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Personal Summary

Dr. L. Koumakis is an experienced informatics professional with expertise in bioinformatics, systems biology and data mining. Expert in design, development and adaptation of methodologies and tools for knowledge discovery from heterogeneous clinico-genomic data to strengthen and support individualized and stratified medicine protocols.

L. Koumakis is the IT Architect of the Greek Biobanks network (BBMR-GR), responsible for the coordination and connection of the Greek biobank Centers and their linkage with collections in other European Center via the BBMRI-ERIC. He is the author of MinePath (www.minepath.org), an interactive pathway analysis web server for real-time identification of differentially expressed subpathways in gene regulatory networks.

In the past he has worked in the design and implementation of service oriented architectures and he has experience in formal validation and evaluation procedures for software. He has participated in various international and national R&D projects and has published more than 50 papers in scientific journals, proceedings of international conferences & workshops, related to his fields of expertise.

Education

2011–2014 Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Systems biology

Technical University of Crete Greece

Dissertation: Computational methods for knowledge discovery from heterogeneous data sources: methodology and implementation on biological and molecular sources.

Advisors: Vassilis Moustakis, George Potamias, Michael Zervakis.

2002–2004 Master of Science (M.Sc.)

Computer Science Department, University of Crete, Greece

Thesis: HealthObs: Health Observatory. Uniform Modelling and Intelligent Data

Processing in Distributed and Heterogeneous Clinical Information Sources.

Advisors: Stelios Orfanoudakis, George Potamias

1996-2001 Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)

Computer Science Department, University of Crete, Greece

Thesis: Automated Construction and Revision of Semantic Networks.

Advisor: George Potamias

Awards

- The publication entitled <u>Modeling susceptibility to periodontitis</u> received the "IADR/AADR William J. Gies Award" for the best clinical research paper published in the Journal of Dental Research (JDR) during the preceding year. The JDR is the top ranked journal (Impact Factor: 4.144) for original scientific articles in dentistry.
- The publication: L. Koumakis, G. Potamias, K. Marias and M. Tsiknakis. "An Algorithmic Approach for the Effect of Transcription Factor Binding Sites over Functional Gene Regulatory Networks" received the <u>Best Student Paper Award</u> at the 15th IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics & Bioengineering (BIBE).

Scholarships

- **Ph.D. Scholarship (2011-2014): Heraclitus II**, Investing in knowledge society through the European Social Fund.
- M.Sc. Student Research Fellowship (2002-2004), Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH) Institute of Computer Science (ICS)
- Erasmus Program Scholarship (2001) at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (Spring 2001)
- Undergraduate Student Research Fellowship (2000-2001), Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH) Institute of Computer Science (ICS)

Leadership Activities

2015 – present

IT Architect of the Greek Biobanks network (BBMR.gr)

BBMRI-GR will create a network of Greek Biobanks and connect them with the BBMRI-ERIC. The IT architect is responsible for the coordination and connection of all the Greek Centers of biobank collections and their linkage with existing collections in other European Centers, via the BBMRI-ERIC. Furthermore, L. Koumakis represents Greece at the BBMRI-ERIC Common Services IT.

2015 – present

Scientific coordinator on behalf of CBML

Scientific coordinator on behalf of CBML at the EU Horizon2020 project iManageCancer - Empowering patients and strengthening self-management in cancer diseases (H2020-PHC-26-2014 No. 643529) and leader of the Smart analytical data services work package. Total budget of the project 4.8 Million euros (CBML-FORTH budget 750.000).

2011 - 2015

Work Package leader

Work package leader on behalf of CBML at the FP7 EU project EURECA - Enabling information re-Use by linking clinical REsearch and Care (FP7-ICT-2011.7 No 288048). Total budget of the project 13 Million euros (CBML-FORTH budget 960.000).

Employment

2015 - present

Collaborating researcher ICS-FORTH

Collaborating researcher at Computational BioMedicine Laboratory (CBML) of Institute of Computer Science (ICS) at Foundation for Research and Technology - Hellas (FORTH). Current activities:

- scientific coordinator on behalf of CBML at the EU Horizon2020 project iManageCancer
- Leader of the Smart analytical data services work package in the iManageCancer project.
- IT Architect of the Greek Biobanks network (BBMR.gr)

 Member of the biology research IT team of the EUROPEAN NETWORK for CANCER research in CHILDREN and ADOLESCENTS (ENCCA FP7 No. 261474)

October 2014 - December 2014

Postdoctoral Researcher - University of Oxford

 Postdoctoral researcher at the Computational Biology and Integrative Genomics Group of the Department of Oncology, University of Oxford under the supervision of Dr. Francesca Buffa.

