

# Neilan Chotzar

## Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
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EDUCATION	
<b>10.2024 -</b>	<p>Ph.D. Candidate</p> <p>International Hellenic University, University Center of International Programmes of Studies, Thessaloniki, Greece</p> <p>Title of the PhD thesis: Investigation of the nematode (Nematoda, Animalia) communities inhabiting Greek Pine forests, with emphasis on the genus <i>Bursaphelenchus</i></p> <p><b><i>The PhD thesis is implemented in the framework of H.F.R.I.'s Call "PhD scholarships for the study of the taxonomy of groups that are mainly distributed in the Greek region" (Scholarship Number: 28045) funded by the National Environment &amp; Climate Change Agency (N.E.C.C.A.).</i></b></p>
<b>10.2017 – 03.2020</b>	National Technical University of Athens, School of Rural and Surveying Engineering, Interdepartmental Programme of Postgraduate Studies «Environment & Development»
<b>10.2010 – 10.2016</b>	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Science, Department of Biology

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS	
<b>2025</b>	<p>Surveys of wood-inhabiting nematodes in natural ecosystems and wooden packaging materials Institution: Forest Research Institute, Hellenic Agricultural Organization – DIMITRA (ELGO – DIMITRA)</p> <p>Principal Investigator Name: Avtzis Dimitrios</p> <p>Role in the project: Extraction and identification of the wood-inhabiting nematodes from wood samples</p>
<b>2024</b>	<p>Special Ecological Assessment for the project: "Regulation of Erasinos river, Athens Greece" Host Institution: ENVIROPLAN S.A.</p> <p>Principal Investigator Name: Tsompanidis Christos</p> <p>Role In the Project: Participation in the elaboration of the project</p>
<b>2022 - 2024</b>	<p>Monitoring and evaluation of conservation status of EU's interest ichthyofauna species in Greece, Ministry of Environment and Energy</p> <p>Host Institution: ENVIROPLAN S.A.</p>

<b>PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS</b>	
	<p>Principal Investigator Name: Tsompanidis Christos            Funding Source: Operational Programme “Transport Infrastructure, Environment and Sustainable Development” NSRF 2014-2020 and European Union (Cohesion Fund)            Role In the Project: Participation in the elaboration of the project</p>
<p><b>2022</b> - <b>2023</b></p>	<p>Framework Agreement to support the activities of the European Investment Bank Project Advisory Support Team, Lot 2: Environment and Energy            Sectorial Ad-Hoc Support to the Environment and Energy Sectors in Greece            Task Order: No. 9 Support for the development of Simplified Cost Options (SCOs) for the biodiversity actions of the 2021-2027 monitoring program            Host Institution: ENVIROPLAN S.A.            Principal Investigator Name: Tsompanidis Christos            Funding Source: European Investment Bank            Role In the Project: Participation in biodiversity actions analysis</p>
<p><b>2022</b> - <b>2023</b></p>	<p>Compilation of Red Lists of Threatened Species of 50 Lepidoptera species of Greece            Host Institution: Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (N.E.C.C.A.)            Funding Source: Operational Programme “Transport Infrastructure, Environment and Sustainable Development” NSRF 2014-2020 and European Cohesion Fund            Principal Investigator Name: Neilan Chotzar            Role In the Project: Assessment of 50 Lepidoptera species according to the IUCN criteria for regional level assessments into risk categories. Descriptive and geospatial data related to the assessment to estimate population sizes and pressures/threats of the species.</p>
<p><b>2023</b></p>	<p>Integrated Waste Management of Peloponnese Region with PPP (public-partner partnership)            Host Institution: ENVIROPLAN S.A.            Principal Investigator Name: Tsompanidis Christos            Funding Source: European Regional Development Fund/ Cohesion Fund            Role In the Project: Assessment of environmental impacts of the project in Natura 2000 sites, as part of the review of the compatibility with the Habitat Directive 92/42</p>
<p><b>2022</b></p>	<p>Special Ecological Assessment for the project: "Green Corner of the Municipality of Paxos", Management Organisation Unit of Development Programmes            Host Institution: ENVIROPLAN S.A.            Funding Source: Operational Programme “Transport Infrastructure, Environment and Sustainable Development” NSRF 2014-2020 and European Cohesion Fund            Principal Investigator Name: Tsompanidis Christos            Role In the Project: Participation in the elaboration of the project</p>
<p><b>2021</b> - <b>2024</b></p>	<p>Greek Butterfly Monitoring scheme - «Apollo»            Host Institution: Biodiversity Conservation Lab, BAT Department, University of Ioannina            Principal Investigator Name: Vasiliki Kati            Funding Source: Volunteer (support in material by Butterfly Conservation Europe)            Role In the Project: Volunteering field work – recording butterflies in two transects in Athens</p>
<p><b>2019</b> - <b>2024</b></p>	<p>Elaboration of Special Environmental Studies and Management Plans for the Natura 2000 Network of protected sites in Attica and North Aegean Regions (Study 7), Ministry of Environment and Energy            Host Institution: ENVIROPLAN S.A.            Principal Investigator Name: Loukatos Andreas            Funding Source: Operational Programme “Transport Infrastructure, Environment and Sustainable Development” NSRF 2014-2020 and European Regional Development Fund            Role In the Project:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elaboration of the Special Environmental Studies</li> <li>• Organizing and carrying out publicity measures for the consultation of the Special Environments Studies</li> </ul> </p>

