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William (Vasileios) Papaioannou (DDS, MScD, PhD) graduated in 1992 from the Dental School of the Aristotle University, Thessaloniki (Greece). He is a specialized periodontist trained at the Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven), Leuven (Belgium), where he also completed his MScD and PhD degrees. For his PhD, he examined the periodontal pathogen *Porphyromonas gingivalis* and its ability to adhere to epithelial cells, so as to investigate the great difference in the patients' vulnerability to periodontitis. He participated in a series of clinical and microbiological studies concerning the new strategy for treating periodontal disease, known as "One Stage Full-Mouth Disinfection".

Currently he is an Associate Professor of Preventive and Community Dentistry at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece). He teaches, at undergraduate and postgraduate level, both preventive dentistry and periodontology. He is chairman of the Coordination Committee and Director of the *Post-Graduate Program Community Dentistry, Prevention and Oral Health*, supervising master and doctoral students in their studies and research projects. He is responsible for CIVIS, Europe's civic university alliance, in the School of Dentistry. He has authored over 90 national and international publications in scientific journals such as *Journal of Periodontology*, *Clinical Oral Implants Research*, which have garnered more than 4800 and 2179 citations and an h-index of 28 and 20 (per Google Scholar and Scopus, respectively). He has given invited presentations in many national and international meetings.

He is the current President of the *Hellenic Society of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry* and organized and chaired the successful CED-IADR/NOF Oral Research Congress in Rhodes in September 2023.

Research interests: oral disease prevention, diagnosis, microbiology (in orthodontic patients), treatment and management of periodontal disease, halitosis (bad breath).