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**CV:** Athanassios Giannis is a **chemist and physician**. He was born in Drama / Greece in 1954 and studied chemistry from 1972 to 1980 and medicine from 1978 to 1987 at the University of Bonn / Germany. He completed his Diploma Thesis in 1980 with Manfred T. Reetz and his PhD in 1986 with Konrad Sandhoff. He habilitated in 1992 at the University of Bonn in Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry. From 1998 to 2002 he was Associate Professor at the University of Karlsruhe. Since 2002 he has been Full Professor for Organic Chemistry and Natural Products Chemistry at the University of Leipzig / Germany.

Since April 2020 Visiting Professor at the Center for Biotechnology and Biomedicine, Leipzig as well as Visiting Professor at the Leibniz-Institute for Plant Biochemistry, Halle.

His area of research is biological and medicinal-oriented organic chemistry.

**Research interests:**

Epigenetics, Artemisinins, Immunomodulatory drugs (IMiDs), Cereblon ligands, PROTACs, Inhibitors of Histone-modifying enzymes, Angiogenesis, Nucleoside analogues, Cell Signaling, Synthesis of bioactive Natural Products, Alkaloids, Carbohydrates, Sialic Acids, Sphingolipids, Peptidomimetics; Inhibitors of Receptor Tyrosine Kinases (RTK), ATP analogues, Kinesine-Inhibitors.

**Publications:** > 160

**Number of citations in the literature** >5500 (Nov. 2021)

**h-Factor:** 44

**INVITED SPEAKER**

More than 130 invited lectures in academic institutions and research centers in several countries (Germany, UK, USA, France, China, Italy, Greece, Japan, South Africa, Russia, Turkey, Norway, Bulgaria, Portugal).

## AWARDS

Human Frontier Science Program Organisation 2008

Doctor honoris causa (Dr. h.c.), Faculty of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece, October 2010

Doctor honoris causa (Dr. h.c.), Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Patras, Greece, October 2010

**GRANTS** EU (Marie Curie), Volkswagen Foundation, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, German Government, State of Saxony / Germany, Human Frontier Science Program, Government of Spain.

## EDUCATION

### University

Chemistry, University of Bonn, Germany 1972-1980.

Degree: Dipl. Chem

Medicine, University of Bonn, 1978-1988. Degree: MD

(Medical Licence)

### Graduate:

Institute of Organic Chemistry, University of Bonn,

Germany; 1980-1986; Degree: Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry

(Dr. rer. nat.)

Institute of Organic Chemistry, University of Bonn,

Germany; 1986-1992; Degree: Venia Legendi

(Habilitation) for Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

1992-1997: Assoc. Professor of Organic Chemistry, University of Bonn, Germany

1997-2002 Professor of Organic Chemistry, University of Karlsruhe (TH), Karlsruhe, Germany

2002-present Full Professor of Organic Chemistry and Chemistry of Natural Products, University of Leipzig, Germany

## REVIEWER in peer reviewed journals:

Angewandte Chemie

Journal of the American Chemical Society

Chemistry a European Journal

Organic Letters

Journal of Medicinal Chemistry

ChemComm

ChemMedChem

ChemBioChem

Journal Biological Chemistry  
Nature Biotechnology  
Chemical Society Reviews  
Org Biomol Chem  
Chem Soc Rev

### **REVIEWER (granting agencies)**

Greek Secretariat of Research and Technology, (1997, 2001)  
Greek Government (2011)  
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft  
National Medical Research Council (Singapore), 2010  
Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)

### **Teaching activities**

#### **Undergraduate**

1. 1992-1997: Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry: University of Bonn, Germany
2. 1998-2002: Organic Chemistry, University of Karlsruhe, Germany
3. 1998-2001: Lectures on Organic Stereochemistry, University of Strasbourg, France.
4. 2002-2019: Organometallic Chemistry, Heterocyclic Chemistry, University of Leipzig, Germany

#### **Graduate**

1. Chemistry of Natural Compounds, University of Leipzig, Germany
2. Chemical Biology, University of Leipzig, Germany
3. Medicinal Chemistry, University of Leipzig, Germany

#### **Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows trained:**

More than 50 PhD trained, more than 70 Master Students, 5 Post Docs

#### **MEMBERSHIP IN SOCIETIES:**

German Chemical Society  
German Medical Association

#### **GRANTS**

EU (Marie Curie), Volkswagen Foundation, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, German Government, State of Saxony / Germany, Human Frontier Science Program (HSFP), Government of Spain.