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Panagiota (or Yiota) Gotsiou was born in Thessaloniki, Greece, where she studied Biology at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and followed seminars on beekeeping and organic agriculture. She completed her Master of Science (M.Sc.) with a specialization in Botany and Natural Products at the CIHEAM Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (MAICH).

Her work is related to the study and conservation of rare plants, but also to useful plants, such as aromatic and beekeeping plants. She has been working at MAICH since 1998, as a researcher in the Mediterranean Plant Conservation Unit and in the Department of Food Quality & Chemistry of Natural Products. She also holds the position of Quality Manager in the accredited with ISO 17025 lab of Analytical Chemistry of MAICH.

She has participated in and coordinated several national and European research & cooperation projects dealing with the conservation and use of native plants, endemic to Crete or aromatic and beekeeping plants. She has many years of experience in melissopalynology and studies on honey quality and authenticity. She has several articles published in international journals and conference proceedings.

She is a member of the International Honey Commission (IHC) since 2000 and co-leading with Maria Dimou the IHC working group on melissopalynology since 2013.