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Vasileios Ntafis is a doctor of veterinary medicine (School of Veterinary Medicine, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 2005) with a PhD in “Virology and Viral Diseases” (Agricultural University of Athens, 2010) (Alexander S. Onassis Foundation Fellowship for PhD studies).

Since 2012, he is the Head and designated veterinarian of the Animal Facilities of BSRC “Alexander Fleming” (www.animalfacility.eu), responsible for the management of Facilities’ operations, infrastructures and personnel. He is a member of the Protocol Evaluation Committee and the Animal Welfare Body and Vice-Chairman of the BSRC Fleming Ethics and Code of Conduct Committee.

In 2020 he was elected to the position of Staff Scientist B’ (BSRC “Alexander Fleming”), with his interests focusing on the development of phenotyping assays for small rodents. He is currently responsible for the operation of Live Imaging Units (In vivo Optical Imaging, Endoscopy, Ultrasound) and he is actively involved in the development of imaging methods for mice, using x-rays, bioluminescence, fluorescence, endoscopy and ultrasound technologies.

In addition, since 2019, he is the designated veterinarian of the Animal Facilities of Evangelismos Athens General Hospital.

Since 2018, he is Vice President of the Hellenic Society of Biomedical and Laboratory Animal Science, member of the National Committee for the protection of animals used for scientific purposes and member of Board of Management of the Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Associations (FELASA).

He has represented Greece (proposed by the Greek Ministry of Reconstitution of Production, Environment and Energy Rural Development) in EU Meetings of the National Contact Points for the implementation of Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes. The last two years he participates in European working groups (FELASA-EFAT working group, ETPLAS working group) focusing on the harmonization of education and training of people working with animals used for scientific purposes.

Vasileios Ntafis has published over 15 research articles in peer-reviewed journals (>550 citations, h-index:12, Source: Google Scholar).

He is reviewer for Scientific Journals (PLOS One, Vaccine, Journal of Molecular Epidemiology and Evolutionary Genetics of Infectious Diseases, BMC Veterinary Research, Virology Journal, Journal of the Hellenic Veterinary Medical Society) and Ethics Reviewer for the European Research Council (ERC) proposals.