

SHORT CV
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name, First name: **SAVAKI, HELEN**

Nationality: **Greek**

EDUCATION

1968-74: School of Medicine, University of Athens, Greece (MD).

1972-73: Courses in Experimental Psychology, Athens Pierce College.

1973-76: Doctorate Thesis in Biochemistry, School of Medicine, University of Athens (SciD).

1976-78: Neuroscience courses, Foundation for Advanced Education in Sciences, NIH, USA.

1977-78: Biochemistry/Computer courses, George Washington University Washington DC, USA.

1977-78: NIH Radiation Courses for license by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, USA.

MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Neuroscience, U.S.A (SFN)

The New York Academy of Sciences

Hellenic Society for Neuroscience

European Neuroscience Association (ENA)

International Brain Research Organization (IBRO)

International Society of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism

International Neuropsychological Symposium (INS)

CURRENT POSITIONS

2019-present: Professor Emerita, Medical School University of Crete
(<http://www.english.med.uoc.gr/?q=the-school/emeritus-professors>)

2018-present: Full member of the Inter-Departmental Graduate Program in “Brain and Mind Sciences” (<http://brain-mind.med.uoc.gr/?q=node/9>)

1994-present: Collaborating Researcher, Computational Neuroscience group, Institute of Applied and Computational Mathematics (IACM), Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH) (<http://www.iacm.forth.gr>).

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

1990-Sept 2018: Full Professor (tenure) of Physiology, Medical Faculty, University of Crete, Greece, teaching Human Physiology courses to Medical students, and Neuroscience courses to graduate students

2017-Aug 2018: Director of the Inter-Departmental Graduate Program in “Brain and Mind Sciences”

July-Sept.**1975:** Research Fellow, Dept. of Psychobiology, Medical School of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Jan-April **1976:** Research Fellow, Dept. of Anesthesiology, Columbia University, NY, USA.

1976-1979: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Lab. Cerebral Metabolism, NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA.

1979-1980: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Wellcome Surgical Institute, Glasgow University, U.K.

1980-1984: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Group NB-INSERM u.114, College de France, Paris.

1984-1990: Associate Professor of Physiology, Medical Faculty, University of Crete, Greece.

1987, 1990, 2001: Chair of Dept. Basic Sciences, Medical Faculty, University of Crete.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS

1968-1974: Six years **Fellowship** to study medicine, from Papadakis Foundation.

1975: Research Fellowship to work at the Dept. of Psychobiology, **Medical School of Sao Paulo.**

1976: Research Fellowship from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, **Columbia University NY.**

1976-1979: Research Fellowship from **NIH**, work at Lab. Cerebral Metabolism, **Bethesda, MD.**

1979-1980: One year Postdoctoral Research Fellowship from the **Wellcome Trust**, to work at the Wellcome Surgical Institute, Glasgow University, **UK.**

1980-1981: Postdoctoral Research Fellowship from the Institut National de la Santee de la Recherche Medicale, to work at the **College de France:** Groupe NB-INSERM u-114.

1981-1983: Postdoctoral Research Fellowships from the (i) **European Science Foundation**, (ii) **Fondation Fyssen**, and (iii) **Ministere Francais des Relations Exterieures**, to continue working at the College de France.

1983-1985: **Cadre Position I** at Pharmuka-Labs, functioning as Research Consultant, while continued working at College de France, Groupe NB-INSERM u.114.

Oct.-Jan. **1987:** Visiting Scientist at **Johns Hopkins University**, USA, with **Fulbright fellowship.**

1987-1988: Principal Investigator, **Grant** 8745012/004 from the Greek Ministry of Nat.Education.

1988-1989: Six months sabbatical from the University of Crete: 3 months at the Institut des Neurosciences, **University Pierre et Marie Curie** (Paris VI), and 3 months appointed as **Visiting Scientist** at **NIH, USA.**

1988-1989: Principal Investigator, **Grant** 86EΔ856 from the Greek General Secretariat of Research and Technology (GGSRT).

