Curriculum Vitae

Personal information

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Occupation and Education

2020–present	 Senior Scientist, Centre of Advanced Research in Bionanoconjugates and Biopolymers (IntelCentre), "Petru Poni" Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania
2011–2014	 Ph.D. in Chemistry from the Romanian Academy, "Petru Poni" Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania under the supervision of Acad. Bogdan C. Simionescu (Summa cum Laude) (February 6th, 2015)
2009–2011	• M.Sc. in Polymer Science and Engineering from the Technical University "Gheorghe Asachi", "Cristofor I. Simionescu" Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Environmental Protection, Iasi, Romania under the supervision of Acad. Bogdan C. Simionescu
2005–2009	• B.Sc. in Polymer Science and Engineering from the Technical University "Gheorghe Asachi", "Cristofor I. Simionescu" Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Environmental Protection, Iasi, Romania

Involvement in projects

2020–2022	• PN-III-P1-1.1-TE-2019-0604, The behaviour of new multicomponent polymeric systems in simulated environmental conditions for flame retardant coating materials (EPOXYPHOSDEG) (<i>director</i>)
2017–2019	 ERA IB 2, European and International Cooperation Program Horizon H2020/ Wood and derivatives protection by novel bio-coating solutions (PROWOOD) (member)
2013–2017	 Project PN-II-PT-PCCA-2013-4-0436, Innovative system for products and technologies for stimulation of eco-efficiency growth in the leather industry; Partnership Project (PROECOPEL) (member)

2013	 European Project Regional Development Fund, Sectoral Operational Programme "Increase of Economic Competitiveness"/ Title: "Synthesis and study of the polymeric metallosiloxanes - new materials for catalysis and nanosciences" (SOP IEC-A2-O2.1.2-2009-2, ID 570, CODE SMIS-CSNR: 12473, Contract 129/2010-POLISILMET) (member)
2013–2016	 Project PN-II-RU-TE-2012-3-0123, Polymers containing phosphor for high performance materials for advanced technologies and/or biomedical applications (<i>member</i>)
2011–2016	 Project PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0187, Advanced researches related to the behavior of multi-component polymer systems under simulated environmental factors action (<i>member</i>)

Fields of research

- physico-chemical characterization of epoxy resins and multicomponent polymeric materials (polymer blends, composites, interpenetrating and semi-interpenetrated polymer networks)
- thermal and photochemical stability of polymeric materials;
- compatibility studies based on structure—properties relationships in polymeric materials;
- general behavior of polymers exposed under the action of environmental factors;
- artificial accelerated UV aging studies of multicomponent polymeric materials;
- lifetime evaluation studies of materials from thermal data.

Personal Skills

- Teamwork skills
- Individual work ability
- Creative and communicative person

Skills related to the research activity

- determination of non-isothermal degradation kinetic parameters;
- interpretation of evolved gas analyses during thermal decomposition for elucidating thermal decomposition mechanisms;
- determination of photochemical stability of polymers, by: evaluation of irradiation dose influence on material photostability;
- investigation of (surface) properties modification during photoirradiation (gloss, colour, roughness, contact angle, mass loss, swelling degree) for elucidating photodecomposition mechanisms:
- studies on the possibility of photostabilization and lifetime prediction from photochemical data;
- advanced knowledge of field specific characterization methods (FTIR, UV–VIS, GC, MS, MCC, PCFC), recording and interpretation of TGA and DSC spectra;
- basic knowledge of characterization and analysis techniques for small and macromolecular molecules: SEM, AFM, TEM, DRX, XPS and GPC.

Digital skills

- Good knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), scientific programs (ChemDraw, Origin) and other applications in the scientific activity (Browser, E-mail, Paint, MediaPlayer).
- Basic knowledge of HTML.

Scientific Contribution

- 105 scientific articles published in ISI indexed journals
- 4 book chapters
- 13 articles/studies published in full in the volumes of recognized international/national scientific events in the country and abroad
- 36 oral communications at national and international symposia
- 79 poster communications at national and international symposia

Scientific Visibility

- *H*–index: **24** (according to ISI Web of Science, February 2023)
- Total citations (without self-citations): **1253** (according to ISI Web of Science, February 2023)

Editorial activity

- Editorial board member and Guest Editor for Polymers (MDPI)
- Editorial board member for Materials (MDPI)

Awards

- Romanian Academy Award "Costin D. Nenitescu" (3 December 2020, Bucharest, Romania)
- The "Andrzej Malecki" 2019 Grant for Best Young Researcher from Central & Eastern Europe in the field of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry (CEEC-TAC5 & Medicta, 27 August 2019, Rome, Italy)

Member in Scientific societies

- Romanian Chemical Society (SChR)
- ICTAC (International Confederation for Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry)
- CATCAR (Commission for Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry of the Romanian Academy)
- Associazione Italiana di Scienza e Tecnologia delle Macromolecole (AIM)