

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Eva Pitta

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Sex Female | Date of birth 23/02/1984 | Nationality Cypriot

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Biologist with expertise in Ecology, Island Biogeography, Community Ecology

WORK EXPERIENCE

November 2016 - Present

Postdoctoral Researcher

Dr. Spyros Sfenthourakis, Associate Professor, University of Cyprus

- Investigating patterns of arthropod community assembly in Cyprus
- Teaching the course "Biodiversity of Cyprus" at undergraduate and postgraduate level
- Conference presentations and manuscript writing

Business or sector Research and Education

April 2014 - July 2015

Researcher

Dr. Maria Chatzaki, Assist. Professor, Democritus University of Thrace

- Taxonomic work on spiders (family level)
- Updating the database of spider species records in Greece
- Conference presentations and manuscript writing

Business or sector Research and Education

April 2014 - July 2015

Scientific collaborator

Dr. Anastasios Legakis, Assoc. Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

- Monitoring of coleopteran species
- Preparation of species and Natura 2000 sites reports

Business or sector Research and Education / Biodiversity Monitoring

October 2008 - June 2013

Teaching Assistant

Dr. Sinos Giokas, Associate Professor, University of Patras

- Assisting in laboratory courses of the Department of Biology
- Supervision of exams

Business or sector Research and Education

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

January 2018 – May 2018

Biodiversity of Cyprus

Postgraduate course, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cyprus

- Teaching in English

Business or sector Research and Education

January 2017 – May 2017

Biodiversity of Cyprus

Undergraduate course, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cyprus

- Teaching in Greek

Business or sector Research and Education

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

April 2009 - January 2014

PhD

University of Patras, Greece

Thesis title: Analyses of macroecological and biogeographical patterns in insular communities

October 2006 - January 2009

MSc in “Ecology – Management and Protection of the Environment”

University of Patras, Greece

Thesis title: A study of terrestrial arthropod fauna among different habitat types on Mt. Parnitha

October 2001 - September 2005

Bachelor of Science

University of Patras, Greece

- Biology

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue

Greek

Other language

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
State Certificate of Foreign Language Proficiency (Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece)					

Communication skills

- Good communication skills gained through teaching, as well as through conference presentations in Greece and other countries

Organisational / managerial skills

- Conference organisation (organizing committee member: 5th Hellenic Congress "Ecological processes in space and time", Patra, 7–10 October 2010)

Job-related skills

- Teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level
- Research and writing peer-reviewed scientific papers
- Experience in biodiversity monitoring

Digital competence

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Independent user	Proficient user	Independent user
Certificate from the Department of Biology, University of Patras				

- Very good command of office suite and of statistical software (i.e. SPSS, R)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

