

## **Short biography**

Clinical Assistant Professor Christakis Christodoulou was born in 1971 in London. He studied Medicine at the University of Nottingham medical school where he obtained the degrees of Bachelor of Medical Sciences in 1995 and Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in 1997. Subsequently he worked for 1 year at the University hospitals of Birmingham as a pre-registration house officer, 4 years at the University hospital of Southampton as a Senior House Officer and LAT Specialist registrar, and 5 years as a Specialist Registrar in Rheumatology and General (Internal) Medicine in London working at St Thomas' and King's college hospitals. He is a member of the Royal College of Physicians of London (MRCP) since 2001 and he obtained a Masters of Science degree in Rheumatology at King's College, University of London in 2005. He obtained his certificate of completion of specialist training (CCT) in Rheumatology and General (Internal) Medicine in 2007 from the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board, London. He works as a consultant in Rheumatology and General (Internal) Medicine since 2007 at Syneseion Medical Centre in Larnaca, and at his own private surgery in Xylophagou, where he comes from.

He has publications in reputable medical journals including the BMJ, Annals of Rheumatic diseases, Rheumatology (Oxford), Postgraduate Medical Journal etc and also he published a module on the clinical assessment of back pain for BMJ Learning. He has given many talks in conferences including the British Society of Rheumatology conference in 2006, the Panhellenic Rheumatology conference in Athens in 2012 and in all the Crete-Cyprus Rheumatology symposia. He has been involved regularly in the teaching of undergraduate medical students and postgraduate doctors while working in the UK. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor for the University of Nicosia medical school since 2015. He is a member of the editorial board of Medical news, the first Cyprus Medical Journal, since 2015 and also a member of the editorial board of EMJ Rheumatology (European Medical Journal) since 2017.

From January 2016 to December 2017 he is the president of the Cyprus Rheumatology Society. He is one of the presidents of the conference organising committees for the following rheumatology conferences: 8<sup>th</sup> Crete-Cypriot Rheumatology Symposium, 28-30/10/2016,

Erakleo, Crete, Greece, 9<sup>th</sup> Crete-Cypriot Rheumatology Symposium, 20-22/10/2017, Limassol, Cyprus, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rheumatology day conference, 23/09/2017, Nicosia, Cyprus. He has become a delegate member of the EULAR (European League Against Rheumatism) standing committee on clinical affairs in August 2017.