

4th Greek Award 2009 L'ORÉAL-UNESCO for the Women in Science

On December 1st 2009, L'ORÉAL Hellas and the National Unesco committee announced the recipients of the 4th Greek Award 2009 L'ORÉAL-UNESCO for the Women in Science. Three young distinguished researchers, Dr. G. Xanthou Associate Researcher, Cellular Immunology Laboratory, Cell Biology Center of Basic Research I, Dr. D. Tzeli Research Associate, Theoretical and Physical Chemistry Institute of the National Hellenic Research Foundation (TPCI-NHRF), Dr A. Chroni a Senior Researcher at the Institute of Biology of the National Center for Scientific Research "Demokritos" received the award for their contribution to Science.

Since 1998, 57 L'ORÉAL -UNESCO International Award Laureates from 27 countries have been recognized for their careers. The Program of National Awards/Fellowships already in place in 71 countries has up to now supported more than 500 young women to continue their research. As an extension of the international program L'ORÉAL Hellas and the Unesco National Commission have enacted the L'ORÉAL-UNESCO Greek awards. Since 2006, 8 Greek young women researchers have received the L'ORÉAL -UNESCO "For Women in Science" national awards in Life Sciences and Material Sciences.

Dr. Demeter Tzeli is a research associate at the TPCI-NHRF. She holds a BSc in Chemistry (1995) and an MSc (1997) and a PhD (2000) in Physical Chemistry from the Department of Chemistry at the University of Athens. She worked as a postdoctoral associate at the same University (2001-2006). She worked at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in the USA (1998) and at the Materials Science Center at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands (2004). She has been the recipient of undergraduate (SSF), graduate (SSF, AWU-USA) and postdoctoral fellowships (Academy of Athens, HPC-Europa). Her research includes theoretical studies of small and large molecules which have applications in astrophysics, catalysis, microelectronics, nanomaterials, chemical sensors, optics, and biological systems. Dr. Tzeli is married with 5 children.