- 1) Mettouris, O., **Pitta, E.**, Giokas, S. 2017. Breeding-migration patterns and reproductive dynamics of two syntopic newt species (Amphibia, Salamandridae) at a temporary pond in southern Greece. *Minor revision in Hydrobiologia*. IF₍₂₀₁₆₎: 2.056
- 2) Zografou, K., Adamidis, G.C., Komnenov, M., Kati, V., Sotirakopoulos, P., **Pitta, E.**, Chatzaki, M. 2017. Diversity of spiders and orthopterans respond to intra-seasonal and spatial environmental changes. *Journal of Insect Conservation* 21 (3): 531-543. IF₍₂₀₁₆₎: 1.462
- 3) **Pitta, E.***, Kassara, C., Trichas, A., Sfenthourakis, S., Chatzaki, M. 2017. Community variation of spiders, beetles and isopods in three small island groups of the Aegean Sea: the interplay between history and ecology. *Journal of Biogeography* 44 (5): 1077-1087. IF₍₂₀₁₆₎: 4.248
- 4) Komnenov, M., **Pitta E.**, Zografou, K., Chatzaki, M. 2016. Discovering the still unexplored arachnofauna of the National Park of Dadia-Lefkimi-Soufli, NE Greece: a taxonomic review with description of new species. *Zootaxa* 4096 (1): 1-66. IF₍₂₀₁₆₎: 0.972
- 5) **Pitta, E.***, Kassara, C., Tzanos, E., Giokas, S., Sfenthourakis, S. 2014. Between-island compositional dissimilarity of avian communities. *Ecological Research* 29 (5): 835-841. IF₍₂₀₁₆₎: 1.283
- 6) **Pitta, E.***, Kassara, C., Giokas, S., Sfenthourakis, S. 2013. Compositional dissimilarity patterns of reptiles and amphibians in insular systems around the world. *Ecological Research* 28(4): 633-642. IF₍₂₀₁₆₎: 1.283
- 7) **Pitta, E.**, Giokas, S., Sfenthourakis, S. 2012. Significant pairwise co-occurrence patterns are not the rule in the majority of biotic communities. *Diversity* 4(2):179-193. IF₍₂₀₁₆₎: -
- 8) Dimou, I., **Pitta, E.**, Angelopoulos, K. 2007. Note: Corn stalk borer (*Sesamia nonagrioides*) infestation on sorghum in central Greece. *Phytoparasitica* 35(2): 191-193. IF₍₂₀₁₆₎: 0.882

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Online scientific databases

Chatzaki, M., **Pitta, E.**, Poursanidis, D., Komnenov, M., Gloor, D., Nikolakakis, M., Nentwig, W. 2015. SPIDOnet.gr - Spiders of Greece, Version 1.0, online at www.araneae.unibe.ch/spidonet.

Conference participation

Participation in 8 international and 4 Greek conferences with 7 oral and 8 poster presentations.

- 1) 30th European Congress of Arachnology, 20– 25 August 2017, Nottingham, UK: **E. Pitta**, K. Zografou, S. Zakkak, M. Chatzaki. "Ground-spider communities' variation along a climatic gradient at micro-scale in NE Greece". Poster (in English)
- 2) 13th International Congress on the Zoogeography and Ecology of Greece and Adjacent Regions, 7 - 11 October 2015, Irakleio, Crete, Greece: M. Komnenov, K. Zografou, **E. Pitta**, M. Chatzaki. "'ΑΛΛ! ΤΙΣ ΕΙ?"- And if you were a spider, whose would you be?- a faunistic analysis of ground spiders at the NE borders of Greece". Poster (in English).
- 3) 7^o Hellenic Ecological Congress "Ecology: linking systems, scales and research fields", 12– 14 October 2014, Mytilene, Greece: **E. Pitta**, C. Kassara, M. Chatzaki. "Patterns of beta diversity in three island groups in the Aegean". Poster (in Greek).
- 4) 7^o Hellenic Ecological Congress "Ecology: linking systems, scales and research fields", 12– 14 October 2014, Mytilene, Greece: D. Poursinidis, **E. Pitta**, N. Chrysoulakis, M.

