

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA

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EDUCATION

- 2022 PhD Thesis under preparation at the Democritus University of Thrace entitled "The contribution of modern speech therapy intervention methods in the treatment and improvement of the life quality of children with cleft palate".
- 1995 City University of London. Master of Science in Clinical Communication Studies (Speech and Language Therapy). Dissertation subject : "Pragmatic abilities in normally developing Greek children".
- 1993 City University of London. Full-time Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Communication Studies (Speech and Language Therapy) and obtaining a license to practice as a Speech and Language Therapist.
- 1991 University College of London (UCL). Attendance of courses in Phonetic Theory, Tonality and Specialization in Experimental Phonetics (Certificate in Experimental Phonetics)
- 1990 University of Birmingham. Attendance of an M.A. course in Special Applications of Linguistics. (S.A.L.)
- 1988 National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. School of Philosophy. Department of English Studies. Attendance of a BA Course in the Department of English Studies.

ELEMENTS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018-2022 Lecturer at the University of Ioannina, Department of Speech Therapy in the field of "Speech Therapy - Special Educational Needs".
- 2012-2018 Adjunct Lecturer at the Department of Speech Therapy of the Technical University (ATEI) of Epirus in the field of "Speech Therapy - Special Educational Needs".
- 2009-2012 Adjunct Lecturer at the Technical University (ATEI) of Kalamata, Department of Speech Therapy.

- 2003-2009 Adjunct Lecturer at the Technical University (ATEI) of Patras, Department of Speech Therapy.
- 1993-2022 Private practice of speech and language therapy for children and adults with a wide range of speech and communication disorders.
- 2002-2004 English Literature Specialist, with a fixed-term contract at the Special Education High School of Ilion and at the Special Education College of Ilion.
- 1994-2001 Full-time speech therapist with a fixed-term contract at the Special Education High School of Ilion, Attica.
 In particular, speech therapy was addressed to children and adolescents with motor difficulties of various etiologies: cerebral palsy, myopathies, craniocerebral injuries.
 The concomitant problems of motor difficulties were, in most cases, mental deprivation, difficulty in phonation, articulation, speech, salivation, hearing loss, impaired vision, learning difficulties, psychological problems.
 Speech therapy was conducted individually or in groups as appropriate. In parallel, counselling of parents and fellow teachers was carried out.
 The objectives of speech and language therapy for the students of the Special Education High School were: (a) the evaluation and diagnosis of individual speech and language difficulties, (b) the improvement or restoration of communication, (c) the gradual acquisition of independence and autonomy, (d) the improvement of the psychological and emotional state, (e) the monitoring of the school program.
- 1993-1996 Associate speech therapist of the "Society of Social Psychiatry and Mental Health" (EKPSPSY). Scientific Responsible: Dr. Sakellaropoulos, Psychiatrist - Dr. Fragoulis, Speech Therapist.
- 1994-1996 Active participation as a speech therapist in a team of Specialists (Otolaryngologists, Red Cross Hospital) for the rehabilitation of hearing loss with cochlear implants.
- 1990-1993 Part-time Greek language teacher at the Greek Embassy Primary School in London.
- 1987-1989 English language teacher in a private language school.

CONFERENCES-SEMINARS (organization / attendance)

