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Her journey into time started on the 22nd May, 2006, when the research work “ [DNA examination of ancient dental pulp incriminates typhoid fever as the possible cause of the Plague of Athens.](#)

”, was announced to the academic community in the Great Hall of the University of Athens.

Since then she is travelling...

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[July 1, 2010: Athens International Airport Elefterios Venizelos](#)

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[September 8, 2006: 71st International Fair of Thessalonica](#)

[June 28, 2006: Zappeion Megaron](#)

[May 22, 2006: Great Hall, University of Athens](#)

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