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Positions in the International Association for Danube Research (IAD):
President.

Main research field: Freshwater ecology.

Interests: Implementation of Water Framework Directive; Effect of anthropogenic impact (pollution, river channelization, climate change, etc.) on aquatic ecosystems; Non-formal environmental education; Sturgeon conservation; Water quality; Wetlands importance in ecosystem services provision and water management.

Most relevant activities: Coordinated the establishment of the Danube Sturgeon Task Force (DSTF) in the frame of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Priority Area 6 (Biodiversity) and the elaboration of “Sturgeon 2020” Program. Cooperation with water, fishery and biodiversity authorities from the Danube – Black Sea Region. DSTF coordinator 2012-2018.

IAD representative in the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, River Basin Management EG, since 2009.

Projects: Participation in over 20 national and international projects, cooperating with teams from Central and Eastern Europe.

Project leader or co-leader: Developing an E-learning tool for Environmental Education for Primary and Secondary School in the Lower Danube Region (ELEDAN), Ex-situ survey to preserve sturgeon genetic diversity in the Middle and Lower Danube (STURGENE), Improvement of sturgeon protection in the Danube Region (STURGEON PROTECT), Assessing the impact of environmental change on aquatic ecosystems in the Danube Delta (ECAQUDAN).

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