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Education

1990	B.Sc. in Biology, University of Athens
1997	Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and Evolution, University of Athens “Molecular analysis of mitochondrial DNA of genus <i>Albinaria</i> (Mollusca). Contribution to the study of molecular evolution and phylogeography of the genus in the greek region“, Athens 1997. (Thesis in Greek, available at http://thesis.ekt.gr/8711)

Positions Held

1991 - 1996	PhD candidate (since 1992 special post-graduate scholarship) at the Faculty of Biology, University of Athens (Supervisors: R. Lecanidou, G.C. Rodakis)
3/1997 - 9/1998	Military service
11/1998 - 11/2000	Postdoc , Faculty of Biology, University of Athens (R. Lecanidou Lab)
9/1999 - 6/2000	Vocational training instructor at public vocational training schools
11/2000 - 10/2002	Postdoc , Institute of Biology, NCSR “Demokritos” (Insect Molecular Genetics and Biotechnology Lab, Director K. Iatrou)
11/2002 – 12/2006	Collaborating Researcher (equivalent to Researcher “D”, NCSR “Demokritos”, Iatrou Lab)
1/2007 – 4/2010	Research Associate , IMBB/FORTH (M. Monastirioti Lab, M. Averof Lab, Th. Loukeris Lab)
5/2010 – 12/2012	Research Associate , Institute Biology Leiden, The Netherlands, (Evolutionary Biology Group, Director P. Brakefield, PI: P. Beldade)
12/2011 – 1/2013	Visiting Researcher , IGC (Gulbenkian Institute of Sciences), Oeiras, Portugal (Variation, Development and Selection Group, PI: P. Beldade)
6/2013 -10/2019	Senior Research Scientist , Department of Biology, University of Crete and IMBB/FORTH (Molecular Entomology Lab, PI: J. Vontas)

10/2019 – 10/2024	Assistant Professor , Department of Biological Applications and Technology, University of Ioannina
11/2024 –	Associate Professor , Department of Biological Applications and Technology, University of Ioannina
1/2022 –	Collaborating Group Leader , BRI/FORTH

Research interests

- **Molecular Genetics:** Genetic regulatory mechanisms, investigation of molecular mechanisms of insecticide resistance in models and non-models.
- **Evolutionary biology:** Phylogenetic analysis, phylogeography, evo-devo, investigation of phenotypic correlation to developmental processes.
- **Biotechnology applications** with a focus in arthropods: vectors and systems of protein expression in insect cells, baculovirus and transgenic insects, genome modification by CRISPR/Cas9.

Publications (peer-reviewed)

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38. Tadatsu M, Sakashita R, Panteleri R, **Douris V**, Vontas J, Shimotsuma Y, Ishida T, Sudo M, Van Leeuwen T, Osakabe M. (2022) A mutation in chitin synthase I associated with etoxazole resistance in the citrus red mite *Panonychus citri* (Acari: Tetranychidae) and its uneven geographic distribution in Japan. *Pest Management Science* **78**: 4028-4036
37. Ioannidis P, Buer B, Ilias A, Kaforou S, Aivaliotis M, Orfanoudaki G, **Douris V**, Geibel S, Vontas J, Denecke S. (2022) A spatiotemporal atlas of the lepidopteran pest *Helicoverpa armigera* midgut provides insights into nutrient processing and pH regulation. *BMC Genomics* **23**: 75
36. Xue W, Mermans C, Papapostolou KM, Lamprousi M, Christou IK, Inak E, **Douris V**, Vontas J, Dermauw W, Van Leeuwen T. (2021) Untangling a Gordian knot: the role of a GluCl3 I321T mutation in abamectin resistance in *Tetranychus urticae*. *Pest Management Science* **77**: 1581-1593
35. Vorgia E, Lamprousi M, Denecke S, Vogelsang K, Geibel S, Vontas J, **Douris V***. (2021) Functional characterization and transcriptomic profiling of a spheroid-forming midgut cell line from *Helicoverpa zea* (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae) *Insect Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* **128**: 103510