1988-1989: Coordinator, ERASMUS **Grant** ICP-88-0008-G from the **European Community.**

1989-1990: Principal Investigator, **Grant** AΔ 2426 15/2/89 from GGSRT & **Embassy of France.**

1989-1991: Co-Investigator, **Grant** 87 EΔ 34 from the **GSRT.**

1990-1992: Principal Investigator, **Grant** EO31, **Greek Ministry of Health.**

1990-1991: Coordinator, ERASMUS **Grant** ICP-90-G-0068 from the **European Community.**

1991-1993: Principal Investigator, **Grant** 89 EΔ401 from the **GSRT.**

1991-1993: Principal Investigator, **Grant** from the **Region of Crete.**

1993-1995: Principal Investigator, **Grant** 91EΔ863 from the **GSRT.**

- 1993-1996:** Principal Investigator, Human Capital and Mobility **Grant** ERB4050PL 920809 (Fellowship Network) from the **European Community**.
- 1996-1998:** Principal Investigator, **Grant** 95 EΔ24 from the **GSRT**.
- 1998-2000:** Co-Investigator, **Grant** EPEAEK for the Crete Graduate Program “Neuroscience”, **Greek Ministry of Education**.
- 1998-2000:** Co-Investigator, **Grant** BIOTECH (**European Commission-** BIO4-CT98-0546).
- 1998-2001:** Principal-Investigator, **Human Frontier Science** Program (RG0039/1998-B).
- 1998-2001:** Coordinator, **Grant** 97EL-35 from the **GSRT**.
- 2002-2005:** Principal-Investigator, **Grant** Fifth Framework Quality of Life Program (**European Commission-** Directorate General XII, QLRT-2001-00746).
- 2002-2005:** Principal Investigator, **Grant**01EΔ111 from the **GSRT**.
- 2006-2009:** Co-Investigator, **Grant**03EΔ803 from the **GSRT**.
- 2006-2009:** Coordinator, **Grant** **European Commission** Sixth Framework IST-027574.
- 2014-2016:** Principal Investigator, **Grant** «ΑΡΙΣΤΕΙΑ-II» from the **GSRT**.

EXPERT CONTRACTOR

- 1998-1999:** Expert Contractor for Monitoring the **BIOMED-2** Program (European Commission-Directorate General XII).
- 1999-2000:** Expert Contractor for Evaluation of **Fifth Framework** Projects (European Commission QLEV-CT99-01137).
- 2000-2001:** Expert Contractor for Monitoring the **Quality of Life** Program (European Commission-Directorate General XII).
- 2010-2013:** Appointed by the European Research Council as **Referee in peer review evaluations**.
- 2010-present:** Expert Contractor for the **Seventh Research Framework** Program.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EARLY CAREERS OF EXCELLENT RESEARCHERS

Present positions of selected ex-PhD students:

1. Antoine Girault, Research Director, Inserm, Paris
2. Vassilis Raos, Professor, University of Crete
3. Georgia Gregoriou, Associate Professor, University of Crete
4. Sophia Bakola Research Fellow Monash University Melbourne Australia
5. Marina Kilintari. Postdoc Fellow University College London.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Savaki HE, Kadekaro M, Jehle J, and Sokoloff L. Alpha- and beta-adrenoreceptor blockers have opposite effects on energy metabolism of the central auditory system. *Nature* 276:521-523, 1978.

Schwartz WJ, Smith CB, Davidsen L, Savaki H, Sokoloff L, Mata M, Fink DJ, and Gainer H. Metabolic mapping of functional activity in the hypothalamo-neurohypophysial system of the rat. *Science* 205:723-725, 1979.

McCulloch J, Savaki HE, McCulloch MC, and Sokoloff L. Specific distribution of metabolic alterations in cerebral cortex following apomorphine administration. *Nature* 282:303-305, 1979.

McCulloch J, Savaki HE, McCulloch MC, and Sokoloff L. Retina-dependent activation by apomorphine of metabolic activity in the superficial layer of the superior colliculus. *Science* 207:313-315, 1980.

Savaki HE, Davidsen L, Smith C, and Sokoloff L. Measurement of free glucose turnover in brain. *J Neurochem* 35:495-502, 1980.

Savaki HE, Kadekaro M, McCulloch J, and Sokoloff L. The central noradrenergic system in the rat: metabolic mapping with alpha-adrenergic blocking agents. *Brain Res* 234:65-79, 1982.

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Savaki HE, Desban M, Glowinski J, and Besson MJ. Local cerebral glucose consumption in the rat. I. Effects of halothane anesthesia. *J Comp Neurol* 213:36-45, 1983.

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Savaki HE, Girault JA, Desban M, Glowinski J, and Besson MJ. Local cerebral metabolic effects induced by nigral stimulation following ventromedial thalamic lesions. I: Basal ganglia and related motor structures. *Brain Res Bull* 12:609-616, 1984.

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Savaki HE, Girault JA, Desban M, Glowinski J, and Besson MJ. Local cerebral metabolic effects induced by nigral stimulation following ventromedial thalamic lesions. II: Sensory motor, reticular and limbic systems. *Brain Res Bull* 14:287-296, 1985.

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