- Feb 2019 Athens. Seminar on Multilingualism and Services for Children and Adolescents: issues of Differential Diagnosis and Intervention. NKUA, A' Psychiatric Clinic of the University of Athens. Athens.
- April 2018 Athens. Educational seminar "The functions of the mouth". Oral-facial, myofunctional disorders and myo-functional therapy. Diomidis Psomopoulos, Speech and Language Therapist - Special Educator.
- June 2017 Athens. LOGOMETRO - Training / Certification Seminar. Intelearn.
- Dec. 2014 Athens. Seminar on stammering in school-age children on "The Michael Palin Centre. Primary School-Aged Children who Stammer: Realizing their Potential".
- June 2014 Athens. Seminar on Stuttering on the topic "Stuttering Treatment Working Above and Below the Surface". Panhellenic Association of Speech and Language Therapists (P.S.L.).
- March 2013 Athens. Practical workshop for the treatment of oral-motor difficulties on the topic: "A Three-Part Treatment Plan for Oral Placement Therapy".
- Dec. 2012 Athens. Seminar on: "Training of speech therapists in the role of the Supervisor - follow up". P.S.L.
- Dec. 2012 Athens. Seminar on: "Basic training of speech therapists in the role of supervisor". P.S.L.
- April 2012 Athens. 12^o Panhellenic Conference of Speech and Language Therapists on "Clinical Interventions in Speech and Communication Disorders: An Interdisciplinary Approach". P.S.L..
- Nov 2011 Athens. Workshop for the treatment of Voice Disorders on the topic: "The Accent Method Revised".
- March 2011 Athens. Practical seminar (workshop) for the evaluation of the vocal mechanism, on the topic: "Objective Evaluation of the Vocal Mechanism".
- August 2010 Athens. 28^o World Congress of the International Association of Speech and Language Pathologists (IALP).
- April 2010 Athens. Workshop on the topic: "Training of the Effective Parent".
- March 2009 Athens. 2^o Practical Symposium on Voice and Swallowing Disorders.

- Nov 2007 Athens. Conference on dyslexia and specific learning difficulties. Panhellenic Association of Speech and Language Therapists.
- February 2006 Athens. Conference on bilingualism.
- May 2003 Crete. Monitoring / organization. 6^o European Congress of Audiology - I participated in the Greek Committee of the Congress.
- Oct. 2003 Athens. Practical Seminar (workshop) for higher level diagnosis and treatment of voice disordered patients with the "Voicecraft" method.
- October 2002 Athens. Practical Seminar (workshop) for the treatment of people with voice disorders using the "Voicecraft" method.
- Jan. 2001 Bristol. Practical Seminar (workshop) on basic training in the diagnosis and treatment of people with voice disorders using the "Voicecraft" method.
- Nov 2000 Athens. Conference on "Special Language Disorder - Evolutionary Dysphasia from preschool to adolescence", of the Panhellenic Association of Speech and Language Pathologists (P.S.L.). I was a member of the Organizing Committee of the Conference and Speakers' Coordinator of the Psycholinguistics section.
- July 2000 Athens. Practical Seminar (workshop) in Clinical Supervision of Students (UCL).
- May 1999 Athens. Seminar for teachers and school counsellors of SMEA in the framework of the Hellenic Society for the Protection and Rehabilitation of Disabled Children (ELEPAP).
- May 1999 Athens. Training seminar for Special Education Teachers in the framework of the University of Athens, Department of F.P.P.S., Pedagogy Faculty.
- June 1998 Athens. Seminar on: "Frameworks for smooth cooperation between school staff and parents of students with special needs", in the framework of the Special Education High School of Ilion.
- March 1998 Thessaloniki. Conference on Specific Learning Difficulties, of the Panhellenic Association of Speech and Language Therapists (P.A.S.L.T.)
- Sept. 1997 Athens. International Conference on the Care of the Professional Voice and Microsurgery, under the auspices of the Ministry of Health.
- June 1997 Athens. Seminar (the Makaton Vocabulary Development Programme) within the framework of the Panhellenic Association of Speech and Language Therapists.

- Apr. 1997 Athens. Seminar on the diagnosis and treatment of dysorthography and dysarithmia, within the framework of the continuing education programme of the Panhellenic Association of Speech Pathologists.
- Sept. 1996 Athens. Seminar in Logotonic-Therapy, within the framework of the continuing education program of the Panhellenic Association of Logopedists.
- June 1996 London, St. Thomas's Hospital. Workshop on the diagnosis and treatment of people with voice disorders.
- June 1996 Athens. One-day Conference on "Special Education: reality and perspectives", under the auspices of the Panhellenic Scientific and Pedagogical Association of Employees in Special Education.
- Nov. 1995 Athens. 6^o Conference on Stuttering in Children, Adolescents and Adults, of the Panhellenic Association of Speech and Language Pathologists.
- Sept. 1995 London, Middlesex Hospital. In-hospital follow-up of treatment and rehabilitation of people with (a) voice disorders and (b) cochlear implantation.
- June 1995 Athens. 1^o Training Seminar on Special Education in Secondary Education under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and the General Secretariat for Youth.
- Apr. 1995 Athens. Seminar in Logotonic-Diagnosis, within the framework of the continuing education program of the Panhellenic Association of Logopedists.
- Feb. 1995 Athens. One-day Conference on Independent Living for People with Special Needs, under the auspices of the British Embassy in Athens.
- July 1994 Salzburg. Seminar on the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of hearing loss, under the auspices of the University and the Landenskrankenanstalten Hospital of Austria.
- June 1994 Athens. Seminar of the postgraduate program "Social Psychiatry" of the Department of Social Medicine and Mental Health of the University of Ioannina and the Society of Social Psychiatry and Mental Health.
- Apr. 1992 Athens. 1^o European Congress of Speech and Language Pathology.

