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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Dates (from – to)
 - 2011 since today - Research Fellow in the Institute for Balkan Studies and Center of Thracology - BAS
 - 2008 – 2011 - Explorer in the Institute of Thracology “Prof. Alexander Fol”, BAS
 - 2004 - 2008 - PhD student in the Institute of Thracology “Prof. Alexander Fol”, BAS
 - 2000 - 2004 – secretary of the Mediterranean and Oriental Studies Department, New Bulgarian University
 - 1995 - 2000 - Head of Office-accounting “Ajur”
 - 1990 - 1993 – accountant-general in the House-building company, Sofia
 - 1983 1990 – account in the House-building company, Sofia
- Name and address of employer
Institute of Thracology “Prof. Alexander Fol”, BAS
13, Moskobska Str., 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria
- Type of business or sector
Ancient History, Culture and Art of the Black Sea Coasts; the Problems of the Colonization
- Occupation or position held
Explorer-PhD
- Main activities and responsibilities
History section: collecting, processing and publishing of materials in the area of the Colonization in Black Sea Coast; the Thracian Dynasties and Thracian Culture in the Northern Black Sea

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Dates (from – to)
 - 2008 – PhD of Ancient History
 - 2001 – MA of Ancient History
 - 2000 – bachelor of History, specialty Ancient History, New Bulgarian University
 - 1990 - Management and Marketing, High Economic Institute
- Name and type of organization providing education and training
 - New Bulgarian University
 - High Economic Institute
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered
 - Prehistory
 - History of the Ancient Societies
 - Thracology
 - Culture and Religion in Antiquity
 - Medieval and Modern History

- Title of qualification awarded
- Level in national classification (if appropriate)

PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Acquired in the course of life and career but not necessarily covered by formal certificates and diplomas.

MOTHER TONGUE

OTHER LANGUAGES

- Reading skills
- Writing skills
- Verbal skills

SOCIAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Living and working with other people, in multicultural environments, in positions where communication is important and situations where teamwork is essential (for example culture and sports), etc.

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Coordination and administration of people, projects and budgets; at work, in voluntary work (for example culture and sports) and at home, etc.

- Ancient Greek - 8 parts
- Latin - 8 parts

Historian

Expert in Ancient History, Culture and Religion

BULGARIAN

1. Spanish 2. Russian 3. English 4. French

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SKILL: Proven ability to create productive and inspiring interpersonal relationships in multicultural scientific and academic environments

ACQUIRED during a career-long experience in teamwork interactions with academic and scientific colleagues in several multidisciplinary international projects.

SKILL: Extraordinary aptitude to communicate with audiences with different level of scientific knowledge

ACQUIRED in the constant necessity to communicate to people with different.

SKILL: Ability to solve complex interpersonal issues with tact and diplomacy

ACQUIRED in the ever-changing social environment in Bulgaria and Eastern Europe and the constant necessity to interact with people from diverse cultural and social background.

SKILL: Ability for transferring knowledge and experience to young people and colleagues. In addition to the personal need to share knowledge with people coming from different ways of life.

SKILL: Open-minded, tolerant, critical thinker with an easy going personality

These personal characteristics are instrumental for the success of complex international projects in an ever-globalizing culture and multinational environment, in which research and education of history, culture and art are conducted.

SKILL: **Proven Leadership and Organizational Skills** demonstrated during the following projects:

2005-2008: Member of the research team and coordinator of the Bulgarian – Turkish Summer University “Strandja Mountain and its role in the civilization transfer between the East and the West”.

2010-2015: Member of the research team and coordinator, Project "Monitoring of ancient monuments in Bulgarian lands and Internet information space"

2011-2012: Member of the research team and coordinator, Project “Comparative Research of the Cult towards the God-Sun in the Eastern Mediterranean”

2009-2010: Member of the research team and coordinator, the UNESCO sponsored scientific research project: “The Sacred places of the Thracians on the Lower Stream of the Tundja River”

2007-2012: Member of the research team, coordinator and technical advisor, Project “Online encyclopedia “Ancient Thrace and Thracians” *thracians.net*

2007-2009: Member of the research team and coordinator of an interdisciplinary research project “Multimedia model of the Triballian royal tombs in the Mogilanska Mound –Vratza city”, financed by the Research fund at the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria.