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recording of opinions and the formulation of answers and suggestions</li> </ul>
2013 - 2015	<p>Dry stone walls- biodiversity supports. Host Institution: National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Science, Department of Biology Principal Investigator Name: Panagiotis Pafilis Funding Source: Ioannis S. Latsis Foundation Role In the Project: Identification of the arthropods, data analysis, diploma thesis with the title "Influence of dry-stone walls' micro-habitat on populations of territorial arthropods in Aegean islands"</p>

CONFERENCES	
<i>National scientific conferences etc.</i>	
2026	<p><b>Chotzar N.</b>, Avtzis D., Argyropoulou M., Monokrousos N., Unseen Communities: Wood- and Soil-Inhabiting Nematodes in Greek Pine Forests, Joint Meeting of the IUFRO working parties "Vascular Wilt Diseases" and "Pine Wilt Disease" (7.02.03 and 7.02.10), May 18-21, 2026 Athens, Greece</p>
2025	<p>Kioukis E., <b>Chotzar N.</b>, Prospects for Enhancing the Revitalization of Greece's Mountainous and Remote Regions through Social Media: Case Study of "The Cookie Traveller", 11<sup>th</sup> Interdisciplinary Congress of M.I.R.C. and NTUA, Metsovio Interdisciplinary Research Center · Sep 24, 2025, Metsovo, Greece (Available <a href="#">here</a> p. 117).</p>
2025	<p>Mourouzidou S., Mola M., Ceriani A., Papakostas S., Sena-Vélez M., <b>Chotzar N.</b>, Papatheodorou E.M., Montagnoli P., Morabito D., Monokrousos N., Effects of biochar and <i>Urtica dioica</i> powder on microbial community ecology and network stability during soil remediation, 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Hellenic Ecological Society, October 1-4, 2025, Athens, Greece (Available <a href="#">here</a> p. 205).</p>
2025	<p><b>Chotzar N.</b>, Avtzis D., Argyropoulou M., Monokrousos N., Global overview of <i>Bursaphelenchus</i> (Aphelenchoididea, Nematoda) species: Associations with vectors, hosts, and climate under the scope of climate change, 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Hellenic Ecological Society, October 1-4, 2025, Athens, Greece (Available <a href="#">here</a> p. 469).</p>
2024	<p>Panagiotakoloupou A., <b>Chotzar N.</b>, Ntamkarelou T., Lolou V., Georgiou I., Paschali K., Tsompanidis C., Mandylas C., Geographic Information System application for the elaboration of Special Environmental Studies: The case of the SES of Northern Aegean, 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of Geographical Information Systems and Spatial Analysis in Agriculture and Environment, May 21 - 23, 2024, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece (Available <a href="#">here</a> p. 79).</p>
2023	<p><b>Chotzar N.</b>, Panagiotakopoulou A., Paschali K., Tsompanidis C. Natura 2000 Network, Thalassia periochi Pausania – Ypothalassia Ifaisteia Methanon, Characterization value. Leader Programm, Smart Villages: Methana, March 31, 2023, Methana, Greece.</p>
2022	<p><b>Chotzar N.</b>, Prospects for alternative activities in Pomakochoria of Xanthi. 10th Conference of NTUA and MIRC, September 22-24, 2022, Metsovo, Ioannina, Greece (Available <a href="#">here</a> p. 439).</p>
2022	<p>Angeliki Geronteli A., <b>Chotzar N.</b>, Karatasiou A., Mountain women and their multidimensional role. Collective entrepreneurial initiatives. Case studies: Genisea and Pleteno cooperatives. 10th Conference of NTUA and MIRC, September 22-24, 2022, Metsovo, Ioannina, Greece (Available <a href="#">here</a> p. 85).</p>
2019	<p><b>Chotzar N.</b>, Geronteli A., Education as a critical area of planning for Integrated Development in the Pomakochoria mountainous area of Xanthi, 9th Conference of NTUA and MIRC, September 26-28, 2019, Metsovo, Ioannina, Greece (Available <a href="#">here</a> p. 150).</p>