EVIDENCE OF RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020 Participation in the cross-border project between Greece and Italy, entitled: "Heritage Rehabilitation as Multiplier Cultural Empowerment within Social Context (HERMES)".

- 2016-2022 Research for my PhD thesis on the contribution of modern speech and language therapy intervention methods in the treatment and life quality improvement of children with cleft palate, in a sample of patients from public pediatric hospitals.
- 2013-2018 Participation in the project entitled "Practical Training for Students of Technical University of Epirus" of the EP "Education and Lifelong Learning".
- 2015 Participation in the project entitled "Open Academic Courses of the Technical University of Epirus" of the EP "Education and Lifelong Learning".
- 2013-2014 Participation in sub-project 11 entitled "Intercultural Dimension of Early Childhood Education: The Case of Epirus" of the Act "Archimedes III - Strengthening Research Groups at the Technical University of Epirus" in the framework of the E.P. "Education and Lifelong Learning"

RESEARCH - WRITING WORK

- Nisioti, M. Acquired Neurogenic Apraxia of Speech. Chapter in PSL: Speech Therapy: Autism, Communication Disorders, Neurodegenerative Disorders. Publications: Beta, Athens, 2021.
- Trimmis N., Ziavra N., Nisioti M. Handbook of Speech Therapy. (Editors of the Greek version. 1st edition (2016) Paschalides publications. Authors: Roth F. P., Worthington C.K., Publisher: Broken Hill Publishers Ltd.
- Papadeas E., Naxakis S., Nisioti M. "Understanding Voice Disorders". (Editors of the Greek version, 1st edition/2015, Gotsis publications. Authors: Colton R.H., Casper J.K. and Leonard R., Understanding Voice Problems, edition Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams and Wilkins.
- Collaboration in the writing of the chapter "The Evaluation of Phonation and Resonance Disorders" in the book Kambanarou, M. (2007), Diagnostic Issues in Speech Therapy, (Ch. 6, p. 259 - 275), Athens: Hellenic Publications.
- Pragmatic abilities in normally developing Greek children (MSc dissertation -1994) The aim of this research was to assess and analyse the similarities and differences in the pragmatic abilities of two groups of Greek children with normal development. My research was based on the application of the test called "Pragmatics Profile of Early Communication Skills" (Dewart & Summers 1988), after translating and adapting it to the Greek language. The results of the research showed that the communication gradient was similar in the two groups of children, although the way of conducting communication per group was different.
- Case study of a dysphasic adult (1993)

This study aims to present a patient with dysphasia who was provided with individual and group speech and language therapy in a London hospital. In particular, the aetiology of the stroke, the brain injury, the symptomatology of the case and the stages of speech and language therapy, i.e. the diagnosis, the specific therapeutic exercises followed, the goals of the treatment and the evolution of the patient's speech and language status are described. Finally, a critical review of the speech therapy carried out is attempted.

- Case Study of a child with language delay (1992)
This study analyses the speech and language therapy provided to a school-aged child with speech delay in a London speech and language therapy unit. A report on the aetiology and symptomatology of the child's language development is attempted, as well as a critical presentation of the stages of the child's speech and language therapy treatment.
- References to scientific papers.
 - i. Page. 18 and p. 24 of:
Vogindroukas I., Grigoriadou E. (2009), *Language Perception and Expression Test - Manual*. Chania: Glafki Publications.
 - ii. Page. 326 and p. 343 of:
Vogindroukas I. (2008), Pragmatic Development and Disorders, in the book Nikolopoulos D. *Language Development and Disorders* (Ch. 8, pp. 315 - 343), Athens: Topos Publications.
 - iii. Page. 122, 129, 173, 175, 194 and 222 of:
Vogindroukas I. (2002), *The Development of Speech in Children with Autism*, PhD Thesis.

