

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- [2019] University of Thessaly, School of Health Science, Faculty of Medicine
Ph.D.
Thesis Title: Dynamic systems theory' its implication for Pediatric Physical Therapy
(Supervisor: Prof. Syrogiannopoulos George)
- [Sep. 2002 – Jul. 2004] Charles University of Prague, Czech Republic.
M.Sc. in Physiotherapy
Specialization in treatment of motor disabilities for children with neurodevelopmental disorders and in Physical Therapy of musculoskeletal disorders.
During my M.Sc. program I participated in a scientific research project where I completed my Diploma Thesis with the title: Comparison of Scapula Kinematics between Right and Left Shoulders in Flute Players
Degree grade: A
- [Sep. 1999 - Jul. 2002] Charles University of Prague, Czech Republic.
B.Sc. in Physiotherapy
Degree grade: A
- [Sep.2004 – Jul. 2005] Athens School of Physiotherapy
B.Sc. in Physiotherapy
Degree grade: Excellent (8.66/10)

LANGUAGES

GREEK Mother tongue
ENGLISH Fluent (Cambridge Advanced)
CZECH Very good

PUBLICATIONS

1. Dimakopoulos R, Syrogiannopoulos G, Grivea I, Dailiana Z, Youroukos S, Spinou A. **Kinematic and Temporospacial Changes in Children with Cerebral Palsy during the Initial Stages of Gait Development.** Dev Neurorehabil. 2021 Apr 19:1-9. doi: 10.1080/17518423.2021.1914763. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 33872103.
1. Dimakopoulos R, Syrogiannopoulos G, Youroukos S, Dailiana Z, Spinou A. **Passive range of motion changes in young children with spastic diplegia. A study during the initial stages of independent walking.** J Pediatr Rehabil Med 2019;12(2):151-159. doi:10.3233/PRM-180539
2. Dimakopoulos R, Dimoulas E. **Dynamic Systems Theory' its implication in Pediatric Physical Therapy**

“Physiotherapy” – Hellenic Physiotherapists’ Association Publication 2010;13(3):167-175

3. Dimakopoulos R. **Stabilization mechanisms of the lumbar spine; its participation in physiological movement and in the pathophysiology of low back pain.**
“Physiotherapy” – Hellenic Physiotherapists’ Association Publication 2005;8(3):164-172

CONFERENCES (Oral Presentation – invited speaker)

1. Dimakopoulos Rigas. **New concepts in Pediatric Physical therapy: from “Normality” to “Participation”**
12th National Conference of Child Neurology, 14-15 December 2012, Crown Plaza- Athens
2. Dimakopoulos Rigas. **Kinematic changes during the first stages of human walking in children with Spastic Diplegia**
Anniversary conference: 10 years Gait and Motion Analysis Center – ELEPAP Athens, 5 May 2012, Athens
3. Dimakopoulos Rigas. **The contribution of Spasticity to the clinical picture of children with Cerebral Palsy.**
EEEF CP conference: New concepts in physiotherapy approach for children with CP, 15 January 2012, Athens
4. Dimakopoulos Rigas. **The role of play based on the ICF: a new concept aiming to “participation” of children with motor deficits.**
6th National Conference of Occupational Therapy: 22-23 October 2011, Athens
5. Dimakopoulos R. **Effects of the Functional model of Physical Therapy on Children with Cerebral Palsy.**
International conference of physiotherapy: Therapeutic methods and concepts in Physiotherapy, 19-20 May 2011, Celakovice - Czech Republic
6. Dimakopoulos Rigas. **Trends towards a Functional model of Physical Therapy in Cerebral Palsy.**
16th Mediterranean Meeting of Child Neurology, 23-26 September 2010, Myconos Island- Greece
7. Dimakopoulos Rigas. **Motor Control Theories: new concepts in Pediatric Physical Therapy**
9th National Conference of Child Neurology, 12-13 December 2009, Crown Plaza - Athens
8. Dimakopoulos R, Dimoulas E. **“Dynamic Systems Theory: new concepts in Pediatric Physical Therapy”.**
International conference of physiotherapy: Diagnostics and Therapy of the Locomotor System in Children and Adults, 22-25 May 2009, Prague - Czech Republic

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

[Sep. 2008] **Test of Infant Motor Performance (T.I.M.P)** by Suzann Campbell

- [Feb. 2003 – Apr.2003] **Reflexive Locomotion** by Vojta
- [Sep. 2001 - Jan.2002,
Sep.2002 – Jan.2003] **Proprioceptive Neuromuscular Facilitation (PNF)** by Kabat
- [Oct.2002 – Jan.2003] **Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy - McKenzie Method**
- [Sep.2002 – Jul. 2004] **Mobilization and manipulation methods** by Lewit.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- [Apr. 2007 – Present] **E.N.A Private Rehabilitation Center for children with developmental disabilities**
Chalandri - Athens
Physiotherapist
Physical Therapy for children with neurodevelopmental disorders
- [Oct. 2006 - Jul.2007] **EEEEK Pammakaristos**, Athens
School for children with special needs, age 10-18
Physiotherapist
Physical Therapy for children with special needs
- [Oct.2006 – Jul. 2007] **Argyroupolis IEK, Peristeri IEK**
Vocational Training Institute (IEK)
Part-time teaching instructor
Courses taught:
- Neurological Disorders and Rehabilitation.
- Cerebral Palsy and Rehabilitation
- Musculoskeletal Disorders and Rehabilitation

PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

- COMPUTERS **ECDL Progress Certificate in microsystems technologies and communications**,
including Word Processing , Spreadsheets and web communications