

# Europass Curriculum Vitae



# **Personal information**

Surname(s) / First name(s)

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Nationality

Bulgarian

Date of birth

29.10.1954

Gender

Male

Work experience

Dates

2014 - present

Occupation or position held

PhD Thesis adviser

Main activities and responsibilities

nuclear physics and applications,  $\gamma\text{-ray}$  spectroscopy, nuclear fission

Name and address of employer

Doctoral School in Engineering and Applications of Lasers and Accelerators (SDIALA), University Politehnica of Bucharest, 313 Splaiul Independentei, 060042 Bucharest, Romania

State University

Type of business or sector

Dates

2013 - present

Occupation or position held

Senior Researcher I, Head of the Gamma-Driven Experiments Department

Main activities and responsibilities

nuclear physics and applications,  $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy, nuclear fission

Name and address of employer

Extreme Light Infrastructure - Nuclear Physics, IFIN-HH,

30 Reactorului Str., 077125 Magurele, Romania

Type of business or sector

Research Institute

Dates

2007 - 2013

Occupation or position held

Senior Researcher, Group Leader

Main activities and responsibilities

γ-ray spectroscopy, nuclear physics and applications

Name and address of employer | Institute for Nuclear Research and Nuclear Energy

72 Tsarigradsko Chaussee Blvd., 1415 Sofia, Bulgaria

Type of business or sector | Research Institute

Dates 2004 – 2007

Occupation or position held Professor

Main activities and responsibilities  $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy, nuclear physics and applications

Name and address of employer University of Camerino

Via Madonna delle Carceri, 62032 Camerino (MC), Italy

Type of business or sector | State University

Dates 1996 – 2004

Main activities and responsibilities  $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy, nuclear physics and applications

Name and address of employer | St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, Bulgaria

Type of business or sector | State University

Dates 1999 – 2000

Occupation or position held | Visiting Associate Professor

Main activities and responsibilities  $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy, nuclear physics and applications

Name and address of employer | University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN, USA

Type of business or sector | State University

Dates 1995 – 2003

Occupation or position held Visiting Scientist (in total five years)

Main activities and responsibilities  $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy, nuclear physics and applications

Name and address of employer | University of Leuven, Belgium

Type of business or sector | State University

Dates 1985 – 1996

Main activities and responsibilities  $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy, nuclear physics and applications

Name and address of employer | St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, Bulgaria

Type of business or sector | State University

Dates 1987 – 1990

Occupation or position held Visiting Scientist

Main activities and responsibilities  $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy, nuclear physics and applications

Name and address of employer | Forschungszentrum Juelich, Germany

Type of business or sector | National Research Center

Dates 1980 – 1985

Occupation or position held Research Associate

Main activities and responsibilities γ-ray spectroscopy, nuclear physics and applications

Name and address of employer St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, Bulgaria

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Type of business or sector | State University

**Education and training** 

Dates 1996

Title of qualification awarded

Principal subjects/occupational skills

Habilitation

nuclear physics

Name and type of organisation providing education and training St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, Bulgaria State University

Dates

1993

Title of qualification awarded

PhD in Physics

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered

γ-ray spectroscopy, nuclear structure physics

Name and type of organisation providing education and training

St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, Bulgaria

State University

**Dates** 

1975 - 1980

Title of qualification awarded

MS in Physics Engineering

Principal subjects/occupational skills

**Nuclear Engineering** 

Name and type of organisation providing education and training St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, Bulgaria State University

# Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s)

**Bulgarian** 

Other language(s)

English, German, Russian, Italian

Self-assessmen European level (\*

English
German
Russian
Italian

nt	Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
<b>*</b> )	Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
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ın	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	B2	Independent user	A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user
n	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	B2	Independent user	B2	Independent user
n	B2	Independent user	B1	Independent user	A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user	A1	Basic user

(\*) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Social skills and competences

- team spirit:
- good ability to adapt to multicultural environments, gained though my work experience abroad.

Organisational skills and competences

- leadership (currently responsible for a team of more than 40 people);
- sense of organization (experience in leading different research projects);
- good experience in project management.

Technical skills and competences - excellent experience with nuclear spectroscopic equipment

Computer skills and competences

- good experience with different operational systems;
- programming skills in C++ and FORTRAN;
- good command with different applications (text, graphic and data base handling).

