

## In Memoriam of Maria Katsiri

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing away of Maria Katsiri, well known to all ISMNI founding members. Maria was instrumental to ISMNI ever since its first steps in 1998. With her up-to-date knowledge of information technology (in those times most of us had just acquired an email address), her engaging personality and her excellent English, she handled all members' communication in those first difficult years, efficiently and with warmth, making all of us comfortable in the new Society that was being born.

At the first ISMNI Workshops in Santorini and Delphi, we were fortunate to have her in the organizing committee, looking after all the meeting's details, from arrivals and accommodation to the scientific and social programs, with her unending energy and marvellous sense of humour. Regardless of the demanding schedule, she enjoyed every minute of it and so did all those around her.

Maria was a person with many qualities. She was a true animal-lover, continuously taking care of strays anywhere they could be found, at work and at home. Naturally, she was adored by her pets and treated us to funny and touching photos of them. She was also very environmentally conscious. Her office was a lovely place to visit, full of beautiful animal and landscape pictures.

Maria's warmth also enveloped the patients who came to be measured by DEXA. Her professionalism, years of experience and cheerful reassuring attitude made the anxious patients at ease. Many of them became good friends of hers and often brought presents, signs of their affection, to her office.

Her energy and stamina at work was evident by the large number of routine patient appointments, as well as clinical and experimental studies that she participated in. She really enjoyed her work and the people she came into contact with.

Maria was very fortunate to have found a soul-mate in her husband William Devolder. Their happy marriage was evident to all. He stood by her admirably during her failing health. We would have liked to see them grow old together.

Maria will be sadly missed by many.

**George P. Lyritis**  
**Ismene A. Dontas**

