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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Twenty-four Faculty Staff of the Agricultural University of Athens have been awarded as top scientists on a global level.**

On Friday, May 26 2023, twenty - four (24) Faculty Staff of the Agricultural University of Athens have been awarded for their high level training as scientists. The awarding ceremony held at the Conference Center of the Agricultural University of Athens, certifies the internationally recognised and top-level research being conducted at the Agricultural University of Athens, thus being highlighted as an outstanding hub of creativity and innovation.

The Rector of the Agricultural University of Athens, Mr. Spyridon Kintzios, Professor being also one of the distinguished scientists, in his short speech addressed, has praised all the brilliant members of the great agricultural family for the first class knowledge they provide and convey on a national and international level. Afterwards, the Vice Rector for Academic and Administrative Issues, Lifelong Learning and Extroversion, Professor, Mr. Emmanouil Flemetakis has awarded the honorary distinctions to the prominent members of the academic community.

The distinguished are ranked amongst the top scientists throughout the world, according to the recent Ranking of the Bibliometric Study of Ioannidis JPA., (2022), based on the Scopus database of the International *Publishing House Elsevier* and published on the 10th of October 2022, entitled: “*Updated science-wide author databases of standardized citation indicators*”, (<https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/4/>), comprising an update of the list, which represents the top of the most-cited scientists in various disciplines. To become more specific, such a list is released annually, ranking the impact and appeal of the scientific work of approximately 10.000.000 scientists and researchers across the world, classifying them into 22 major scientific fields and 176 sub-fields. In particular, the honoured scientists of the Agricultural University of Athens are included at 2% or even more at the pertinent scientific domain.

Furthermore, the twenty - four (24) Academic Community Members of the Agricultural University of Athens named in the list, are referred to in the next *Table* in alphabetical order and distributed as follows:

Six (6) from the Department of Natural Resources Development & Agricultural Engineering,

Two (2) from the Department of Biotechnology,

Four (4) from the Department of Animal Science,

One (1) from the Department of Regional and Economic Development,

Six (6) from the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition and

Five (5) from the Department of Crop Science.

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| **Number** | **Full Name** | **Department** |
| 1 | John Valiantzas, Former Professor | Department of Natural Resources Development  & Agricultural Engineering |
| 2 | John Vontas, Professor | Department of Crop Science |
| 3 | George Zervas, Professor Emeritus | Department of Animal Science |
| 4 | Nickolas Kavallieratos, Associate Professor | Department of Crop Science |
| 5 | Spyridon Kintzios, Professor, AUA Rector | Department of Biotechnology |
| 6 | Apostolis Koutinas, Associate Professor | Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition |
| 7 | Nikolaos Lambrou, Professor | Department of Biotechnology |
| 8 | Ioanna Mantala, Professor | Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition |
| 9 | Chrysanthos Maraveas, Assistant Professor | Department of Natural Resources Development  & Agricultural Engineering |
| 10 | Angeliki Menegaki, Associate Professor | Department of Regional and Economic Development |
| 11 | Konstantinos Mountzouris, Professor | Department of Animal Science |
| 12 | Demetres Briassoulis, Professor Emeritus | Department of Natural Resources Development  & Agricultural Engineering |
| 13 | Georgios-Ioannis Nychas, Former Professor | Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition |
| 14 | Efstathios Panagou, Professor | Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition |
| 15 | George Papadakis, Professor | Department of Natural Resources Development  & Agricultural Engineering |
| 16 | Seraphim Papanikolaou, Professor | Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition |
| 17 | Ioannis Politis, Professor | Department of Animal Science |
| 18 | Peter Roussos, Professor | Department of Crop Science |
| 19 | Dimitrios Savvas, Professor | Department of Crop Science |
| 20 | Panagiotis Skandamis, Professor | Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition |
| 21 | Konstantinos Soulis, Assistant Professor | Department of Natural Resources Development  & Agricultural Engineering |
| 22 | Ilias Travlos, Associate Professor | Department of Crop Science |
| 23 | Eleni Tsiplakou, Associate Professor | Department of Animal Science |
| 24 | Spyros Fountas, Professor | Department of Natural Resources Development  & Agricultural Engineering |

All the photographs captured throughout the event are available on the following link: [Awarding of 24 Faculty Staff Photographs](https://auagpa-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/alikifotini_aua_gr/EgjfH9C2J85DpC-9mDwZ2zMBfQUu-8ZQRY6QsYr-ytF-TA?e=xZ989M)