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ANNOUNCEMENT

**Celebration of World DNA Day at the Aristotle University: Students
explore the science of Biology**

Thessaloniki, April 16, 2026

On the occasion of World DNA Day (April 25), which is dedicated to the discovery of the DNA double helix (1953) and the completion of the mapping of the human genome (2003), the School of Biology of the Aristotle University, in collaboration with the Panhellenic Union of Bioscientists, organizes an event from Wednesday, April 22 to Thursday, April 23, 2026, from 09:00 to 13:00, at the School of Biology.

Second-year upper secondary school students will visit the facilities of the School of Biology and participate in four thematic workshops, in order to experience the science of Biology in an interactive way, firsthand and beyond the school textbook.

Specifically, the School of Biology will host students from the following schools: 2nd General High School of Thermi, 23rd General High School of Thessaloniki, General High School of Pefka, 1st Day Vocational High School of Chalastra, 1st General High School of Menemeni, 17th General High School of Thessaloniki, 18th General High School of Thessaloniki, 3rd General High School of Kalamaria, Fryganioti Private General High School, 19th General High School of Thessaloniki, 1st Model General High School "M. Andronikos", and 14th General High School of Thessaloniki.

According to the organizers, "biological literacy is essential for the personal and social development of all people, as it provides the tools to understand ourselves and the world in which we live and on which we depend. The School of Biology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Panhellenic Union of Bioscientists, with a strong sense of responsibility toward society, contribute to the dissemination and consolidation of biological knowledge among tomorrow's citizens.

Biology is a leading science of the 21st century, and its applications have already begun to significantly transform everyday human life. Today, it is essential for students to acquire the knowledge that will enable them to understand their role and responsibility toward the environment and help them make informed decisions in the future regarding their health, daily habits, social ethics, and professional life.”

The event program is as follows:

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

09:00–09:15 Arrival and gathering of students in Room I2, ground floor of the Biology building

09:20–09:40 Welcome address by the Chair of the School of Biology, Professor E. Papatheodorou, and the representative of the Panhellenic Union of Bioscientists, Dr M. Tsiafouli (EDIP)

09:40–10:00 “Our DNA: Prospects and developments for humans and the environment in the 21st century” by Professor Alexandros Triantafyllidis

10:15–13:00 1st thematic workshop: “DNA Identification and Polymorphism” and 2nd thematic workshop: “Life in a Drop of Water”

Thursday, April 23, 2026

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10:15–13:00 3rd thematic workshop: “DNA Organization and Inheritance – Chromosomes” and 4th thematic workshop: “DNA and the Environment”

More information: <https://bio.auth.gr/event/7869/>

We kindly request that this event be published, broadcast, and covered by the media.