

OBITUARY



**Dr. A. Samanidou-Voyadjoglou
(20.5.1946-21.8.2009)**

Dr. Anna Samanidou, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Parasitology, Entomology and Tropical Diseases of the National School of Public Health, Athens, Greece since 1980, died in August of 2009.

Anna Samanidou was recognized as one of the leading medical entomologists in Greece and Europe. Born in Athens in 1946, she studied Biology from 1965 until 1970 in the University of Athens. At the Washington State University she earned her MSc in Entomology in 1976. In 1989 she presented her PhD thesis in Medical Entomology at the University of Patra. From 1971 to 1974 she was a research Fellow at 'Democritus' Research Center and from 1977 to 1980 a Researcher in Entomology in this Center. From 1980 until her death she was Senior Lecturer at the Department of Parasitology, Entomology and Tropical Diseases of the National School of Public Health.

Anna Samanidou was a gifted teacher. Her lecture courses on Medical Entomology attracted the students of the Msc courses on 'Public Health' and 'Applied Public Health'. Through all these years she supervised numerous postgraduate students on their Msc thesis. Furthermore, Anna trained lots of public health officers on entomological methods and mosquito taxonomy always being enthusiastic about this. She also lectured on special seminars discussing subjects like vector control methods, arthropods of interest for public health and prevention of mosquito-born diseases.

Anna Samanidou participated in five international workshops on mosquito study and vector control methods. She presented her scientific research work on numerous national and international congresses and has published more than 30 research papers on peer reviewed international entomological journals.

Anna Samanidou was a Fellow of one Greek and five International Entomological Societies. Anna will be remembered by her many friends not only as a distinguished scientist but also for her kind personality. She is survived by her husband Konstantinos.

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