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**PRESENT POSITION:**

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## EDUCATION

- Medical Doctor/1978: Bulgarian Medical Academy - Medical Faculty, Varna
- Doctoral degree (PhD) in virology/1983: Academy of Medical Sciences, Institute of Microbiology and Epidemiology "N.F.Gamalei", Moscow, Russia  
Doctoral thesis: "Interaction of type D retroviruses with some infectious viruses"
- Board Certification in Clinical Virology/1985: Bulgarian Medical Academy
- International experience
- Postdoctoral Training in Molecular virology - University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Science Park - Research Division, Smithville, TX, US (1989-1992)
- EU Grant - MCF, Institut fuer Virologie, Medizinische Fakultät "Carl Gustav Carus", Technische Universität Dresden, Germany (2000-2001)
- EEA Grants, University of Tromsø, Faculty of Health Sciences, Institute of Medical Biology, Tromsø, Norway, 2012 (1 month) and 2014 (2 weeks)
- EEA Grant, The Norwegian HPV Reference Laboratory, Department of Microbiology and Infection Control, Akershus University Hospital at Faculty of Medicine of University of Oslo, Norway, 2016 (1 week)

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## SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIETAL IMPACT

- Principal Investigator/Bulgarian site coordinator of 15 national and international projects
- International collaborations in the last 10 years:
- EU, COST Action CA15111 "European Network on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (EUROMENE)" (2016-2020), MC Member
- EU, COST Action BM1201 "Developmental Origins of Chronic Lung Disease" (2012-2016), MC Member
- EEA Grant, Novel human polyomaviruses (2012-2014), University of Tromsø, Norway
- European Territorial Cooperation Programme Greece - Bulgaria 2007-2013 "Cross Border Epidemiology of Sexually Transmitted Viral Infections in the Female Populations: Molecular Diagnostic Approaches (MEVIR)"
- European Agency of Health and Consumers, Grant № EU 20091102 AURORA "A European network on cervical cancer surveillance and control in the new Member States" (2010-2013) (14 partners), Bulgarian site coordinator
- Bilateral project with Lithuania, "Studies on human papillomavirus (HPV) infection and cervical cancer in Bulgaria using newly developed assays" (2010-2012), Partner: Institute of Biotechnology, Vilnius, Lithuania, Bulgarian site coordinator

- Lithuanian Science Council, grant No. AUT-16/2010 "Development of new tools for improved laboratory diagnosis of human papillomavirus (HPV) infection and HPV-related cancer" (2010-2011), Bulgarian site coordinator
- Bilateral project with Lithuania "Prevalence of polyomaviruses BKV and JCV in Bulgaria: seroepidemiological study based on yeast-expressed virus-like particles" (2007-2009), Partner: Institute of Biotechnology, Vilnius, Lithuania, Bulgarian site coordinator
- More than 100 publications
- Organizer and lecture of virology courses for PhD students, master degree students and specializants. Currently supervisor of 1 PhD student, 2 master degree students and 1 postdoc
- Board examiner of Bulgarian Ministry of Health for Virology
- Member of the National coordinating board of HPV Vaccination Program
- Member of the Expert commission at Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science, Science and Business Program (2010-2015)