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KG is a full Professor and Head of the Department of Food Science and Nutrition of the University of the Aegean. His subject is consumer behavior, sensory analysis and biochemical changes in food. He is the director of the ConsumerLab (Laboratory for consumer studies and sensory analysis of food & beverages (FEK 1552/B/23.04.2020, <a href="https://www.sensory.gr">www.sensory.gr</a>) and founder of the Hellenic Sensory Science Society "SenSo" (<a href="https://www.sensorysociety.gr">www.sensorysociety.gr</a>).

Throughout his career KG has benefited from exposure to various industries, universities and cultural environments. Since 2019 serves as a professor at the Department of Food Science and Nutrition of the University of the Aegean. Before joining the University of the Aegean, he worked for 6 years as an Assistant Professor at the School of Chemical Engineering of the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom (2013-2018). He is a graduate of the School of Food Technology of ATEI Thessaloniki and worked as a food scientist and quality control manager in the Greek food industry. He completed his PhD at the Division of Food Science of the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom, has worked as a KTP Associate Scientist at the Pepsico UK Research Center and as a Researcher at the University of Northampton. His academic activity includes links and collaborations with Asia and Africa as well as industries within the EU, such as Procter & Gamble, implemented through joint research programs, with industry, academia and food SMEs. KG has supervised and supervises a truly international and multicultural research team of PhD candidates from various countries including Indonesia, Italy, Lebanon, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Uganda, United Kingdom, Cyprus and of course Greece, many of whom have already graduated and now hold positions in academic institutions and industries around the world. Throughout his academic career, he has supervised as main supervisor >10 PhDs, >40 MScs and postdoctoral researchers. He directs the Master of Research, Global Innovation and Sustainability in the Food Industry and Nutrition ( https://sites.google.com/view/foodmres) of the Department of Food Science and Nutrition of the University of the Aegean. He has experience in research projects' management at all levels. He has been acting as a project coordinator for various grants, including Horizon 2020 Marie Curie RISE consortium leader in the SYBAWHEY program, Research Create Innovate B' (T2EDK-02137), participation in Regional Excellence infrastructure programs (www.dictuoagrica.eu) and institution leader (UoB) in Horizon2020 Marie Curie ITN consortium BIOCLEAN program (€3.9 million, https://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/205498).