. Karavassili, D. Triandafillidis, A. Valmas, C. Kosinas, K. Barlos, K. K. Barlos, M. Morin, M. L. Reinle-Schmitt, F. Gozzo* and I. Margiolaki* ([article available online](#)) & **Scientific Highlights of the Paul Scherrer Institute** (PSI- Switzerland).

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Invited presentations to internationally established conferences and schools

Selected [Invited Presentations](#) to International Conferences:

2005 XX International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) Meeting- Florence, Italy

Title: "Powder Diffraction- A complementary tool in Macromolecular Research"
2005 European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL- Hamburg)
 Title: "High Resolution Powder Diffraction: A useful tool for structural biology"
2006 Pharmaceutical Powder X-ray Diffraction Symposium 5- New Jersey, USA
 Title: "Synchrotron Powder Diffraction: applications in macromolecular crystallography"
2006 Annual Meeting of the crystallographic society of Japan- Tokyo (Japan)
 Title: "Complementary techniques in structural biology"
2006 European Powder Diffraction Conference (EPDIC 10)- Geneva, Switzerland
 Plenary lecture: "Synchrotron X-ray powder diffraction as it begins to make an impact in structural biology" & "[EPDIC young scientist award](#)"
2007 1st Meeting of the Italian and Spanish Crystallographic Associations (MISCA), Italy
 Title: "Biocrystallography via powder diffraction; an emerging method in structural biology"
2009 MX-Frontiers at the One Micron Scale, NSLS2, US
 Title: "Complementary methods for structural biology"
2010 13th International Conference on the Crystallisation of Biological Macromolecules ([ICCBM13](#))- Dublin, Ireland
 Title: "Protein Powder Diffraction: Stories of Success and Dreams for the Future"

The year **2014** was announced as the **International Year of Crystallography (IYCr)**. During this year, the PI participated as invited speaker at the following international conferences in the frame of IYCr. (a) [IYCr- Opening Ceremony](#) & Annual Meeting of the French Crystallographic Association, Unesco, Paris, France. Title: "Macromolecular Powder Diffraction". (b) *One day Symposium on Recent Applications of X-ray Crystallography*, Collegio Nacional, Mexico City, [Mexico](#). Title: "[Macromolecular Powder Diffraction: Current status & Future prospects](#)". (c) Invited Seminar at [UNAM](#), Mexico city, Mexico. Title: "Protein Poly-crystallography: Why, What & How"

2015 Invited Seminar Series, [ANSTO](#), Sydney, Australia.
 Title: "The Power of Powder: Protein-based drug screening"
2017 First International Mexican Meeting on Diffraction and the VII Meeting of Synchrotron Light Users, Merida, [Mexico](#). Title: "Macromolecular Powder Diffraction: Ready for Genuine Biological Problems."
2017 Invited Seminar Series, [University of Puebla](#), Mexico. Title: "SMALLER crystals, FASTER experiments, BRIGHTER beams: Uprising methods for Drug Screening & Innovation."
2018 3rd Joint [AIC-SILS](#) conference, Rome, Italy, Title: "Uprising methodologies for structural biology."
2018 Energy Materials Nanotechnology ([EMN](#)) Greece Meeting, Heraklion, Crete, Title: "In Quest for Improved Drugs against Diabetes: The Added Value of X-ray Powder Diffraction (XRPD) Methods."
2018 Working group on Biology regarding the construction of the new synchrotron source [PETRA IV](#), Hamburg, Germany.
2019 [FEBS](#), Biomolecules in Action II, [Title](#): "Hybrid methods in protein poly-crystallography", Hamburg, Germany.
2020 [XXIV International School of Pure and Applied Biophysics](#), Title: "X-ray Powder Diffraction on Biological Macromolecules", Venice, Italy.
2021 [ESRF User Meeting](#), [Plenary lecture](#), Grenoble, France.
2022 Invited Seminar Series, University of Milan, Italy. [Title](#): "The role of structural biology in biological sciences: case studies of microcrystalline proteins characterised via X-ray powder diffraction methods."
2022 [FEBS](#), Biomolecules in Action III, Title: "Macromolecular Powder Diffraction: Ready for Genuine Biological Problems", Hamburg, Germany.
2022 [SASBDB](#), Workshop on the the database of small-angle scattering data and models for biology and soft matter, EMBL Hamburg, Germany.

2022 [10 Years celebration of Excelsus Structural Solutions](#), Title: "The Protein Powder Diffraction Challenge", Park Innovaare, Villigen, Switzerland.

Organisation of International Conferences & Workshops

2007 Workshop Organiser, Title: "Development and future directions of powder diffraction in protein crystallography", [ESRF](#), Grenoble, France.