2011 - 2014 Senior Technical Staff ICS-FORTH

Participated in EURECA, P-medicine and ENCCA EU FP7 projects:

- **EURECA**: Leader of the evaluation and validation work package. Worked and coordinated the verification, validation and evaluation activities of the EURECA components and the clinical scenarios.
- ENCCA: Member of the biological research IT team of the EUROPEAN NETWORK for CANCER research in CHILDREN and ADOLESCENTS (ENCCA project FP7-HEALTH-F2-2011 No. 261474). Worked on the definition of the minimum common dataset for biobanks and on the implementation of a knowledge discovery algorithm for gene regulatory network.
- P-Medicine: Implemented bioinformatics and systems biology algorithms for miRNA datasets and their combination with gene regulatory networks.
 Designed and implemented a natural language processing framework for semantic biomedical resource discovery.

2010 - 2011 Technical Staff ICS-FORTH

 Worked in REACTION (Remote Accessibility to Diabetes Management and Therapy in Operational Healthcare Networks, FP7-IP-No 248590) for the design and implementation of predictive models and risk assessment for diabetes. Developed new general algorithms for predictive modelling and participated in the design of the predictive model platform.

October 2005 -December 2009

Technical Staff ICS-FORTH

Worked at ACGT, Gen2Phen, InfoBioMed and MIMP EU projects as technical staff/research assistant:

- ACGT (Advancing Clinico-Genomic Clinical Trials on Cancer: Open Grid Services
 for Improving Medical Knowledge Discovery, EU-FP6-IST-026996): Worked on
 the design and implementation of a web based scientific workflow editor for
 the orchestration of bioinformatics web services and scripts. Integration of
 clinical (from clinical trials) and genomic data and implementation of
 bioinformatics algorithms for (i) gene selection (ii) classification.
- InfoBioMed (Structuring European Biomedical Informatics to Support Individualized Healthcare EU-FP6-IST-507585): Design and implementation of the online (web based) biobank database. Implementation of text mining algorithms for plain text data.
- Gen2Phen (Genotype-to-Phenotype Databases: A Holistic Solution, EU-FP7-

- HEALTH-200754): Research and evaluation of web based scientific workflow platforms for distributed environments.
- MIMP (Development of curriculum for a Master's degree in Medical Informatics in Egypt, TEMPUS JEP-31053-2003): Professor's assistant for the Master's degree in Medical Informatics in Egypt.
- **WS-Talk** (Web Services Communicating in the Language of Their User Community, EU-FP6-COOP-CT-00602615): Worked on natural language processing algorithms and web services orchestration.

September 2004 – September 2005

Greek Air Force

• (Mandatory) Military Service

September 2001 – April 2004

Graduate scholarship

 Research assistant/R&D engineer. Designed and implemented a standalone (java-based) clinical decision support system targeting the seamless integration and intelligent processing of distributed and heterogeneous clinical and genomic data.

September 2000 – August 2001

Undergraduate scholarship

 Worked on graph theory and semantic networks and implemented an automatic revision and construction system for semantic networks using supervised learning algorithms.

Teaching Experience

- 1 semester (Spring 2010): Adjunct Laboratory Collaborator/Instructor at the Department of Informatics Engineering, Technological Education Institute of Crete, course "Object-oriented programming"
- 8 semesters (Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009): Adjunct Laboratory Collaborator/Instructor at Department of Sciences, Technological Education Institute of Crete for the course "Advanced programming" at Civil Engineering department
- 2 semesters (Spring 2002 & spring 2003): Teaching assistant at Computer Science Department, University of Crete for the course "Digital Design"
- 1 semester (Fall 2002): Teaching assistant at Computer Science Department, University of Crete for the course "Logic"
- 1 semester (Fall 2001): Teaching assistant at Computer Science Department, University of Crete for the course "Machine learning"

Skills

- Languages: Greek (Native), English-ILR level 4 (Full professional proficiency), Spanish-ILR level 0 (Basic)
- **Programming languages**: Java (15 years), JavaScript (7 years), C++ (5 years), C, C#, R-statistic, (1 year) php (1 year), V. Basic, .net, Pascal
- Markup languages/Data Models: XML, RDF, OWL, HTML, CSS, json
- Other tools/platforms: Weka, SPSS, Tomcat/servlets, web/rest services, Unix

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