

Curriculum vitae

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Place and date of birth: Odorheiu-Secuiesc, Romania; 25.12.1983

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1. Education:

Institution	Period	Degrees or diplomas
Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	2002-2006	Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry
Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	2006-2007	Master's Degree in Advanced Techniques in Chemical Synthesis
Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	2007-2011	Ph.D in Chemistry/Biocatalysis

2. Professional experience

- 2016-... : - *Lecturer*, Department of Chemistry, Babeş-Bolyai University: teaching (Advanced Enzymology, Applied Biochemistry, Metabolism of xenobiotics, Elements of Biochemistry, Bioinformatics) and research activities (biocatalysis, enzymology, protein engineering)
- 2014-2016: - *Assistant Professor* of Biochemistry, Department of Chemistry, Babeş-Bolyai University: teaching (Biochemistry practical courses and seminars) and research activities (biocatalysis, enzymology)
- 2014-2015: - *Post-doctoral fellowship* (Biocatalysis and Biotransformation Group, Department of Chemistry, Babeş-Bolyai University): biocatalytic synthesis of unnatural amino acids through lipase mediated dynamic kinetic resolutions and ammonia lyase catalyzed processes (16 months)
- 2011-2014: - *Post-doctoral researcher* (University of Zürich, Department of Chemistry, Prof. Dr. John A. Robinson): Identifying the mechanism of action of novel peptide antibiotics – binding site determination: purification of LptD_PAOI outer membrane protein, protein folding studies, site-directed mutagenesis,

in-vitro and *in-vivo* LptD-peptide antibiotic POL7001 binding assays, binding site determination techniques, protein-peptide interaction studies (33 months).

- **Stages:**

- 2015: Institute of Enzymology, Hungarian Academy of Science, Prof. Dr. Beáta Vértessy: Genetic engineering and structural studies of ammonia lyases (4 months)
- 2010: Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Department of Organic Chemistry and Technology, Prof. Dr. Poppe László: Immobilization of Phenylalanine- and Histidine Ammonia Lyases (2 months)
- 2009: Eötvös Lóránt University, Faculty of Science, Department of Organic Chemistry, Dr. Vass Elemer: Determination of the absolute configuration by VCD spectroscopical methodologies -1 month, Domus Fellowship
- 2007: Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Department of Organic Chemistry and Technology, Prof. Dr. Lajos Novak, Pheromone synthesis - 7 months, Agora and Erasmus Fellowship
- 2006: Chinoïn-Sanofi-Adventis, Budapest-Hungary, Dr. Hermeicz István, Drug synthesis - 2 months, Erasmus mobility

3. Experience (including managerial experience) in national/international programmes/projects:

Programme/Project	Position	Fund and Financing Institute	Period
RARE-PAL - Rational redesign of phenylalanine ammonia-lyases for reversing their natural selectivity- PN-III-P1-1.1-TE-2019-2118	Manager	100.000 EUR UEFISCDI	2020-2022
MIO-enzyme toolbox for the synthesis of non-natural amino acids, PROMYS, IZ11Z0_166543/1	Manager	625.000 CHF, SNF	2016-2021
MIO-enzyme toolkit with expanded and defined targetability, PN-II-RU-TE-2014-4-1668	Manager	125.000 EUR, UEFISCDI	2015-2017
Developing novel peptidomimetics based on unnatural amino acids, post-doctoral project POSDRU/159/1.5/S/137750	Manager	10.000 EUR, POSDRU	2014-2015
Stereoselective biotransformations of homo- and heteroaromatic diols, BD 384/2008	Manager	10.000 EUR, CNCSIS	2008-2010
Integrated green technology system for producing advanced biofuels; PN-II-PT-PCCA-2013-4-1006; 65/2014	Member	UEFISCDI	2014-2016
Continuous flow enzymatic dynamic kinetic resolutions for stereoselective bioorganic processes, PCE-2011-3-0775	Member	FP7-HEALTH	2011-2016
Biocatalyst - click chemistry down streaming tandem based innovative kit for optically pure fine chemicals synthesis; PN-II-PT-PCCA-2013-4-0734	Member	UEFISCDI	2014-2016

Technology based on enzymatic transesterification process in order to obtain 2 nd generation biofuels, CARENZI; Nr 22094/01.10.2008	Member	UEFISCDI	2008-2011
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4. Languages: romanian english, hungarian

5. Technical skills and competences:

Advanced knowledge in: biocatalysis, protein engineering, organic synthesis, chromatographic separation of chiral compounds, enzymatic kinetic studies, enzyme immobilization, protein purification techniques, membrane protein isolation, *in vitro* and *in vivo* protein-ligand binding assays, microbiology (cloning techniques, site-directed mutagenesis), proteomics

Experiences in: NMR (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance) spectroscopy, High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), Gas Chromatography (GC), Fast Protein Chromatography (FPLC), UV-VIS spectroscopy, Gelelectrophoresis (SDS-PAGE, agarose gels), Fluorescence Polarization (FP), Western-Blot (WB), Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), CD spectroscopy

Computer skills: Microsoft Office; Computational Chemistry: Chemoffice, Spartan, Gaussian, Hyperchem, Pymol; Instrumentational Analysis: Topspin, Mestrec, Chemstation

6. Other relevant informations

ScopusID: 57201259646, **Researcher ID:** E-6793-2013,

Project evaluator at national level for Romania (2014,2019)

Scientific referee for: *ChemBioChem*, *PLoS ONE*, *Organic Letters*, *Applied Biochemistry and Biotechnology*, *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta*, *Archiv der Pharmazie Biocatalysis & Biotransformation*, *Periodica Polytechnica Acta*, *Studia Universitatis "Babeş-Bolyai"-Chemia*
Scientific articles: 53, H_{index} 12

Premiul Excellentia 2016 – award from the Student Council of BBU, for the „best professor” at each faculty.

Premiul excelență in cercetare 2019 – faculty level award from BBU at

Young Researcher Award 2021 - in Life Science category – award from the transilvanian affiliation of the Hungarian Academy of Science