2008 XXI- International Union of Crystallography ([IUCr](#)) meeting - Osaka, Japan

- Invited Keynote Lecturer on the use of powder diffraction in macromolecular research
- In the organising committee and lecturer for the [Satellite Meeting](#): "Powder Diffraction on Proteins- Current Status and Future Prospect"
- Invited Speaker for the [Satellite Meeting](#): "Future of Female Crystallographers"

2008 11th European Powder Diffraction Conference ([EPDIC 11](#)) - Warsaw, Poland

Session Organiser: "Powder Diffraction on Proteins"

2010 12th European Powder Diffraction Conference ([EPDIC 12](#)) – Darmstadt, Germany.

Session Organiser together with Fabia Gozzo (SLS) for session: "Biomaterials, supramolecular chemistry, pharmaceuticals"

2011 XXII- International Union of Crystallography ([IUCr](#)) Congress – Madrid, Spain

Session Organiser together with Joel Sussman (Israel) for session: "Challenges of low-resolution crystallography".

2012 13th European Powder Diffraction Conference ([EPDIC 12](#)) – Grenoble, France

Session Organiser together with Jonathan Wright (ESRF) for session: "Molecular and Biomolecular Materials"

2012 International Workshop on [Electron Crystallography](#), Patras, Greece.

2013 International Workshop on [Fundamentals of Crystallography](#), Patras, Greece.

2013 [NMR Basics and Applications](#) in Life Sciences, Patras, Greece.

2013 International Workshop on [Powder and Electron Crystallography](#), Patras, Greece.

2013 Emerging Analytical Techniques in [Protein Characterization](#), Patras, Greece.

2013 2nd Research Coordination Meeting (RCM) on Utilization of Accelerator – Based Real – Time Methods in Investigation of Materials with High Technological Importance (International Atomic Energy Agency, [IAEA](#)), Patras, Greece.

2014 [Current Trends in Structural Biology](#) & 7th International Conference of the Hellenic Crystallographic Association, FORTH, Crete, Greece.

2016 15th European Powder Diffraction Conference (EPDIC 15), Bari, Italy. Session co-organiser together with C. Tedesco (Italy) for session: "Biological and molecular materials"

2018 16th European Powder Diffraction Conference ([EPDIC 16](#)) – Edinburgh, UK. Session co-organiser together with Fabia Gozzo (Excelsus) for session: " [Pharmaceutical and biological materials](#)"

2018 9th International Conference of the Hellenic Crystallographic Association ([HeCrA9](#)), UPAT, Patras, Greece.

2022 17th European Powder Diffraction Conference (EPDIC17) – Sibenik, Croatia. Session co-organiser together with Fabia Gozzo (Excelsus) for session: "Pharmaceutical and biological materials"

2022 [ESRF Information Day: The use of synchrotron radiation in science](#) – UPAT, Patras, Greece. The info day, co-organised by the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility ([ESRF](#)), the [University of Patras](#) and the Greek Synchrotron Users Network ([GrSUN](#)), took place at the Conference and Cultural Center of the University of Patras in Greece. This action is in the frame of the [panhellenic effort](#) for Greece to participate in the ESRF as an associate country. The youtube links for the distinct Sessions are listed below.

[Session 1: ESRF Overview](#)

[Session 2: Biomedical imaging & Cultural heritage](#)

[Session 3: Life Sciences](#)

[Session 4: Energy – Catalysis – Environment](#)

[Session 5: Nanoscale matter & Quantum Materials & Session 6: Industrial Research & Activities](#)

2022 1st Greek Summer School on Synchrotron Radiation: Properties and Applications, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.

2022 72^d Panhellenic conference of the Hellenic Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, UPAT, Patras, Greece.

Invited Presentations to International Conferences available online:

1. [Protein Powder Diffraction at ESRF](#), Pharmaceutical Powder X-ray Diffraction Symposium (PPXRD-8), Scotland, 2009.
2. [Proteins and Powders - An Overview](#), International Union of Crystallography (Erice School 2011, Italy).
3. [Macromolecular Powder Diffraction](#), "International Year of Crystallography – IYCr2014" & "Annee Internationale de la Cristallographie en France – AICr2014" UNESCO, Paris, France, 2014.
4. [The Power of Powder: Protein based Drug Screening](#), Pharmaceutical Powder X-ray Diffraction Symposium (PPXRD-13), Germany, 2015.
5. [InnovCrete Seminar](#), IMBB, Heraklion, Crete, Greece, 2016.
6. [Screening of protein-based pharmaceuticals](#), free webinar, PANalytical & UPAT, 2016.
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9. [The Power of Powder Humidity induced phase transitions of HEWLysozyme](#), Collaborative project between Malvern PANalytical and UPAT, 2016.
10. [Women in Science](#), discussion organized by BiTUP (Bioscientific Team University of Patras) 2020 (Greek language).
10. [Macromolecular Powder Diffraction: Ready for Genuine Biological Problems. Plenary lecture](#), European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF) user meeting 2021.
11. [Biotrends: Structural Biology and Bioinformatics](#), BiTUP (Bioscientific Team University of Patras) 2021 (Greek language).