

Efthimios Assimakopoulos: Curriculum vitae

Personal Data

Date of birth: March 15, 1993

Originally from: Patras, Achaia, Greece

Currently living in Heraklion, Crete.

Current state: PhD candidate of the University of Crete, Department of Biology

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Background:

My MSc revolved around the management of ecosystems and biological resources, while my thesis was focused on a small mammal, the lesser blind mole-rat (*Nannospalax leucodon* and *N. xanthodon*). Currently I am occupied as a PhD candidate of the University of Crete, focusing on the systematics, phylogeny and hybridization in wild populations of Vertebrates. I am mostly interested in matters of Vertebrate evolution, herpetology, mammalian biology and the conservation of threatened species and ecosystems.

Education:

6/2018 – present: Entered the University of Crete as a PhD candidate

12/2017: Acquired with excellence my MSc degree: Applied Ecology – Management of ecosystems and biological resources, from the University of Patras, Greece. I also completed my thesis with a grade of 10/10 'CYTOGENETIC STUDY OF THE NATURAL POPULATIONS OF THE LESSER BLIND MOLE-RAT (*NANNOSPALAX*, SPALACINAE, RODENTIA) IN GREECE'

9/2015: Graduated from the Biology Department of the University of Patras with a grade of 7,33

Foreign Languages:

English (exceptional), Spanish (limited)

Computational knowledge:

MS office, SPSS, PAST, GIS, Mr. Bayes, RAxML, Structure, Genetix, NewHybrids, STRand, HYBRIDLAB, GeneClass

Research subjects:

- Phylogeny and evolution of Vertebrates
- Hybridism
- Diversity of the mammalian fauna of the Balkans
- Secularizing subjects considering the protection of Mammals, Reptiles and Amphibians, to aid local communities in matters of conservation

Congresses:

- International congress on Rodents' biology, Rodents et Spatium 2016 (Olomouc, Czech Republic, participant with Poster)
- Rodents et Spatium 2018 (Potsdam, Germany, participant with presentation)
- Hellenic congress of Ecology 2018 (Heraklion, Crete, participant)

Related articles:

- Article published on the educational magazine "FYSIORAMA"(ΦΥΣΙΟΠΑΜΑ) of the Meteora Natural History Museum (summer of 2018), regarding the herpetofauna of the Aegean sea.

Other interests:

- Music and dance
- Aquascaping
- Hiking
- Natural History