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The first person in IFLA's 94 years history ever elected from the southeast Mediterranean. She serves as President of General Council for Libraries in The Ministry of Education in Greece.

The period 2017-2019 was The Head of The Library of The President of Hellenic Democracy. She has served as the Director General of the National Library of Greece where she works since 1995. From 2004 till 2009 she was counsellor of the Head of the group of Greek MEPs in Brussels in cultural policy, heritage and cultural creation of interconnection networks. She holds a BA in Byzantine and Modern Literature, an MBA from the Athens University of Business and Economics and a Master in Communication and Media Studies.

She has served as IFLA Treasurer, member of the Governing Board of IFLA, IFLA Executive Committee, IFLA Congress Advisory Committee, IFLA Professional Committee and also member of the International Jury Committee of IFLA International Marketing Award. From 2007 till 2010 she was a member of the Board of Directors of the Greek General State Archives. She speaks English, French and Italian and she plays the piano. She is the Managing Director of the literary magazine *Dekata*.

She has published articles about strategic management, public diplomacy, cultural heritage marketing and strategic reforms in human resources. She is the current Secretary General of ENAM (European Network of American Alumni Associations). She had served as Special Advisor to The Alternate Minister of Immigration for European Parliament Issues and Libraries. Recently she was appointed as deputy representative of The Greek Ministry of Education in The Commission Expert Group on the common European Data Space for cultural Heritage.