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Kostas Koutsoumanis currently serving as an Associate Professor and Head of Laboratory of Food Microbiology and Hygiene at the Department of Food Science and Technology, Faculty of Agriculture, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. I received a B.S. degree in Agriculture Engineering from the Agricultural University of Athens, Greece, in 1997 and Ph.D. (Food Science) degree from the same University in 2000. After serving as a Research Associate in the Department of Animal Sciences at Colorado State University I took a Lecturer position in the Department of Food Science and Technology at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in 2002, and I was promoted to Assistant Professor in 2007 and Associate Professor in 2013. Currently, I teach several graduate and MSc courses including General Microbiology, Food Quality and Safety Assurance, Predictive Microbiology and Risk Assessment and Applied Statistics in Food Science. From 2011 I am a member of Biohazard panel of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). I am Associate Editor in *Frontiers in Food Microbiology* and member of the editorial boards of the *Journal of Food Protection*, *International Journal of Food Microbiology*, *Food Microbiology* and *Current Opinion in Food Science*. As a principal investigator or co-investigator, I have received over 1.5 million euros in grants, contracts or donations for research in the field of microbiological quality and safety of foods. Recent research efforts have centered on the microbiological quality and safety of fresh and processed food products, predictive microbiology, microbial risk assessment, stochastic modeling approaches in food safety and quality, development and application of Time Temperature Indicators (TTI) for monitoring food quality and safety, etc. The research results have been presented and published at 67 refereed scientific journal articles, 7 book chapters, and more than 100 papers in conference proceedings with more than 2500 citations and h-index=32 (Scopus).