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Dr. Panagiotis N. Skandamis is Professor of Food Microbiology and Food Quality Control and Food Hygiene in the Agricultural University of Athens and Vice Chair of the BIOHAZ panel of European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). He has worked as a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Animal Science of Colorado State University in USA. He has (co-) authored 274 original research papers in journals of SCI, 32 book chapters, edited 1 book, more than 200 oral or poster presentations in conferences and has a total number of 12.450 citations. His research has been funded by competitive European and National Grants, as well as direct contracts with the Greek Food Industry in the control of pathogenic microorganisms in foods and promoting the application of predictive microbiology and quantitative microbial risk assessment (QMRA) principles, promoting systems- and risk-based thinking. He is tutor in EUFORA program of EFSA in the predictive microbiology and QMRA.

Dr. Skandamis has been Associate Editor in *Food Research International* (2012-2017). Currently he is the Editor in Chief of *Journal of Food Protection* and member of the Editorial Board in *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* and *International Journal of Food Microbiology*. He is an active member of IAFP since 2003, having participated in numerous symposia and round tables both at the annual meeting and the European symposium (EU IAFP), as presenter or convenor. He received the Maurice Weber Laboratorian award in 2021, a Presidents Recognition award and the International Leadership award in 2023. Dr. Skandamis is member of the scientific committee of the International Conference in Predictive Microbiology in Foods (ICPMF) since 2008. He served on the Scientific Committees of EU IAFP in 2015 (Cardiff), 2016 (Athens), 2017 (Brussels), 2018 (Stochholm), 2019 (Nantes) and 2020 (Munich). In parallel, he served in the evaluation committee of student travel awards from 2018 to 2020, and as judge for the student poster competition in EU IAFP, FoodMicro 2018 and ICPMF conferences of 2013 and 2019. The last 2 years, he is member of the judging committee for the IAFP International Leadership award. Together with Prof. George Nychas, they co-organized the European Symposium on Food Safety, by IAFP in Athens (2016) and FoodMicro conference in 2020 (Athens).

In 2020, following 2-years term as Vice-Chair, Dr. Skandamis became the Chair of the IAFP Professional Development Group for “Microbial Modelling and Risk Assessment” until 2022. He is the developer of *Growth Predictor*, a predictive modelling and QMRA software in R, which has been demonstrated in different Software Fair sessions. He is currently member of the WG for the preparation of ISO standard 23691 “*Microbiology of the food chain – Determination and use of cardinal values*”, offering his expertise on the application of gamma models to predict microbial growth.

At national level, Dr. Skandamis has chaired the newly established *Department of Dietetics and Quality of Life of the AUA*, and has co-ordinated the WG “*Food Safety*” of the *National Technological Platform “Food For Life”*. Since 2022, he is member of the scientific committee of the Hellenic Food Safety Authority.