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<p><b>Current position</b></p> <p>✉</p> <p>☎</p> <p>@</p>	<p>Since 2008, PhD Student at the Department of Geography, University of the Aegean            Thesis: “<i>Mediterranean Odorscapes: The Role of Volatile Organic Compounds of Plants in Plant–Pollinator Interaction Networks</i>”            Supervisor: Prof. T. Petanidou</p> <p>Laboratory of Biogeography and Ecology, Department of Geography, University of the Aegean            University Hill, GR-81100, Mytilene, Greece</p> <p>+30 22510 36423 (office), +30 6972517611 (mobile)</p> <p><a href="mailto:afroditi.k@geo.aegean.gr">afroditi.k@geo.aegean.gr</a>  <a href="http://www2.aegean.gr/lab_biogeography-ecology">http://www2.aegean.gr/lab_biogeography-ecology</a></p>
<p><b>Date / Place of birth</b></p>	<p>March 2, 1982 / Thessaloniki, Greece</p>
<p><b>Nationality</b></p>	<p>Hellenic</p>
<p><b>Education</b></p>	<p><b>2007:</b> MSc in Environmental Biology, School of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki</p> <p><b>2005:</b> BSc in Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (part of my Diploma Thesis took place at the Department of Plant Biology, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)</p> <p><b>1999:</b> Secondary Education Degree, 22<sup>nd</sup> Lyceum of Thessaloniki</p>
<p><b>Languages</b>  <i>European level (*)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Modern Greek</b> (mother tongue and language of specialization during undergraduate and postgraduate studies)</li> <li>• <b>English</b> (B2)</li> <li>• <b>Italian</b> (B2)</li> <li>• <b>Spanish</b> (B2)</li> <li>• <b>French</b> (B1)</li> </ul> <p>(*) <i>Common European Framework of Reference for Languages</i></p>
<p><b>Research interests`</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant–pollinator mutualistic networks</li> <li>• Plants’ volatile organic compounds</li> <li>• Island biodiversity</li> <li>• Urban biodiversity</li> </ul>
<p><b>Participation in research projects</b></p>	<p><b>2007:</b> Assessing Large-scale environmental Risks with tested Methods (ALARM) with emphasis in pollination ecology of the invasive alien plant <i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i> in Thessaloniki. Scientific Coordinator: Prof. T. Petanidou (University of the Aegean)</p>

<b>Fellowships &amp; awards</b>	<p><b>2004:</b> Monitoring the activity of the sea turtle <i>Caretta caretta</i> at the research station of the Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece 'Archelon' in Chania, Crete. Scientific Coordinator: Prof. J.D. Pantis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)</p> <p><b>2010 - today:</b> PhD research fellowship, "Heraclitus II" Project co-financed by the Greek State and the European Social Fund, €45,000</p> <p><b>2009:</b> Travel grant, Gordon Research Conference on Floral and Vegetative Volatiles, \$500</p> <p><b>2004:</b> Best undergraduate student's essay award, Hellenic Society of Ethnopharmacology, €250</p> <p><b>2003:</b> ERASMUS grant (attendance at the Department of Biology, University of Rome "Tor Vergata"), Hellenic State Scholarships Foundation, €1,500</p>
<b>Membership in scientific societies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Society of Chemical Ecology</li> <li>• Hellenic Botanical Society</li> <li>• Hellenic Ecological Society</li> <li>• Hellenic Society for Biological Sciences (novice member)</li> <li>• Organization for the Phyto-Taxonomic Investigation of the Mediterranean Area (OPTIMA)</li> </ul>
<b>Conferences</b>	<p>Since 2000, I have provably attended 22 scientific conferences, meetings and workshops in Greece and abroad</p>
<b>Educational activities</b>	<p><b>2009-2010:</b> High School teacher of Biology in Mytilene</p> <p><b>2008:</b> Design and application of environmental education activities for Primary and Secondary Schools in Thessaloniki</p>

## Publications

### THESES

- Kantsa A.** 2007. *Analysis and evaluation of plant diversity in the city of Ioannina (Epirus, NW Greece)*. Master's Thesis, School of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, pp. 145 (in Greek with English summary). Available online at: <http://cds.lib.auth.gr/submit/archive/Griza/gri-2008-1630.pdf>.
- Kantsa A.** 2005. *The spontaneous floras along the streets of Thessaloniki and Rome: The case of tree-beds*. Diploma Thesis, School of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, pp. 76 (in Greek with English summary).

### CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

#### 1. Articles

- Kantsa A,** Krigas N, Iezzi A, Celesti-Grapow L, Kokkini S. 2009. ~~Biodiversity on the sidewalk~~: Comparing the spontaneous floras of tree-beds in the urban complexes of Thessaloniki and Rome (poster). *Proceedings of the 11<sup>th</sup> Scientific Conference of the Hellenic Botanical Society*. Athens, Greece, 8-11 October (in Greek with English summary, in press).

- Kantsa A**, Kokkini S. 2008. Promoting historic monuments through biological information: Plant diversity on the Castle Walls in the city of Ioannina (Epirus, NW Greece) (oral). In Papadopoulou E and Ghizari A, eds. *Proceedings of the Conference of Jean Monnet Action of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*. Veria, Greece, 30 November – 1 December, pp. 539-556 (in Greek with English summary).
- Kantsa A**, Iezzi A, Celesti-Grapow L, Krigas N, Kokkini S. 2005. The spontaneous flora of the tree-bases along the streets of Rome (poster). *Proceedings of the 10<sup>th</sup> Scientific Conference of the Hellenic Botanical Society*. Ioannina, Greece, 5-8 May, pp. 245-249 (in Greek with English summary). Available online at: [www.hbs.gr/images/stories/praktika/praktika2005.pdf](http://www.hbs.gr/images/stories/praktika/praktika2005.pdf).
- Goula A, **Kantsa A**, Pagkozidou G. 2004. Dittany of Crete: Notes on biogeography, ethnobotany and current research trends. *Proceedings of the Meeting of Hellenic Society of Ethnopharmacology on the dittany of Crete*. Heraclion, Greece, 26-27 June (in Greek). Available online at: [www.iama.gr](http://www.iama.gr).

## 2. Abstracts

- Kantsa A**, Vaitis M, Petanidou T. 2010. AROMAbase: The first database of chemical diversity of scents of the Greek flora (poster). *Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Hellenic Ecological Society*, Patras, Greece, 7-10 October, p. 152 (in Greek).
- Kantsa A**, Petanidou T, Raguso RA. 2009. Exploring floral scents and their role in structuring plant–pollinator interaction networks (poster). *Gordon Research Conference on Floral and Vegetative Volatiles*. Oxford, UK, 9-14 August (in English).
- Kantsa A**, Kokkini S. 2008. The distribution of plant diversity within the urban complex of Ioannina (poster). *Proceedings of the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Hellenic Ecological Society*. Volos, Greece, 9-12 October, p. 174 (in Greek).
- Petanidou T, Waser NM, Allen S, **Kantsa A**, Krigas N, Bronstein JL. 2008. *Solanum elaeagnifolium*, an American native plant, invading the Mediterranean: a comparative pollination ecology approach in native and invaded habitats (oral). In Stadler J, Schöpp F and Frenzel M, eds. *EURECO-GFÖ 2008 Verhandlungen der Gesellschaft für Ökologie*, Vol. 38. Leipzig, Germany, 15-19 September, p. 264 (in English).  
Available online at:  
<http://www.europeanecology.org/meetings/documents/ConferenceProceedings2008.pdf>.
- Kantsa A**, Kokkini S. 2008. Plants of Conservation Interest in the city of Ioannina (poster). *Proceedings of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference of the Hellenic Society for Biological Sciences*. Thessaloniki, Greece, 22-24 May, pp. 166-167 (in English).