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## 2 STUDIES

- 1977 - 1982** BA in Fine Arts, University of Athens - School of Fine Arts.
- 1982 – 1983** Diploma in Mosaic Techniques, University of Athens - School of Fine Arts.
- 1983 - 1986** Scholarship (3 years) obtained by the Hellenic Scholarship Foundation (I.K.Y.), Specialisation in Paper Conservation and Restoration - *Istituto Centrale per la patologia del libro*, Rome.
- 1984 -1985** MA in Greek Palaeography - *Scuola di Paleografia, Diplomatica e Archivistica*, Vatican City.
- 1986 - 1988** Scientific Research on Byzantine Bindings of the Vatican Library, financially supported by the Italian Institute of Culture in Athens.
- 1990** International Seminar on Book Restoration organized by UNESCO in Venice (Italy, October - December).
- 2001-2013** PhD in the History of the Book, University of London, School of Advanced Study. Title of the PhD thesis “*History of the Binding and Conservation of the Greek Manuscripts of the Fondo Antico in the Vatican Library, (15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> centuries)*”.

## 3 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1988 -1992** Fellow Researcher, Istituto Centrale per la Patologia del Libro, Rome  
Project: Census of Medieval Binding in Italian Libraries.
- 1992 -2003** Senior Lecturer in the History of Early Bookbinding Techniques, *Scuola Europea di formazione specialistica per conservatori - restauratori di Beni Librari*, Spoleto (Italy).
- 1994 - 1995** Senior Lecturer in Book and Paper Conservation in Department for Conservation of Antiquities & Works of Art, Technological Educational Institute, Athens. From 1995 to 2014 as Assistant Professor, from 2014 as

Associate Professor and from 2019 as Professor in Book and Paper Conservation.

**1995 - 1996** Fellow Conservator in the Conservation Department of the Byzantine and Christian Museum, Athens.

**1996 - 1999** Fellow Conservator in the Conservation Department of the National Gallery – Museum of Alexandros Soutzos, Athens.

**April 1997** Visiting Teacher in the University of Bologna, Italy.

**16-21/5 /1999** Visiting Teacher in the Evitech Institute of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland.

**1997 - 1999** Consultant to the Libraries Advice Committee regarding conservation issues - Hellenic Ministry of Education, Athens.

**2000 - 2004** Head of Conservation Department of the Vatican Library.

**2001 - 2005** Visiting Teacher in Scuola Vaticana di Biblioteconomia for the topic Conservation Principles of Library Materials.

**2008 - 2009** Visiting consultant in the Grabar Institute (Moscow) for the restoration of two Greek-Byzantine bindings (Synodal Gr. 407 and Khludov Psalter).

**2011 - 2013** President of the International Institute of Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works – Hellenic Branch (IIC – Hellenic branch).

**2013** Collaborator in the digitalization project of the Byzantine manuscripts of the Library of Benaki Museum (Athens). Consultant for bookbinding description.

**2011 - 2017** Visiting Teacher in the summer courses (1 month) organized from the International Institute for Restoration and Preservation Studies (IIRPS) in San Gemini (Italy).

**2015 - today** Co-founder member of the “ARTICON”, Laboratory of Advanced Research Technologies for Investigation and Conservation of Paintings and Archival Material, Faculty of Applied Arts and Culture, University of West Attica.

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Erice (Italy), 1992, Title of Congress: *Ancient and Medieval Book Materials and Techniques*. Title of Paper: **Research on Structural Elements of Byzantine Bindings.**

Erice (Italy), 1996, Title of Congress: *Conservation and Restoration of Archive and Library Materials*. Title of Paper: **The Restoration of Manuscripts in Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Greece.**

Ljubljana (Slovenia), 1996, Title of Congress: *Book and Paper Conservation*. Title of Paper: **Medieval Bookbinding Structures.**

Metsovo (Greece), 1998, Title of Congress: *Technology, Culture and Decentralisation*. Title of Paper: **The profile of an Archive in Metsovo, its significance and the efforts to conserve it.**

Athens, (Greece), 1998, School of Fine Arts, Title of Congress: *Libraries of Art, their role and their particularities*. Title of Paper: **the morphology and the problems arise in the conservation of the books in Libraries of Art.**

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Drama, (Greece), VI<sup>e</sup> Colloque International de Paléographie Grecque, 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September 2003. Title of Paper: **Relationship between Byzantine and “alla greca” bookbinding structure.**

Athens, (Greece), National Institute of Research, 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2005. Title of Congress: *The Book in Byzantium. Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Bookbinding*. Title of Paper: **Leather Byzantine Bookbindings in Greek Libraries. Research and Problems.**

Copenhagen, (Denmark) 19th - 20th October 2006, Tenth International Seminar on the Care and Conservation of Manuscripts. Title of Paper: **The methodology of studying the cover decoration of Byzantine bindings.**

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Athens, (Greece), 2013 - 2014, European Research Project «THALES - TEI of Athens», Title of Project: *Experimental design for the investigation of the environmental factors effects on organic materials* (Project INVENVORG). The case of paper.

Athens (Greece), 2013 – 2015, Title of project: *Digitalization project of the Byzantine manuscripts of the Library of Benaki Museum (Athens)*, Consultant for bookbinding description.

Sinai, (Egypt), 2017 – 2018, Title of project: *Digitalization of Arabic and Syrian Manuscripts*.

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