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Personal Profile

"If I told you that when I was a child in Cyprus I saw myself growing up and coming to London to live, I'd be lying to you. However, since I was a child I used to like science, especially biology. Yet even when I was nearing the end of my PhD studies at the University of Athens in 1994, I couldn't picture myself as a university professor and researcher. It is not an easy job. It demands a lot of commitment and sacrifice. However, it pays you back. It is one of the few jobs, everyday hobby rather, that gives you a sense of complete freedom and creativity on an everyday basis".

Whilst working as a research Assistant at the University, George read for his PhD, then went to the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg first as a Marie Curie fellow and then as a research associate and staff scientist and finally came over to Imperial college in 2005.

Research Profile

It may sound very distant and strange to us in Europe but malaria is responsible for the death of 3 million people every year in the world. Malaria kills 3 children every minute!
By the time we finish our chat today, 25 children will have died.
Our inaction makes us accessories to this crime.
Our team's research helps to identify mosquito genes which attack the malaria parasite to reduce its numbers and try to create non-carrier mosquitos.

Other interests

George likes to explore London with his wife , who is also a scientist, in their spare time which is very important to them. They go to the cinema and theatre, museums. They also enjoy shopping or just walking around in London.

Relevant Links or info

For further information about George's research please view http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/people/g.christophides and

http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/newsandeventspggrp/imperialcollege/newssummary/news_22-6-2007-10-16-43