**Driving license** 

Category B

# References

Prof. Muhsin Harakeh, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Prof. Gerda Neyens, University of Leuven, Belgium and ISOLDE, CERN

Prof. Rick Casten, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA Prof. Sydney Gales, IFIN-HH, ELI-NP, Magurele, Romania

#### **Additional Information**

#### Positions as visiting scientist:

2009 – 2015: University Paris-Sud, France, Visiting Professor (in total ½ year)

2007: CSNSM, Orsay, France, CNRS Visiting Research Professor (three months)

1999 – 2002: University of Tennessee, Knoxville and ORNL, Oak Ridge, TN, USA, Guest Professor (in total 1 ½ years)

1995 – 2003: University of Leuven, Belgium, Visiting Scholar (fellowships of EC: HPRI-1999-CT50001, NATO, the Ministry of Science and Technologies of Belgium and the Flemish Science Foundation; in total 5 years)

1994 – 1996: University of Milano and INFN-Milano, Italy, Visiting Scientist (INFN fellowships, total ½ year)

1987 – 1993: Visiting Scientist, Forschungszentrum Juelich, Germany (fellowships of IAEA, Vienna and FZ-Juelich, in total 3 ½ years)

#### Research activities:

Photo-fission

ISOL technique

Photonuclear processes and nuclear photonics

Structure of atomic nuclei at high angular momenta

Structure of atomic nuclei away from the stability line

Dynamic symmetries in atomic nuclei

Design of multi-detector systems for nuclear spectroscopy

Isotope glaciology (1988 - 2000)

Moessbauer spectroscopy (1980 – 1987)

Applied nuclear physics (1980 – 1987)

#### Scientific projects:

2020 – 2022: PI of PNCDI III project "Frontier research of the interaction of photons with matter with extreme helical light" with the Romanian Research Fund (PN-III-P4-ID-PPCF-2016-0164, contract no. 8.2018)

2011 – 2013: coordinator of bilateral projects with the Bulgarian National Science Fund (France DRILA-01/8 and Germany DNTS/GERMANY-01/7)

2010 – 2014: FP7 I3 ENSAR (262010) project (European Nuclear Science and Applications Research), coordinator of the Bulgarian team, work package leader (JRA06 EWIRA – East-West Integrated Research Activity), member of the Scientific Council and of the Program Coordination Committee

2009 – 2013: projects with the Bulgarian National Science Fund (DRNF-02/5 – coordinator, DID-02/16 and DNTS-02/21 – team member)

2007 – 2011: Spriral2 Preparatory Phase project: EC FP7 Spiral2PP (212692); head of the Bulgarian team and member of the Steering Committee of the PARIS project to construct a  $4\pi$  scintillator array

2003 - 2009: nuclear data evaluation; IAEA Research Contract No. 12482 (2005 - 2008)

2003 – 2012: leader of the Bulgarian team and member of the Steering Committee of the AGATA project to construct an European gamma-ray tracking array; EC FP6 project RII3 – EURONS: 506065

2002 – 2004: co-chair of a NATO CLG "New dynamic symmetries in atomic nuclei" (joint research project of the St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, Bulgaria, the Istanbul and the Bosphoros Universities, Istanbul, Turkey, Yale University, New Haven, USA, NCSR" Demokritos", Athens, Greece and IFIN-HH, Bucharest, Romania

since 1995: team leader of *more than 25* experimental projects to study the structure and the symmetries in atomic nuclei: at the INFN LNL laboratory in Legnaro, Italy (three), the National Accelerator Center iThemba labs, Cape Town, South Africa (three), Yale University, New Haven, USA (four), the ORNL National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, USA (one), the State University of Florida, Thalahassee, USA (one), the CYCLONE accelerator laboratory, Louvain-le-Neuve, Belgium (two), the Australian National University, Canberra, (one), the Tandem laboratory, Orsay, France (six), GSI, Darmstadt, Germany (one), ILL, Grenoble, France (five), GANIL, France (three), the Institute of Modern Physics, Lanzhou, China (one), the Tandem Laboratory, Bucharest, Romania (three), ATOMKI, Debrecen, Hungary (one) and ISOLDE at CERN (one).

1995 – 1998: head of the Bulgarian Antarctic Glaciological Program, field work during the 1995, 1996 and 1998 polar campaigns

1993 – 1994: projects for computerization of the Physics Library of the University of Sofia and setting of a LAN and internet connection of the Faculty of Physics of the University of Sofia, projects with the Open Society Fund (Soros Foundation), Sofia, Bulgaria

# Scientific papers and conference reports:

Papers in refereed international journals: >150

Conference papers in refereed international journals: >70

Papers in conference proceedings: >100

Papers in Bulgarian journals: >10

Papers in Laboratory Annual Reports: >50

Invited seminars: >20

Invited talks at conferences: >50

Plenary talks at conferences and workshops: >60

Citations (SCI): > 5000 h-index: 37 (SCI), 36 (Scopus)

#### Lecture courses:

(a) St. Kliment Ohridsky University of Sofia

1995/96: Atomic and Nuclear Physics (for Physics students)

1994/95, 1995/96: Atomic and Nuclear Physics (for Geology students)

1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 2002/03: Nuclear structure (for M.S. students in Nuclear Physics)

(b) University of Camerino, Italy

2003/04, 2004/05: Nuclear spectroscopy

(c) University Politehnica Bucharest

2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2021/2022: Research Opportunities at ELI-NP (M.S. students in Laser and Accelerator Technologies)

#### Diploma and Ph.D students:

since 2015: adviser of ten students at SDIALA, University Politehnica Bucharest

2020: defended Doru Dinescu, at present civil servant

2005 - 2010: consultant of three Ph.D. students at the University of Sofia (two), at the University of Istanbul (one).

