

Alexandros G. Kapaniaris

Alexandros G. Kapaniaris, was born in Zagora Pelion in 1971. He is an Informatics teacher (PE86) and father of two children. He has been Head of IT & New Technologies of Magnesia (2013-2019) and Coordinator of the IT Educational Project (PE86) at the Regional Center for Educational Planning (PEKES) of Thessaly (2019-2022).

In terms of studies, he has a degree in Information Technology Engineering, he has completed his pedagogical studies in the annual program of PATES/ASPAITE, while his second degree is in Greek Culture of the Hellenic Open University. He is a graduate of the graduate program "Graphic Arts - Multimedia" of the E.A.P. and the postgraduate program "Modern Learning Environments and Production of Teaching Materials" from the Pedagogical Department of Primary Education of the University of Thessaly.

He is also a PhD in the production of digital material in matters of education and culture of the Department of Preschool Education Sciences and Educational Planning of the University of the Aegean. At the level of post-doctoral research, he has prepared two post-doctoral researches at the Department of History & Ethnology of the Democritus University of Thrace and has been a Visiting Research Fellow at the Department of Political Science and International Relations (PEDiS) of the University of Peloponnese.

He has taught at the Department of Digital Systems of the University of Piraeus, the Pedagogical Department of Kindergarten Teachers of the University of Ioannina, the Department of Communication and Digital Systems of the University of Western Macedonia, the Department of History and Ethnology of the University of Athens, the Undergraduate Program of the E.A.P. "Greek Culture" and in the Graduate Program of the E.A.P. "Creative Writing - Digital Storytelling in Education" where he has supervised a number of diploma theses.

He collaborates with the Scientific Organization "Together for Adolescent Health" and the Adolescent Health Unit of the University Hospital "A. & P. Kyriakou" E.K.P.A. on issues of Internet safety and addiction, as well as a scientific colleague in the Master's Program "Developmental and Adolescent Strategies" of the School of Medicine of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (Creative Internet) and in the Master's Program "Adolescent Medicine & Adolescent Health Care" in Department of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Creative Internet).

He has written monographs, has participated in dozens of Greek and international collective projects, has edited collective volumes and has written dozens of scientific works in Greek and international conferences and journals.

He is included in the E.K.D.A.A. register, the National Center for Certification of Continuing Professional Training Structures and Accompanying Support Services and other educational and scientific registers. He is also a B-level trainer for the didactic use of ICT. On the field of Informatics (PE86), he is a member of the IEP writing team for the new Informatics - ICT study programs in Primary School, Scientific Partner of ITUE for various digital projects (digital enrichment of textbooks (digital school), Informatics certification), development of educational content - teacher training for the utilization and application of digital technologies in the teaching practice of the IEP (educational scenarios - studies), development of educational material for the "Introductory Education" of the IEP, Upgrading study content in the Secondary Vocational Education & Post-High School Year - Apprenticeship Class" of the IEP and other educational projects of the IEP and ITYE.

In 2014, 2018 and 2019 he was awarded for his writing work by the Philosophical School of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens with the "Lysimachus Kavantzoglou Award" as well as in 2019 he was awarded the Distinguished Member Award of the Scientific Union for the Promotion of Educational Innovation for the

internationally recognized distinction in matters related to Educational Innovation from the Scientific Association for the Advancement of Educational Innovation.

Additionally, he has been involved in local governance and has served as President of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Zagora, President of the Cultural & Sports Organization of the Municipality of Zagora, Special Advisor to the Prefectural Self-Government of Magnesia in matters of new technologies and education, Vice-President of the ephorate of the Public Historical Library of Zagora Pelion.