



John (Yannis) Papanikolau (1963-2014)

The Greek community of Structural Biology has learned with deep sadness the unexpected death of John Papanikolau, who was member of the Hellenic Crystallographic Association.

Yannis as he was known to friends and colleagues had studied Physics at the University of Athens. He was one of the first Graduate Students of the Department of Biology, University of Crete and later a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology of FORTH. He produced a valuable research work in the fields of crystal growth, Structural Biology and Biochemistry in general. After a collaboration with the Institute of Radioisotopes and Radiodiagnostic products of the National Center for Scientific Research "DEMOKRITOS" he became teacher of Physics and Physical Chemistry at the Department of Biology, University of Crete. One of his latest searches was to understand the scaling phenomena and their importance in Biology. He did not omit to teach his latter investigations in the student classes.

Yannis' sudden death deprives us of a valuable teacher, colleague, partner and friend. We will not forget his tireless enthusiasm to share his insightful knowledge with students and colleagues alike with kindness and smile.

Our thoughts are with his family and close friends.