

ESA Council candidateship

Maria Chatzaki (MCH) is Associate Professor at the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics of the Democritus University of Thrace. She obtained her bachelor's, MSc and PhD at the Biology Dpt of the University of Crete, Natural History Museum of Crete (NHMC). Since then, she has an ongoing collaboration with NHMC and she holds the position of subcurator for the arachnological collections. Her research focuses on: spider systematics; biogeography; phylogeography; ecology; mountain ecology; toxinology and public health. She has published multiple taxonomic papers and revisions, in which she has described more than 30 new species for science, mostly belonging to the family Gnaphosidae.

MCH is member of the European Arachnological Society (Secretary of the council since 2008), the International Arachnological Society, editorial board member of the World Spider Catalogue – WSC - <http://www.wsc.nmbe.ch/> since 2016 and member of the council of the Hellenic Zoological Society (2014-2016).

MCH would like to keep her position as a member of the ESA council – Secretary responsible for communication.