**CONFERENCES***National scientific conferences etc.*

<b>2018</b>	Mitsi T., Tsoka M., Fandridi Ch., <b>Chotzar N.</b> , Illustration of the characteristics and activities of the Ikaria Regional Unit on Story Map, 26th ArcGIS Panhellenic User Meeting, May 10-11, 2018, Athens, Greece (Available <a href="#">here</a> ).
<b>2018</b>	Tsoka M., <b>Chotzar N.</b> , Mitsi T., Vamvoukakis K., Combination of Educational and Cultural Activities in the Summer Calendar of the Municipality of Ikaria, Panhellenic Conference on Urban Planning, Spatial Planning and Regional Development, September 27-30, 2018, Volos, Greece.
<b>2018</b>	Mitsi T., Tsoka M., <b>Chotzar N.</b> , Fandridi Ch., Vamvoukakis K., Calendar of Alternative Activities for the Promotion of the Ikaria-Fournoi Island Complex, 11th International Conference of the Hellenic Geographical Society, 12-15 April 2018, Lavrion Technological & Cultural Park, Greece.
<b>2014</b>	<b>Chotzar N.</b> , Koulamas A., Pafilis P., Anastasiou I. Influence of drystone walls' micro-habitat on populations of territorial arthropods in Aegean islands, 7th Panhellenic Conference of the Hellenic Ecological, Zoological & Botanical Societies, October 9-12, 2014, Mytilini, Greece (Available <a href="#">here</a> p. 174).

**WORKSHOPS etc.***Workshops, summer schools, educational seminars, etc.*

<b>2025</b>	SoilMATs – Soil Meiofauna Advanced Taxonomy school, CETAF-DEST in the frames of TETTRIS project, Duration in hours: 190
<b>2023</b>	Introduction to programming using R and RStudio – Application in data analysis (e-learning), Center of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)
<b>2023</b>	Environmental education – Education for sustainable development (e-learning), Center of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)
<b>2022</b>	Certificate of Regional Assessor IUCN Red List, IUCN – The World Conservation Union
<b>2022</b>	Coastal Management (e-learning), Center of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)
<b>2021</b>	Planning and Management of Marine and Coastal Areas (MOOC), MARINE Education and COmmunication network on the MEDiterranean
<b>2020</b>	Certificate of bird identification (national level), BirdID - Nord University
<b>2020</b>	Cartography online course (MOOC), ESRI Training

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

English – University of Michigan C2 Level

German – Goethe Zertifikat B1 Level

**OTHER***Other information relevant to the application*

Computer skills (Ms Office, GIS, Statistical packages: Statistica – CANOCO, One way and two-way ANOVA, post hoc tests, Cluster Analysis, PCA, CA – CCA, R Programming language)