

Apostolos Athanasiadis was born in Thessaloniki, Greece. He is an Associate Professor in Obstetrics - Gynecology and Maternal Fetal Medicine of the Medical School of Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece, from which he graduated in 1980. He specialized in the Maternal Fetal Medicine Unit of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Yale University, USA, under the guidance of Professors Roberto Romero and John Hobbins.

He participates in the educational programs of Greek medical schools and in postgraduate workshops in Europe and especially in South East Europe. He successfully contributed in organizing many congresses and courses in Europe as president, member of the organizing committees and scientific coordinator.

His scientific contribution accounts for more than 200 scientific papers, presentations, articles and chapters. His papers have been cited more than 800 times in the Science Citation Index. He has been invited as lecturer and has given more than 170 lectures in international and Greek congresses and meetings.

He envisioned and realized, with the collaboration of other professors and specialists in the field, the creation of the "South East European Society of Perinatal Medicine", which now consists of 13 countries.

He is the Deputy Director of the Editorial Board of the Hellenic scientific journal "Ultrasonography in Obstetrics and Gynecology" and a member of the Editorial Board of the journal "Gynecology Obstetrics and Reproductive Medicine». He is a peer reviewer in Greek and International scientific journals.

At present, he is the President of the "South East European Society of Perinatal Medicine", a member of the scientific committee of the *"European Association of Perinatal Medicine"*, Vice President of the Scientific Committee of the "Hellenic Society of Perinatal Medicine" (he served as President of the society from 2002-2004), and General Secretary of the "Hellenic Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology". He is a member of the specialized team in Fetal Maternal Medicine of the "Hellenic Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology". He participates in 20 Greek and International scientific societies. He is an Honorary Member of the Romanian Society of Perinatal Medicine and has been awarded with the "Soranos 2011" and Ayash Sibani Sifai 2009" scientific awards.

His main scientific interests are fetal medicine, prenatal diagnosis, 3D and 4D ultrasonography, the influence of maternal nutrition in pregnancy and bioethics.

He is married to Frida Athanasiadis and has two children.