

LUCAS G PSILLAKIS
Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Nationality Cypriot
Year of birth 1976
Languages Bilingual in Greek and English. Basic French.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Experienced in field surveys and data collection, environmental impact assessment, environmental auditing and management systems, business development.

In depth understanding of project management, waste and risk management, environmental economics and politics, and ecology.

Key interests include environmental assessment and auditing, environmental management, agro-tourism, waste management, environmental economics and corporate environmental management.

Proficient with Windows- based PCs and software, including, Adobe Photoshop, MS Excel, FrontPage, PowerPoint, Outlook and Word, AutoCAD Map, SPSS, WinZip and Netscape Communicator. Experienced at using Apple Macs and Unix systems. Knowledgeable in HTML and BASIC and MS Access.

EDUCATION

Limassol Junior and Grammar School (Foley's) 1981-1994

Eight GCE 'O' Levels and four 'A' Levels.

These included A in English at 'O' level and A grades in Greek at both 'O' and 'A' level. During my time at school, I was also awarded the prize for English three times, and certificates in English, History, Science and Art.

BSc (Hons) in Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia (UEA), 1994- 1997

Subjects studied included environmental economics, environmental politics, countryside management, waste management, ecosystem management, geology and soil science and ecology.

During this time I also took courses in Film Studies and Creative Writing, achieving good passing grades in both.

MSc in Environmental Impact Assessment and Auditing, UEA, 1997- 1998

This course looked in detail at impact assessment and environmental auditing, environmental management systems, and standards such as the EMAS standard and the ISO 14000 series and also covered aspects of waste management, risk management, life- cycle assessment and environmental/ ecological economics. It included the production of an 18 000 word dissertation on the environmental and socio- economic aspects of a proposed national park in Akamas, Cyprus. This required surveying and data collection, statistical analysis, and the use of resource and environmental economics.

Also successfully attended Environmental Auditor's Registration Association (EARA) approved auditing course at the University of East Anglia.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Currently

Self-employed as environmental consultant specialising in impact assessment, auditing and waste and environmental management, with good links to scientists and NGOs in Cyprus and Europe.

Substitute teacher, St Mary's School, January 2003-02-12

As a replacement for a teacher who was unwell, I taught Science, Chemistry, Geography and Biology to children between 11 and 14.

Administrative and Research Officer/ Environmental Scientist, Cyprus Conservation Foundation, October 2000- November 2002

Duties included research into environmental issues, report writing in Greek and English, following up and working on current projects and initiating new ones, as well as liaising with NGOs, and other organisations. It also included working as Local External Recycling Specialist on the Mediterranean Urban Waste Management Project between September 2001 and April 2002

I was also been involved in managing and improving the Foundation's presence on the Internet (which has resulted in an increased ranking in search engines, numerous links to the website, three website awards- including the coveted Critical Mass award, and many more hits), and producing informational and marketing material, such as PowerPoint slideshows, brochures, membership leaflets and professional quality CD-ROMS.

Halcrow Group Ltd, 1999 -2000

STampS Surveyor, Midlands

Survey and auditing work for Seven Trent Asset Management Plan

Water and Environment Unit, Swindon

This involved working on several environmental statements and key reports on European environmental legislation. I was also involved in helping to put together project proposals and expressions of interest as well as some auditing on the field.

During that time I was also involved in developing the Business Development strategy and marketing of the Unit, which involved devising and constructing a Business Development database, incorporating hyperlinks to internet postings of procurement notices and other relevant websites, and connecting this to an intranet site with other useful marketing information. This required the use of MS Excel and HTML.

Halcrow Water Services, Snodland, Kent

Assisted on a number of water related projects and also worked on some aspects of the department's marketing and business development.

Union of UEA Students' Executive Environment Officer, 1995-96 (unpaid position)

After a successful campaign I was elected to the post by a large winning margin, and took my place on the Student union Executive. Though much of my time was taken up with issues of student welfare (include a partly successful campaign against rises in accommodation costs), I was chiefly responsible for formulating Union environmental policy, including promoting new Union legislation, which was approved by a quorum of Union members.

I was also responsible for awareness raising through campaigning and events. To this end I contributed a column to the student newspaper on how to be a 'green' student and also produced informational material for students and also held the post of Secretary for the Society for Environmental Action.

I was also involved in organising 'Environment Week', a week of events- film showings, discussions and a party in the Union disco- which aimed to promote environmental awareness.

SEMINARS AND COURSES ATTENDED

I have successfully completed the EARA approved auditing course and examination (1997) and attended a number of seminars and conferences on environmental management and assessment, waste and water management, including seminars organised by Price Waterhouse Coopers, ConiCon Management Systems, and the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management. I have also attended the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology's Environmental Impact Assessment And Management Course (March 1998).

I have also successfully completed the Human Resources Development Authority's one-year training programme, which included seminars and examinations in Basic Accountancy, Marketing and Business Administration (2000/01).

More recently I represented the Cyprus Conservation Foundation at the IUCN Conference in Amman (2000), in the one-week seminar 'Eco-Conseil: A job to share' in Liege, Belgium, and the South Access Network workshop in Malta (2002), and participated in a one week workshop on 'Responsible Tourism' in Barcelona (2002).

In summer of 2003 I have completed a short course organised by the Cyprus Academy of Public Administration relating to the 'Structures, Functions and Policies of European Union'.

I have also recently undertaken a course for assessors organised by Green Globe 21, the organisation promoting a global environmental standard for the tourism industry and have passed a proficiency exam in the subject.

KEY INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

My chief interests in the field of environmental sciences lie in impact assessment, environmental auditing, auditing standards and corporate environmental management, life cycle analysis, and in the socio-economic issues, particularly environmental economics, responsible tourism, and the economic and social factors which affect waste management, the management of protected areas and water management.

Currently I am setting up my own consultancy (please see www.psillakis.com/environment/) which will specialise in the above fields. I have written a series of short articles for local radio, a collection of which will also be published as a booklet.

Interests outside the field include writing, and I contributed several articles to my school magazine, my University's students' newspaper and an English language newspaper in Cyprus, mostly on environmental issues. I am also interested in films, music and information technology. I manage my own website (www.psillakis.com).

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Associate member of the Institution of Environmental Sciences (UK)

Affiliate member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (UK)

Certified Environmental Inspector, Environmental Assessment Association, (USA)

Certified Environmental Specialist, Environmental Assessment Association, (USA)

Certificate of Proficiency for provision of Green Globe 21 Support Services

Member of Mensa UK.