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33. McLeman A, Troczka BJ, Homem RA, Duarte A, Zimmer C, Garrood WT, Pym A, Beadle K, Reid RJ, **Douris V**, Vontas J, Emyr Davies TG, ffrench-Constant R, Nauen R, Bass C. (2020) Fly-Tox: a panel of transgenic flies expressing pest and pollinator cytochrome P450s. *Pesticide Biochemistry and Physiology* **169**: 104674
32. **Douris V***, Denecke S, Van Leeuwen T, Nauen R, Bass C, Vontas J* (2020) Using CRISPR/Cas9 genome modification to understand the genetic basis of insecticide resistance: *Drosophila* and beyond. *Pesticide Biochemistry and Physiology* **167**: 104595
[*co-corresponding authors]
31. Samantsidis GR, Panteleri R, Denecke S, Kounadi S, Christou IK, Nauen R, **Douris V***, Vontas J (2020) "What I cannot create, I do not understand": functionally validated synergism of metabolic and target site insecticide resistance. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B – Biological Sciences* **287**(1927): 20200838
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30. Lueke B#, **Douris V#**, Hopkinson JE#, Maiwald F, Hertlein G, Papapostolou KM, Bielza P, Tsagkarakou A, Van Leeuwen T, Bass C, Vontas J, Nauen R (2020) Identification and functional characterization of a novel acetyl-CoA carboxylase mutation associated with ketoenol resistance in *Bemisia tabaci*. *Pesticide Biochemistry and Physiology* **166**: 104583
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28. Denecke S, Ioannidis P, Buer B, Ilias A, **Douris V**, Topalis P, Nauen R, Geibel S, Vontas J. (2020) A transcriptomic and proteomic atlas of expression in the *Nezara viridula* (Heteroptera: Pentatomidae) midgut suggests the compartmentalization of xenobiotic metabolism and nutrient digestion. *BMC Genomics* **21**:129.
27. Ingham VA, Anthousi A, **Douris V**, Harding NJ, Lycett G, Morris M, Vontas J, Ranson H. (2020) A sensory appendage protein protects malaria vectors from pyrethroids. *Nature* **577**, 376–380

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25. Tsakireli D, Riga M, Kounadi S, **Douris V*** and Vontas J*. (2019) Functional characterization of CYP6A51, a cytochrome P450 associated with pyrethroid resistance in the Mediterranean fruit fly *Ceratitis capitata*. *Pesticide Biochemistry and Physiology* **157**: 196-203
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24. Samantsidis GR, O'Reilly AO, **Douris V***, Vontas J*. (2019) Functional validation of target-site resistance mutations against sodium channel blocker insecticides (SCBIs) via molecular modeling and genome engineering in *Drosophila*. *Insect Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* **104**: 73-81
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23. Denecke S, Swevers L, **Douris V**, Vontas J. (2018) How do oral insecticidal compounds cross the insect midgut epithelium? *Insect Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* **103**: 22-35

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22. Grigoraki L, Puggioli A, Mavridis K, **Douris V**, Montanari M, Bellini R, Vontas J. (2017) Striking diflubenzuron resistance in *Culex pipiens*, the prime vector of West Nile Virus. *Scientific Reports* **7**: 11699.
21. **Douris V***, Papapostolou KM, Ilias A, Roditakis E, Kounadi S, Riga M, Nauen R, Vontas J*. (2017) Investigation of the contribution of RyR target-site mutations in diamide resistance by CRISPR/Cas9 genome modification in *Drosophila*. *Insect Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* **87**: 127-135.
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19. **Douris V***, Steinbach D#, Panteleri R, Livadaras I, Pickett JA, Van Leeuwen T, Nauen R, Vontas J (2016) Resistance mutation conserved between insects and mites unravels the benzoylurea insecticide mode of action on chitin biosynthesis. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA* **113**(51): 14692–14697.
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18. Riga M, Myridakis A, Tsakireli D, Morou E, Stephanou EG, Nauen R, Van Leeuwen T, **Douris V**, Vontas J. (2015) Functional characterization of the *Tetranychus urticae* CYP392A11, a cytochrome P450 that hydroxylates the METI acaricides cyenopyrafen and fenpyroximate. *Insect Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* **65**: 91-99.

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15. Lavdas A, Efrose RC, **Douris V**, Gaitanou M, Papastefanaki F, Swevers L, Thomaidou D, Iatrou K and Matsas R. (2010) Soluble forms of the cell adhesion molecule L1 produced by insect and baculovirus-transduced mammalian cells enhance Schwann cell motility. *Journal of Neurochemistry* **115(5)**:1137-1149
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13. **Douris V**[#], Telford M[#] and Averof M (2010) Evidence for multiple independent origins of *trans*-splicing in Metazoa. *Molecular Biology and Evolution* **27(3)**: 684-693.
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7. Espagne E[#], **Douris V**[#], Lalmanach G, Provost B, Cattolico L, Lesobre J, Kurata S, Iatrou K, Drezen JM and Huguet E (2005) A virus essential for insect host-parasite interactions encodes cystatins. *Journal of Virology* **79(15)**: 9765-9776.
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6. Lapointe R, Wilson R, Vilaplana L, O'Reilly DR, Falabella P, **Douris V**, Bernier-Cardou M, Pennacchio F, Iatrou K, Malva C and Olszewski JA (2005) Expression of a *Toxoneuron nigriceps* polydnavirus encoded protein causes apoptosis-like programmed cell death in lepidopteran insect cells. *Journal of General Virology* **86**: 963-971.

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