SPEECHES - SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

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| Oct. 2019 | Athens. Lecture entitled "Speech and Language Disorders in Childhood: Diagnosis and Treatment", in kindergartens of the 7 ^o District of Athens. |
| May 2016 | Athens. Speech entitled "Speech disorders in children with cleft palate" at the 13 ^o Panhellenic Congress of Speech and Language Therapists. |
| May 2016 | Moderator of a round table on "Approaches to clinical practice" at the same conference. |
| May 2016 | Member of the Scientific Committee of the 13th Panhellenic Conference of Speech and Language Therapists entitled "Continuity in knowledge, innovation in practice. 3 educational symposia in speech and language pathology". |
| Dec. 2014 | Speaker at a one-day Conference of the Culture - Environment Committee of S.E.Y.P. at the Department of Speech and Language Therapy of the Technical University of Epirus. |

- Nov 2014 Coordinator and Speaker at the one-day Conference on: "Profile of the Speech and Language Therapist: current trends - new horizons" in collaboration with the Liaison Office and the Department of Speech and Language Therapy of the Technical University of Epirus.
- March 2009 Athens. Speech in the framework of the 2nd Practical Symposium on "Objective Measurements of Voice Disorders and Swallowing".
- Dec. 2001 Athens. Speech at the Parents' Schools of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens, on "Dyslexia: the scope of the problem and its treatment".
- 1997-2002 Athens. Lecture in Primary Schools of Athens (102° ,105° , 106° , 125°), on "Speech and Language Disorders in Childhood. Diagnosis and Treatment".

TEACHING PROJECT

A.

- 2022 Clinical Supervisor of the Clinical Training in Speech Pathology (1,2 and 3).

B. Teaching and writing teaching notes in the following subjects (per educational institution):

- 2018-2021 University of Ioannina - Department of Speech and Language Therapy
- Introduction to Speech Pathology
 - Diagnostic Approaches in Speech Pathology in Children (Theory and Practice)
 - Treatment Approaches in Speech Pathology in Children (Theory and Practice)
 - Clinical Training in Speech Pathology (2,3 and 4)
- 2012-2018 T.E.I. of Epirus - Department of Speech and Language Therapy
- Introduction to Speech Pathology
 - Diagnostic Approaches in Speech Pathology (Theory and Laboratory)
 - Treatment Approaches in Speech Pathology (Theory and Laboratory)
 - Clinical Training in Speech Pathology (1,2,3 and 4)
 - English Terminology
- 2009-2012 T.E.I. Kalamata - Department of Speech and Language Therapy
- Introduction to Speech Pathology
 - Phonetics (Theory and Laboratory)

- Voice Disorders (Theory and Laboratory)
- Clinical Issues in Speech Pathology (Theory and Laboratory)
- Diagnostic Issues in Speech Pathology (Theory and Laboratory)
- Clinical Training in Speech Pathology (1,2)

2003-2009

T.E.I. of Patras - Department of Speech and Language Therapy

- Diagnostic Issues in Speech Pathology (Theory and Laboratory)
- Disorders of the Voice
- Communication Disorders in People with Craniofacial Abnormalities (Theory and Laboratory)
- Clinical Training in Speech Pathology (1,2)

Γ. Additional work in Higher Education.

Period 2019-2022:

1. Member of the 3-member Clinical Training Committee in Speech Pathology (1,2 and 3) - University of Ioannina.
2. Academic Councilor of students of the Department of Speech and Language Therapy of the University of Ioannina.
3. Expert in the Accreditation Committee of the Curriculum of the Department of Speech and Language Therapy of the University of Peloponnese (2019).

