IMBB is mourning the loss of Zoi Tampaki, a former PhD Student at IMBB and a beloved colleague

Zoi Tampaki, a former PhD Student of IMBB, passed away on the 16th of October 2014 after a brave battle with cancer. Zoi did her Master of Science thesis at IMBB, under the supervision of Dr Thanasis Loukeris and Prof. Anastassios Economou. In 2004 she embarked on her Ph. D. thesis with Dr Thanasis Loukeris. After finishing her degree she continued as a Post-doctoral Scientist in the laboratory of Prof. Kami Kim, at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. From the beginning of her research career Zoi worked on unraveling the molecular biology of the parasite Toxoplasma gondii.

Zoi was a talented young scientist, and she was always highly regarded among her colleagues. She was also a very delightful person. We, who worked with her, appreciated her friendly and supporting character and were impressed by her positive attitude to the difficulties facing a young researcher at the beginning of a career in scientific research.

Our thoughts go to her family who stood by and supported Zoi during the difficult period of her illness. For those of us who had the privilege to know her, her smile and passion for life will always be remembered.