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Research:	Endothelial Pathobiology and tissue microenvironment	
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<p>Vassiliki (Vasso) Kostourou is a group leader at the Institute for BioInnovation, BSRC Fleming in Athens, Greece. She graduated with honours from the School of Biology, University of Patras, Greece and continued her postgraduate studies in UK, obtaining a MSc in Biochemical Research from Imperial College London and pursuing her doctoral studies with a scholarship from St. George's Medical School, London. She then worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the London Research Institute-CRUK (now the Francis Crick Institute) and the Barts Cancer Institute, London, where she developed and studied mouse models of disease. In 2008, she joined BSRC Fleming as a group leader. Her research focuses on the blood vessel network and the cross-talk with tissue environments in health and disease, with work published in high-impact journals including Nature Communications, EMBO Molecular Medicine, JCI Insight and Developmental Cell. At BSRC Fleming, she established the Bioimaging Facility, with unique technical capabilities for Greece. Since 2015, she is a member of the board of the Hellenic Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, being a treasurer and a secretary, and an Ambassador for the British Biochemical Society and the European Association for Cancer Research. Dr Kostourou teaches in many postgraduate programmes in Greece and abroad and co-ordinates a module in the International MSc Molecular Biomedicine of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Medical School and BSRC Fleming. She serves as an evaluator for many national, European and international funding bodies and a reviewer of many high-impact scientific journals. Dr Kostourou has been the Researcher's representative on the Board of Directors of BSRC Fleming and since 2021 she is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of her Institute. In 2026, she was appointed as the Vice-Director of the BioInnovation Institute of BSRC Fleming.</p>		