

## **Abstract Biography of Dr Stella Canna Michaelidou**

Chemist with PhD in Pesticides, Diploma in management and post graduate training expertise and experience on Toxicology and Impact of Chemicals on Health and Environment and Food Safety. She is an expert in Risk Assessment ( EFSA Pesticides Residue Panel, DG Sanco Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER)), and in transforming scientific knowledge on chemical risks into tools for policy making, prevention, public awareness and education. Developing/teaching post graduate curricula and training courses / teaching modules on environment and Children's Health for paediatricians, nurses , other health care providers, environmental scientists and teachers. She is the author and coordinator of the Cyprus Children Environment and Health Action Plans CEHAP Action Plans (2007-2013).

Retired as Act. Permanent Secretary Min. of Health and Director of the State Laboratory in Cyprus. She was one of the founders of the National Committee on Environment and Children's Health in 2004 and since then its President appointed by the Ministerial Council, advising Government, Parliamentary Committees and other groups and promoting awareness and preventive actions for Children's Health. She is member of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)) since 2010. She has been: national focal point for Environment/Health in the EU and WHO/ CEHAPE, member of WHO Euro Environment-Health Committee and the IFCS «Children-Chemical safety Champion Group». She was also expert of UNEP, MEDPOL, TAIEX and UNITAR. She is also Member of the Advisory Group on Environmental Health of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) since June 2014, currently working on position paper on the Impact of non-ionizing radiofrequencies on Children Health on behalf of IPA .

Among others she is Chief co-editor of the book "I learn and I can protect Child from Toxic Chemicals and Environmental Risks", author of articles and educational material for parents, teachers, paediatricians e.g Videos, leaflets. In 2007 she was elected by the public as "The Cyprus Woman for the Environment".

Her scientific/managerial philosophy and actions is based on the principles of prevention, interdisciplinary integration and a holistic approach as well as the need to transfer scientific outcome into tools for science-based management and practical public information.