**Summary**

Materials Engineer with a strong background in Metals and Ceramics that has contributed to the development of innovative products already used in advanced space technologies for four separate European Commission framework projects (FP7/ESA), as well as other such large-scale programs. Also provides Quality Assurance and Failure Analysis services to industrial clients (ISO/ASTM Standard). Has shown leadership during collaborations with industrial and research partners, possesses strong communication skills and can adapt rapidly to new working environments while ensuring that deliverables are always met, even under tight deadlines.

**Work Experience**

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| **Jan.2016-May 2018**  **&**  **May 2020 - Present** | Post-Doctoral Researcher at Institute of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, NCSR Demokritos   * Project Heliokeramos, Operational Programme Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation 2014-2020 (EPAnEK) * Project “Advanced ceramics for environmental protection”, E.E. 11803 * Quality Assurance and Failure Analysis industrial services (ISO/ASTM Standards) * Project “Advanced ceramics for environmental protection”, E.E. 11803 * Project ESA/ITI Space REGS: A resistive grid TPS recession sensor, E.E. 11988 |
| **Nov. 2010 – Dec. 2015** | Associate Researcher at Institute of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, NCSR Demokritos   * Project EU EC/ FP7 / Space "Pulcher" (“Pulsed Chemical Rocket with Green High Performance Propellants), E.E. 11751 * Project EU FP7 / Space "Rastas Spear" ( Radiation-Shapes-Thermal Protection Investigations for High Speed Earth Re-entry), E.E. 11602 |
| **Jan. 2009 – Aug. 2010** | Materials Engineer at Pyrogenesis S.A.   * Researcher in R&D department, production and quality control of products * Nanospraying Thermal spraying of nano-phase powders * Thermal-sprayed SiO2 nano-structured coatings for photovoltaic ceramic tiles * Project FP7 ATLANTIS - Aerosol technologies and hierarchical assembly/ manufacturing for advanced nano-structured porous materials |
| **Feb. 2008 – Oct. 2008** | Supervisor for computer certificates or computer skills at Telefos company  Integrated eLearning Solution |
| **Feb. 2007 – Nov. 2007**  **&**  **Oct. 2008 – Dec. 2009** | Secretarial support (semi-employment) at the Vocational Training Center of KEK APΕIROTAN EPE in Bafra Ioannina |
| **June 2006 – Aug.2006** | Internship in Quality Control at Plastics Thrace Pack SA, Production and distribution of polypropylene products, Ioannina |
| **July 2004 – Sept.2004** | Internship in Power Generation at Public Power Corporation SA-Hellas, in Ptolemaida’s Electric generation power plant |

**Education**

* **2015:** Awarded PhD degree - Doctoral thesis on "Synthesis of high temperature coatings with new CAFSY method.", Department of Material Science and Engineering of the University of Ioannina, 45110, Greece
* **2010:** Awarded the MSc degree in "Chemistry and Technology of Materials" (8.38) at University of Ioannina, Dissertation on "Production and Characterization of stainless steel coatings by thermal spraying techniques 'Wire-Arc Spraying' and 'Flame Spraying'», Department of Material Science and Engineering of the University of Ioannina, 45110, Greece
* **2007:** Bachelor degree in Materials Science and Engineering (6.88), Department of material science & engineering, University of Ioannina. Research project on: “Corrosion Study of New Metallic glasses Fe- 40Ni- 20B”, Department of Material Science and Engineering, University of Ioannina, 45110, Greece

**Skills**

* **Languages:** Greek (native speaker), English (Proficiency MSU-CELP, level C2)
* **Computer:** Word, Excel, Power Point, Internet, Outlook, Access (ICT Europe), origin, autocad, grapher,
* **Laboratory:** Measurements of mechanical properties with INSTRON machines, Scanning electron microscopy (SEM), X-ray Diffraction (XRD), Self-propagating High-temperature Synthesis (SHS) and Solution Combustion Synthesis (SCS), especially for catalysts, Thermal treatments of materials, metal casting and hardening, Gas chromatography, Porosimetry measurements: specific surface area of ​​porous materials, Measurements of catalytic properties of materials, Metallographic sample preparation (cutting, grinding, polishing),, Optical Microscopy (LEICA DMLM, LEICA MW), Hardness and microhardness measurements (Buehler Micromet 2100 series), Surface roughness measurements (TIME TR200), Resistance Adhesion (Elcometer 110 PATTI), Thermal expansion, electrical properties, Salt spray (Votsch SC 450), Corrosion in various aqueous environments using galvanostat company ACM model GillAC, Critical Pitting Temperature, Thermal spraying (Flame 5P & 14E, Wire Arc, Pyrogenesis Plasma Minigun, HVOF 2700DJ), Catalytic studies: CO oxidation, diesel soot oxidation, Chemical analysis measurements (coil analysis, PH analysis, etc.), Creep resistance, ABS and PLA extruder, polymers 3D printing (creality)
* **Personal:** Collaboration talent, Communication, Time management, Leadership experience, Problem solving, Organization and prioritization, Accuracy and attention to detail, Adaptability and flexibility, transferable skills in lab

**Research Skills**

* Innovative research for space and industry
* Implementation and reporting of experimental results
* Project management, documentations (deliverables, milestones)
* Writing of scientific publication and reports
* Advanced techniques for metals, alloys and ceramics and characterization
* New metallurgical technologies
* High temperature processes in metals and alloys
* Advanced coatings (metal-ceramic, carbides, nanostructured)
* Quality Assurance and Failure analysis (ISO/ASTM Standard)
* Experience in polymers processing and nanomaterials

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* G. Xanthopoulou, A. Marinou, K. Karanasios, G. Vekinis, Combustion Synthesis during Flame Spraying (“CAFSY”) for the Production of Catalysts on substrates, Coatings 2017, 7(1), 14
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* K. Papadopoulos, A. Marinou, G. Xanthopoulou, G. Vekinis, M. Karakasidis, Soot oxidation using chromium-based SCS catalysts applied on a magnesia-spinel carrier by flame spraying, XIV International Symposium on SHS, p. 304-307, September 25-28, 2017, Tbilisi, Georgia
* A. Marinou, G. Vekinis, Multi-layered ceramic composites for a small rocket combustion chamber, Euromat 2017, Symposium A.6, A6-O-FRI-PM1, September 17-22, 2017, Thessaloniki, Greece
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* G. Georgiopoulos, A. Marinou and G. Vekinis, A simple FEA model of the recession of a ZURAM ablator containing an embedded ReGS sensor, 14th International Planetary Probe Workshop, June 12–16, 2017/ The Hague, The Netherlands
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* **06/02/2008 - 25/06/2008**: "Technical Support and Sales Executives Computers and Networks Specializing in Computer Maintenance and Assembling of Computers and Wide-Range Networks " at KEK DELTA SA, with a duration of 250 hours