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Education

Christina Karatzaferi received her BSc in P.E. & Sports Science from the University of Athens- Greece (1993), her MSc in Sport Science (Exercise Physiology) from Loughborough University – UK (1996) and her PhD in Exercise Physiology (Human Muscle Fatigue and Recovery) from Manchester Metropolitan University - UK (2000).

Academics & Research

Christina Karatzaferi is a Professor in Exercise Physiology & Myology at the University of Thessaly where she teaches UG and PG courses in exercise physiology, muscle physiology, exercise for health and lifestyle medicine in the School of PE, Sports Science and Dietetics. She leads the Experimental Physiology and Mechanics Group and supervises MSc and PhD theses as well as post-doctoral research.

She is a member of the American Physiological Society and of the European Society for Muscle Research. She is a member of the Education Committee of IUPS and has participated and contributed in the programme of the Bristol, Kobe and Buzios Teaching Workshops.

Moreover, Christina works for advancing the teaching of CPR and other first aid competencies in the Greek School system as well as volunteers in efforts to promote exercise and healthy lifestyles in the general population.

Christina's research interests lie at the cross-roads of muscle physiology, mechanics and metabolism, with an emphasis on musculoskeletal adaptations to inactivity, chronic disease and oxidative stress, and their impact to overall health and quality of life. She is also involved projects where new, exercise and other, interventions are implemented, with the aim to postpone fatigue, counteract muscle weakness and maintain functionality in health and disease. Apart from securing competitive funds Christina often serves as a grant reviewer for European and international panels (incl. EU- Research Executive Agency, Marie Curie, Canada-NSERC, Israel- Israel Science Foundation, Cyprus- Research Promotion Foundation, Germany - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft).

Christina serves in the editorial board of Advances in Physiology Education, Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, and Frontiers in Striated Physiology. She has also handled special issues in various peer-reviewed journals including the Oxidative Medicine and Cellular Longevity journal, and the Journal of Muscle Research and Cell Motility and has written textbooks and book chapters. Her academic and leadership work has received various awards and meritorious recognition (incl. a 2017 paper in APS select collection, Public Health England Honorary Academic in 2018, Finalist –Inspirational Woman in STEM, Venus Awards competition, Devon, 2018, etc.).

Scientific Dissemination	Number
Books	3 (1 translation)
Book Chapters	19
Articles in Refereed Journals	> 67
Articles in Professional Journals & Magazines - News Letters	>7
Invited presentations	> 18
Metrics -Impact	
Citation Index (31/01/2022): Google Scholar/Scopus	2680/1498
h-Index (31/01/2022): Google Scholar/Scopus	29/22
Involved in Successful Research-Related Grant Applications	>10 M €

Indicative Peer-Reviewed Publications

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- 8. Karatzaferi C, Sandri M, Sakkas GK, Smith C. Effects of Redox Disturbances on Motility, Contractility and Muscle Tissue Pathogenesis. Oxid Med Cell Longev. 2019 Jun 16;2019:3272035. doi: 10.1155/2019/3272035. PMID: 31316717; PMCID: PMC6604295.
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