2007-2008: Member of the research team and coordinator of an interdisciplinary research project “Underwater cultural heritage at risk. Thracian maritime landscapes -research, conservation, communication”

2007: Member of the research team, Exhibition „Preview Thracian Enigma”, Spanish Government Museum Maastricht
 2006-2007: Member of the research team and coordinator from Bulgarian side “L’or des thraces” in the Jacquemart-André Museum in Paris, France.
 2006: Member of the research team and coordinator of the UNESCO sponsored scientific research project: “The Thracian Cosmos: The Realm of Kings”
 2005-2006: Member of the research team and coordinator from Bulgarian side of the exhibition “Los Tracios. Tesoros enigmáticos de Bulgaria”, Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia
 2004-2005: Member of the research team for the UNIESCO sponsored international scientific research project: “ The Rock Sanctuaries of the Thracians, other peoples of South-Eastern Europe, and Anatolia during the Antiquity”
 1995-2000: Member of the research team of Traveling Summer Schools for the New Bulgarian University. Themes of the summer schools are as follows: 1995 – Sacral Architecture in Asia Minor (Southwest Asia and Anatolia); 1996 and 1997 – Great Sanctuaries of Ancient Greece; 1998, 1999 and 2000 – Rock sanctuaries in Thrace
 1999-2000: Member of the scientific team, editor and author for the interdisciplinary project: “Perperek and the adjunct micro-region. Complex research of a millenary multi-religious center in the East Rhodopes Mountains.
 2006: Member of the scientific team and coordinator, Project with renovation of the exposition at Kazanluk’s Museum.
 2009-2013: Member of the scientific team, Project Sustainable models and metamorphoses on the iconography on coins and monuments throughout the Antiquity and Middle Ages –images of the religiousness and cultural identity.
 2012-2014: Member of the scientific team, Project Virtual exhibition: The King in the Bulgarian historical memory. Mythology, Doctrine, Imagery.

- Project coordinating and working with team members
- Organizing of project budgets
- Directing and administrating of projects

**TECHNICAL SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES**
*With computers, specific kinds of
equipment, machinery, etc.*

- Microsoft Word; Microsoft Excel
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe PageMaker
- Corel Draw
- Microsoft Power Point

**ARTISTIC SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES**
Music, writing, design, etc.

- Writing of science texts
- Space arranging

**OTHER SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES**
Competences not mentioned above.

- Member of the editorial board of:
- Scientific editor and technical corrector of the series “Thracia” –publications of the Center of Thracology
 - Scientific editor and technical corrector of the Orpheus. Journal for Indo-European and Thracian studies (Publication of the International Council of Indo-European and Thracian Studies)
 - Scientific editor and technical corrector of the On-line Encyclopedia Ancient Thrace and the Thracians –<http://thracians.net/>
 - Fellow at National Geographic Spain. Historia – from 2008 – since today
 - Scientific advisor (in collab. with Valeria Fol) of documentary “Orpheus: A virtual Museum”, producer Zlatina Rousseva
 - Scientific advisor (in collab. with Georgi Kitov) of documentary “**Seuthes the Immortal-Secret of a Thracian king**”, producer Zlatina Rousseva
 - Seminar at Fundación “la Caixa”, Barcelona: La iconografía de una cultura desconocida.
 - Member of BNC of ICOM –UNESCO

DRIVING LICENCE(S) yes

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION [Include here any other information that may be relevant, for example contact persons, references, etc.]

ANNEXES

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- POPOVA R. 2005. Decadencia de Tracia: el helenismo. In: Los Tracios. Tesoros enigmáticos de Bulgaria. Fundación “la Caixa”, Barcelona: 54-58
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- POPOVA R. 2007. Votive hand. – In: Thracian Enigma. Maastricht: 26-27
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