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**FINAL REPORT OF THE CYPRUS AGENCY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND
ACCREDITATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

**EVALUATION - ACCREDITATION
OF THE PROGRAMME OF STUDY**

IN GREEK:

Διδακτορικό στις Μοριακές και Κυτταρικές Επιστήμες Ζωής (3-8 έτη, 240 ECTS, PhD)

IN ENGLISH:

PhD in Molecular and Cellular Life Sciences (3-8 years, 240ECTS, PhD)

OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION

University of Cyprus

This Final Report was prepared based on Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws” of 2015 to 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021].

THE PROCEDURE:

On 22/10/2024, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution University of Cyprus, applied (Doc. 200.1), based on Article (17) of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws” of 2015 to 2021, for the evaluation-accreditation of the programme of study:

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In the framework of competences conferred on it by the relevant legislation, the Council of the Agency has constituted an External Evaluation Committee (EEC), which after initially examining the institution's application for programme evaluation and accreditation, performed an on-site visit at the institution on 6/5/2025.

The EEC met with the head of the institution, the head of the relevant department, the programme's coordinator, members of the academic staff, members of the administrative staff, students and/or their representatives and the Internal Quality Assurance Committee.

Additionally, the EEC examined the institution's facilities (library, computer labs, labs, teaching classes, research infrastructures, etc.), various documents presented and/or requested by the EEC, the School's/Faculty's structure and the programme's position in it, the CVs of the teaching staff and their relationship to the institution as teachers in regard to any other duties and teaching. The EEC has documented its findings and recommendations and drew up the External Evaluation Report in the Doc. 300.1.1.

CYQAA Council's Decision

The Council of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education, during its 120th Summit on 23/06/2025, according to the Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021], and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation Committee, and the comments of the institution on the External Evaluation Committee report **decided that the programme is accredited to be delivered in English.**

The Institution is requested to submit the following, no later than the Spring 2025–2026 semester, for verification purposes:

- *The Departmental PhD Handbook, including sections on expected duration of studies, implications of part-time study, and available funding opportunities.*
- *Evidence that student representatives were informed about course changes resulting from course evaluation feedback (e.g. minutes of meetings, memos, or emails).*
- *A formal description of the stakeholder consultation strategy.*

The current accreditation begins in the Fall semester of the academic year 2025-2026 and ceases to be in effect at the end of the Spring semester of the academic year 2029-2030

Based on (4)(c) of the relevant Law, it is noted that "the above accreditation is valid for the period provided by the provisions of the Law and is repeated every five (5) years and that the procedure starts at the request of the institution, which must, and shall be submitted at least sixteen (16) months before the expiry of the previous accreditation". Additionally, based on Article (17)(3)(g) during the period of validity of the Accreditation, the Agency acting of its own motion, may examine whether the criteria continue to be met and if they are not met, then the Agency shall revoke the Accreditation, and immediately inform the institution concerned.

(Professor Mary Ioannidou-Koutselini)
President of the Board of the
Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and
Accreditation in Higher Education

Date: 15/07/2025