Period 2012-2018 (at TEI of Epirus) and 2018-2019 (at the University of Ioannina)

- Head of the Speech and Language Pathology Clinical Training (1,2,3 and 4) - years 2013 to 2019
- Creation of Clinical Protocols (forms) for evaluation and therapeutic intervention in the Clinical Training of Speech and Language Pathology
- Examiner in the Qualifying Examinations of the Department of Speech and Language Therapy of the Technical University of Epirus (academic years 2013-2018) and of University of Ioannina (academic years 2018-2020) in the course "Language Development"
- Member of the Committee for the Accreditation of the New Curriculum of the Department of Speech and Language Therapy of the University of Ioannina (2019)
- Development of seven (7) course outlines in the new curriculum of the Department of Speech and Language Therapy of the University of Ioannina (2019)
- Supervision of theses (on average 10 per year)
- Member of the 3-member examination committee for degree theses

- Evaluation of the taught courses of the winter/spring semester within the framework of the Quality Assurance Unit (QA Unit - MO.DI.P. <http://modip.teiep.gr/>)
- Development of nine (9) course outlines in the Study Guide of the Department of Speech and Language Therapy of the Technical University of Epirus (2014)
- Creation of multiple-choice and short-answer test items for the subjects taught in each examination period (3 exam periods per academic year)

2010 - 2012 T.E.I. Kalamata - Department of Speech and Language Therapy
 – Head of Clinical Training and of the Speech Therapy Clinic.

D. Participation in co-funded projects.

- 2012 - 2022
- Participation (until 2015) in the project entitled "Open Academic Courses of the Technical University of Epirus" of the FP "Education and Lifelong Learning" where the subject of work is the teaching of the following courses:
 1. Introduction to Speech Pathology
 2. Diagnostic Approaches in Speech Pathology
 3. Therapeutic Approaches in Speech Pathology
 4. English Terminology in Speech and Language Pathology
 5. Voice disorders in speech pathology
 6. Speech flow disorders (stuttering)
 - Participation in the project entitled "Practical Training of Students of the Technical University of Epirus" of the E.P. "Education and Lifelong Learning", where the object of work is the formulation and writing of (a) a personal plan for each student who will carry out a Practical Training, (b) a monitoring program of the Practical Training of each student by the employing institution, (c) interim and final reports of activities

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

- Sept. 2019-2022 Member of the 3-member Clinical Training Committee in Speech Pathology.
- Sept. 2021 Member of the 3-member Committee for the Evaluation of Academic Scholars.
- Sept. 2013-2019 Appointment as the Clinical Training Organiser for the Speech and Language Therapy Department.
- Jan. 2015 Appointment as Deputy Director. Member of the 3-member Committee for the receipt of materials from direct assignments or from open tenders for the Department of Speech Therapy of the Technical University of Epirus.

- Apr 2014 Appointment as a member of the Culture - Environment Area Committee of T.E.I. of Epirus.
- Apr. 2013 Appointment as a member of the 3-member Committee for the organization of the clinical training of the Department of Speech and Language Therapy of the Technical University of Epirus for the spring semester of the academic year 2012-2013.
- June 2013 Appointment as Chairman of the Food Committee for Ioannina.
- Apr. 2013 Appointment as Chairman of the 3-member Committee for the receipt of materials, items etc. for the Department of Speech Therapy of the Technical University of Epirus.
- Dec. 2012 Appointment as the Chairman of the 3-member Committee for the receipt of materials from direct assignments or from open tenders for the Department of Speech Therapy of the Technical University of Epirus.
- Sept. 2012 Appointment as a member of the Speech Therapists Committee of the Department of Speech Therapy of the Technical University of Epirus for the academic year 2012-2013.
- Sept. 2012 Appointment as Assistant Head of the Clinical Training of the Department of Speech and Language Therapy of the Technical University of Epirus for the academic year 2012-2013.
- Sept. 2012 Appointment as a member of the Committee for Food and Food Certification of the students of the Technical University of Epirus, for the Ioannina Department.
- Sept. 2012 Appointment as a member of the 5-member Objections and Appeals Committee in the framework of the Project "Experimental Development of Innovative Geographical Information System for the Rational Management of the Mountainous Alpine Meadows of Theodorianas of Arta.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

I am a member of the associations:

- Panhellenic Association of Speech and Language Therapists - Speech Therapists (P.S.L.)
During the period 2001- 2003 I was an elected member of the Board of Directors of P.S.L. and held the position of Treasurer.
- English Speech and Language Therapists Association - The College of Speech and Language Therapists (CSLT) United Kingdom.