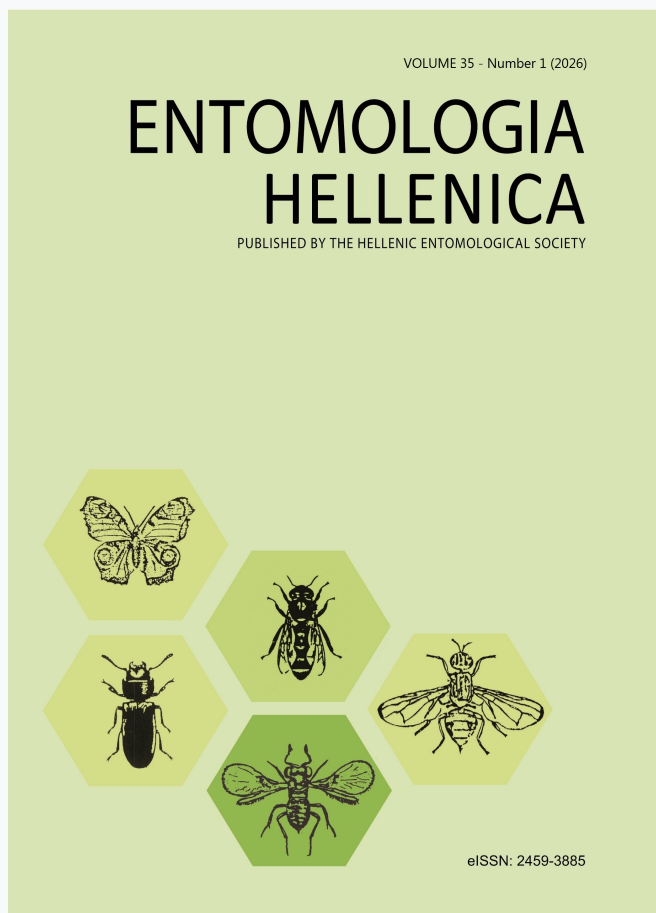


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## PROFESSOR CHRISTOS YAMVRIAS, 1929-2026

### A distinguished teacher and principled scientist of Agricultural Entomology

Christos Yamvrias, Emeritus Professor of Agricultural Entomology at the Agricultural University of Athens (AUA), was a distinguished Greek entomologist whose academic and scientific career made a lasting contribution to Agricultural Entomology and plant protection in Greece.

He was born in Athens in 1929 and was raised in a large family grounded in Christian values, which strongly influenced his integrity and lifelong commitment to service. He completed his secondary education at the 5th Boys' Gymnasium of Athens and graduated from the Higher Agricultural School of Athens, later renamed the Agricultural University of Athens, in 1956, receiving his degree in Agronomy.

In 1957, he moved to Paris as a scholar of the French Government, where he pursued postgraduate and doctoral studies. In 1961, he was awarded a PhD in Biological Sciences by the University of Paris with the highest distinction. In 1968, he continued his academic development as a postdoctoral fellow of the National Research Council of Canada, engaging in applied entomological research.

Upon returning to Greece, he worked at the Benaki Phytopathological Institute, contributing to national research efforts in plant protection. In 1988, he was elected Full Professor of Agricultural Entomology at the Department of Crop Science of the Agricultural University of Athens. Following his retirement, in July 1997, the Senate of the University conferred upon him the title of Emeritus Professor, in recognition of his academic, scientific, and educational contribution.

Professor Yamvrias authored approximately 50 original scientific papers, published primarily in international peer-reviewed journals. He participated actively in numerous international scientific conferences, both in Greece and abroad, presenting original research findings. He was the author of the book *Insect Pests of Olive*, as well as university lecture notes and teaching material in plant protection, which were widely used by students and professionals for many years.

Beyond strict academic research, he was deeply committed to the dissemination of scientific knowledge. He published numerous articles in popular science journals and contributed regularly to *Aktines*, the journal of the Christian Union of Scientists, reflecting his effort to bridge science, ethics, and society.

Christos Yamvrias was among the founding members of the Hellenic Entomological Society, serving as its President for two consecutive terms. He was also a member of the International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC) and served two consecutive terms on its Governing Board. In addition, he acted for four years as National Programme Officer for olive protection in Greece for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).



Throughout his career, he delivered numerous lectures on contemporary entomological issues across Greece and consistently offered his expertise, without remuneration, to farmers and agricultural communities, considering outreach and knowledge transfer an essential duty of the scientist.

He is survived by his wife, Katerina (née Varvitsioti), their four children, and eleven grandchildren.

Christos Yamvrias will be remembered as a dedicated teacher, a serious and principled scientist, and a man of integrity, whose work and ethos significantly shaped modern Greek Agricultural Entomology.

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