2018: defended Liliya Atanasova (U. Sofia) at present Assist. Professor, Medical University Sofia

2009: defended Lidya Susam (University of Istanbul) at present Assoc. Professor, U. Istanbul

1996 - 2006: adviser of seven Ph.D. students at the University of Sofia

2005: defended Andrej Blazhev, at present Lecturer, U. Koeln

2005: defended Radomira Lozeva, at present Researcher at CSNSM, Orsay

2001: defended Georgi Rainovski, at present Professor and Dean of Physics, U. Sofia

2004: defended Kalin Gladnishki, at present Assoc. Professor, U. Sofia

2003: defended Miroslav Danchev, Assoc. Professor, U. Sofia (2009-2015), now in IT company

1996 – 2018: referee (jury member) of 15 Ph.D. theses in Bulgaria, Belgium, Germany, Australia, India, France and Romania

1991 – 2013: adviser of 12 M.S. theses at the University of Sofia, one at the University of Camerino and one at the Southwestern University of Blagoevgrad

#### Serving the scientific community:

2011 – 2014: member of the Board of the Bulgarian Union of Physicists

2010 - 2017: member of the International PAC of the Tandem-ALTO Laboratory at Orsay, Paris, France

2009 – 2015: member of the Nuclear Physics Board of the European Physical Society

2009 – 2016: member of the International PAC of the Heavy Ion Laboratory, Warsaw University, Poland

2009 – 2021: member of the International PAC of the Tandem Laboratory, IFIN-HH, Bucharest, Romania

2008 – 2013: member of the International PAC of the FP7-REGPOT-2008-1 LIBRA 210123 project at NCSR "Demokritos". Athens. Greece

2008 – 2012: chair of the South-Eastern European Nuclear Physics Network (2002 – 2008 vice-chair)

2008 – 2012: co-chair of the European Network of NSDD evaluators (since 2002 IAEA NSDD expert)

2007 - 2014: member of the Steering Committee of the PARIS project for the construction of a  $4\pi$  spectrometer of LaBr<sub>3</sub>:Ce detectors

2006 – 2012: co-chair of an Working Party to study nuclear electromagnetic moments within the SPIRAL2 project, Caen, France

2004 – 2012: coordinator of an Working Group to study nuclear electromagnetic moments and member of the Technical Board of the HiSpec/DeSpec project within the NUSTAR collaboration (project FAIR)

2003 - 2012: member of the Steering Committee of the AGATA project for the construction of a  $4\pi$  spectrometer of segmented HPGe detectors

- since 2002: referee of Physical Review Letters, Physical Review C, Journal of Physics G, European Physical Journal A, Physics Letters A and B, New Journal of Physics, Review of Scientific Instruments, Europhysics Letters and Annals of Nuclear Energy
- 2000 2003: coordinator of an Working Group for ground-state properties and fundamental interactions within the EURISOL preliminary design study, EC FP5 project HPRI-1999-CT50001
- 1999 2011: Bulgarian correspondent of Nuclear Physics News Magazine of NuPECC
- 1998 2008: chair or member of the Organizing/Program Committee of more than *ten* international conferences and workshops
- 1998 2002: founder and chair/member of the Organizing Committee of the Balkan workshop on Nuclear Physics and Applications (Tsigov Chark, Bulgaria 1999, Edirne, Turkey 2001, Tirgoviste, Romania 2002); now Balkan Workshop on Applied Physics which is held annually in Constanta, Romania
- 1997 2013: co-founder and member of the Board of Directors of the Balkan School on Nuclear Physics (Istanbul, Turkey 1998, Bodrum, Turkey 2000, Thessaloniki, Greece 2002, Bodrum, Turkey 2004, Brasov, Romania 2006, Troyan, Bulgaria 2008; Adrasan, Antalya, Turkey 2010; Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria 2012)

### Membership in scientific organizations

European Physical Society – individual member Bulgarian Union of Physicists Bulgarian Antarctic Institute

#### Prizes and Awards

2020: Horia Hulubei Prize of the Romanian Academy of Sciences

2009: Pythagoras Prize of the Bulgarian Ministry of Education, Youth and Science for an Established Scientist in the field of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

1997: NATO Research Fellow 1987: IAEA Research Fellow