- Chatzaki. "Geocoding the spiders of Greece". Poster (in Greek).
- 5) 7th Hellenic Ecological Congress "Ecology: linking systems, scales and research fields", 12– 14 October 2014, Mytilene, Greece: M. Chatzaki, P. Kornilios, **E. Pitta**, D. Poursanidis, D. Kaltsas, O. Mettouris, N. Chrysoulakis, W. Nentwig "SPIDOnetGR - Ground spiders as ambassadors for the identification of biodiversity hotspots in Greece". Oral presentation (in Greek).
 - 6) 28th European Congress of Arachnology, 24– 29 August 2014, Torino, Italy: M. Chatzaki, **E. Pitta**, D. Poursanidis, W. Netwig. "European year of spider biodiversity research 2014 – Greece". Oral presentation (in English)
 - 7) 6th International Conference of the International Biogeography Society, 9 – 13 January 2013, Miami, Florida, USA: **E. Pitta**, C. Kassara, S. Giokas, S. Sfenthourakis. "Patterns of compositional dissimilarity in insular systems around the world". Poster (in English).
 - 8) 6th Hellenic Ecological Congress "Ecological research in Greece: Trends, Challenges, Applications", 4 – 7 October 2012, Athens, Greece: **E. Pitta**, C. Kassara, E. Tzanatos, S. Giokas, S. Sfenthourakis. "Patterns of beta diversity in insular systems". Oral presentation (in Greek).
 - 9) 12th International Congress on the Zoogeography and Ecology of Greece and Adjacent Regions, 18 - 22 June 2012, Athens, Greece: **E. Pitta**, C. Kassara, S. Giokas, S. Sfenthourakis. "Modelling beta diversity patterns in insular systems". Oral presentation (in English).
 - 10) 12th International Congress on the Zoogeography and Ecology of Greece and Adjacent Regions, 18 - 22 June 2012, Athens, Greece: I. Anastasiou, M. Stalimerou, S. Terzopoulou, F. Spagopoulou, **E. Pitta**, S. Sfenthourakis, A. Legakis. "Study of the fauna of terrestrial arthropods in post-fire succession stages of a Mediterranean forest (*Pinus halepensis*)". Oral presentation (in English).
 - 11) 16th European Congress of Herpetology, 25 - 29 September 2011, Luxembourg and Trier: **E. Pitta**, C. Kassara, S. Giokas, S. Sfenthourakis. "Community structure of reptiles and amphibians on islands". Poster (in English).
 - 12) 5th International Conference of the International Biogeography Society, 7 – 11 January 2011, Irakleio, Crete, Greece: **E. Pitta**, S. Giokas, S. Sfenthourakis. "How common are species interactions inferred from presence-absence matrices? A pair-wise approach to species co-occurrence patterns". Poster (in English).
 - 13) 5th Hellenic Ecological Congress "Ecological processes in space and time", 7 – 10 October 2010, Patras, Greece: **E. Pitta**, S. Giokas, S. Sfenthourakis. "Identification of interactions between species pairs in 'random', structured and real presence/absence matrices". Poster (in Greek).
 - 14) 11th International Congress on the Zoogeography and Ecology of Greece and Adjacent Regions, 21 - 25 September 2009, Crete, Greece: **E. Pitta**, S. Giokas, S. Sfenthourakis. "Investigating species co-occurrence patterns". Oral presentation (in English).
 - 15) 4th Hellenic Ecological Congress "Current trends in ecological research", 9 – 12 October 2008, Volos, Greece: **E. Pitta**, I. Anastasiou, S. Terzopoulou, M. Stalimerou, F. Spagopoulou, S. Sfenthourakis. "Terrestrial arthropod communities in successional stages of a Mediterranean pine forest in Attiki". Oral presentation (in Greek).

Presentation at a Natura 2000 seminar

Second Mediterranean Natura 2000 Seminar, 14-16 November 2017, Limassol, Cyprus: Papatheodoulou A., Fyttis G., Delipetrou P., Fotiadis G., Antoniou A., Vayianou P., Konstantinou K., **Pitta E.**, Yiannapas M., Xatzikiriakou G., Christodoulou C.S., Mouskountis M., Nikolaou E., Xenofontos M., Stylianopoulou E., Iacovides A. Mapping the * habitat: Distribution of the priority habitat 6220*. Poster (in English).

Course attendance

30 September - 11 October 2013: Fourth international course on climate change "Ecological Consequences of Climate Change: Integrating Research Approaches", Estación Biológica de Doñana (CSIC), Sevilla, Spain.

1 - 6 July 2013: International Summer School in Ecological Data Analysis, School of Environment, University of the Aegean, Mytilene, Lesvos Island, Greece.

Honours and awards **2010 - 2013:** Leventis Foundation scholarship for postgraduate students.

- Memberships**
- International Biogeography Society
 - Hellenic Ecological Society
 - Hellenic Zoological Society