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UNDERGRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

- V. Hatzinikita studied Chemistry in Athens (University of Athens) and Education in Paris (MSc, Université Paris VII) and Patras (PhD, University of Patras).

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS - POSITIONS

- V. Hatzinikita has worked as senior Lecturer at the Department of Primary Education of the University of the Aegean (1989-98) and as Tutor at the Hellenic Open University (2001-2003). She has held permanent posts as Assistant Professor at the University of the Aegean (1998-2003) and as Associate Professor (2003-2009) in Educational Research at the Hellenic Open University (H.O.U.). She became Professor of Educational Research at the H.O.U. in 2009.
- Dean of the School of Humanities (H.O.U., 2011-2015).
- Academic Director of the 'Master in Education' (2003-2009, 2010-) and of the 'Master in Adults Education' (2006) at the H.O.U; Coordinator of the postgraduate modules 'Educational Research in Action' (2002-), 'Introduction to Natural and Human Environment' (2007-2011), 'Child Development in Social Environment' (2007-2008) at the H.O.U.
- Director of the 'Unit of Educational Research and Pedagogy' at the School of Humanities (H.O.U.) which aims at advancing research in (i) development and evaluation of educational projects & (e-)material; (ii) teachers' training; (iii) informal science education; (iv) students' conceptions about science; non-specialists' attitudes and interests about science and technology. The unit also aims at diffusing knowledge, research methodologies and outcomes by organizing relevant seminars and symposia and building collaborations with other universities and institutions at a national and international level.
- Vice-Director and Member of the scientific committee of the 'Learning Material and Educational Methodology Laboratory' at the H.O.U. (2007-2010 and 2003- respectively). Member of the 'Research Committee' at the H.O.U. (2009-2015).
- Member of the Governing Board of the Greek Education Research Centre (2000-2004) and of the Greek Teacher Training Organisation (2002-2004).
- National Project Manager of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA 2003, PISA 2006, PISA 2012) of the O.E.C.D. & Member of the PISA Governing Board (2010-2013). She has been a member of the panel of experts for the E.U.'s working group 'Mathematics, Science and Technology; National Representative in the 'European Network of Policy Makers for the Evaluation of Education Systems' and in the 'Mediterranean Network of International Bureau of Education' (UNESCO-IBE).

PUBLICATIONS, FUNDING OF RESEARCH GRANTS & RESEARCH INTERESTS

- V. Hatzinikita has published over 135 manuscripts, in books, peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings in English, French and Greek. Her papers have been cited by at least 500 other authors in the field.
- She has coordinated and/or participated in 37 research and instructional projects funded by the European Union and national grants.
- She has presented research papers to numerous international and national conferences.
- She is reviewer for 10 international journals, 6 Greek journals and numerous conferences.
- Her fields of expertise and current research interests include educational research methodology, scientific literacy, science education, students' images of science and scientists, students' conceptions of scientific phenomena, science textbooks, visual representations in science, analysis and development of educational (e-) materials, and (adult) distance learning.