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1. Who was your supervising tutor when you visited the University of Würzburg?

Prof. Dr. R. Hedrich, Molecular Plant Physiology and Biophysics, Julius-von-Sachs Institute for Biosciences, Würzburg University.

2. We would be happy to get to know something about your academic/professional career and it would be nice if you could describe your professional work in a few words.

Born in Famagusta, Cyprus, 1950, B.Sc. in Natural Sciences, from the University of Athens, Greece (1973), B.Sc. in Biology (1978), Ph. D. in Biology (1980). Working in the field of Plant Biology since 1974, University of Athens, as laboratory assistant.

Professor of Functional Plant Anatomy and Morphology since 2004, Department of Biology, University of Patras, Greece.

Research: in the field of Functional plant anatomy.

Methodology: Light, epi-fluorescence and electron microscopy/microanalysis.

Teaching: Plant Anatomy and Morphology, Plant Physiology.

As AvHumboldt fellowship I carried out research at the Institut für Botanik und Pharmazeutische Biologie of the University Erlangen – Nürnberg (1987-1988). I made a scientific film at the IWF Goettingen. Later I was working at the Institut Biologie II/ Botanik, of the University Freiburg (1994) and again as AvH fellowship in Wuerzburg (2005).

3. What's your image from India? Do you have any experiences with the cultural differences of your home country and India? What do you find most fascinating about it? Do you have any experience regarding a scientific or economic exchange between India and the European Union?

I visited India attending a Humboldt Kollogium (2006). No doubt, there are significant differences in the culture of our countries. But what we noticed was the hospitality of the people and the feeling of safety we had in India.

Although bureaucracy seems to dominate elsewhere, we got the impression that in Academia the right people were in the right positions.

4. What do you think about the importance of Alumni in terms of the cultural, academical and economical exchange?

Yes, I think that Alumni can play a role in academical exchange, but also in other fields as culture and economy.