

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**POSITIONS**

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October 2011 - Present of Crete, Iraklio, Crete, Greece

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Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health,  
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Department of Hematology, Section of Blood and Marrow  
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**PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:**

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Social Capital in the Mother-Child Cohort in Crete, **Maria Vassilaki**, Oral Session Research on Social Capital & Health, 1<sup>st</sup> Pan-Hellenic Conference of the Forum of Public Health and Social Medicine 25-27 November 2010, Athens (Invited Speaker)

Rate and predictors of induction of labour in the mother-child cohort study (Rhea study) in Crete, Greece **Maria Vassilaki**, Emmanouil Bagkeris, Giorgos Grigoriadis, Antonis Koutis, Anastasios Philalithis, Leda Chatzi and Manolis Kogevinas, 5th Conference of Epidemiological Longitudinal Studies in Europe (CELSE2010), held in Paphos, Cyprus, 13-15th October 2010 (Oral presentation) and abstract published in Longitudinal and Life Course Studies 2010 Volume 1 Issue 3 Supplement , p. 195

ENRIECO: Environmental Health Risks in European Birth Cohorts. **Maria Vassilaki**, Manolis Kogevinas, Martine Vrijheid, Maribel Casas, Ulrike Gehring, Bert Brunekreef, Remy Slama, Joachim Heinrich, Chih-Mei Chen, Cynthia Hohmann, Thomas

Keil and Mark Nieuwenhuijsen for the ENRIECO consortium (poster presentation), 5th Conference of Epidemiological Longitudinal Studies in Europe (CELSE2010), held in Paphos, Cyprus, 13-15th October 2010 and abstract published in Longitudinal and Life Course Studies 2010 Volume 1 Issue 3 Supplement , p. 376

Maternal physical exercise and risk of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus, Gestational Hypertension and adverse birth outcomes: The Mother-Child cohort in Crete (RHEA study). K Savoulidi, **M Vassilaki**, K Sarri, T Roumeliotaki, M Linardakis, A Koutis, L Chatzi, M Kogevas, The Power of Programming – Developmental Origins of Health and Disease, International conference on developmental origins of health and disease, 6-8 May 2010, Munich Germany (Oral presentation)

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Flexible programs of postgraduate studies. **Maria Vassilaki**. 2<sup>nd</sup> Panhellenic Symposium of Instructors in Economics and Health care Management 16 - 17 October 2009, Nauplio, Greece

Adverse reactions to chiropractic treatment and their effects on satisfaction and clinical outcomes among patients enrolled in the UCLA Neck Pain Study. Eric L. Hurwitz, DC, PhD, Hal Morgenstern, PhD, **Maria Vassilaki**, MD, MPH, and Lu-May Chiang, MS. Department of Epidemiology, UCLA School of

Public Health – The 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of APHA (American Public Health Association) , San Francisco, CA, USA, November 15-19, 2003

Essential Elements of Effective Cancer Screening **Vassilaki M.** and Zhang ZF. UCLA School of Public Health. - Schweitzer Regional Conference on Screening for Breast and Cervical Cancer, the Albert Schweitzer Institute, the Open Society Institute and the Network Women's Program Budapest, Hungary, December 4-7, 2000

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