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### **Personal Profile**

George works under the supervision of Marina Kleanthous, BSc, PhD and his work involves both research as well as provision of diagnostic services.

### **Research Profile**

I look into skeletal fragments belonging to children who suffered skeletal disfigurements. These disfigurements resemble the contortions observed on people with thalassaemia. We decided to study these skeletons to find whether the persons they belonged to indeed were thalassaemics. Samples which were intact and hadn't been touched by human hands (which could contaminate it with their own DNA) are so rare. So, in such cases archaeologists decided from the beginning to conserve these samples properly for us to study in terms of DNA.

### **Other interests**

George's main other interest is astronomy. The universe is infinite. I keep up with everything that concerns the universe through the internet. Whether there appeared a new comet or any new developments have been made concerning space stations...

I like to study various formations in the sky and on certain days I can even pinpoint areas on the moon... The Sea of Tranquility, Mare Tranquillitatis, for example, where the astronauts landed on the moon so many years ago.

### **Relevant Links or info**

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