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WORKPLACE

2022 - Present Professor

Faculty of Agriculture

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca

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2014 - 2022 **Associate Professor**

Faculty of Agriculture

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca

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2007 - 2014 Lecturer

Faculty of Agriculture

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca

Calea Mănăştur St. No. 3-5, 400374 Cluj-Napoca, Romania

2002 - 2007 Assistant professor

Faculty of Agriculture

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca

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Research Engineer 1993 - 2002

Faculty of Agriculture

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TEACHING ACTIVITY

2029 - Present Course and Practical Works: Vegetal Resources from wild flora

(1st year Masters level – Organic Agriculture)

2010 - Present Botany Course: Plant Morphology and Anatomy

(1st year Undergraduate level - Biology)

2012 - Present Botany Course: Botany I and II

(1st year Undergraduate level - Agriculture, Montanology, Operation of machinery and

facilities in the food industry)

Course and Practical Works: Medicinal plants from native flora 2012 - Present

(1st year Graduate level – Master in Management of natural and agritourist resources)

Botany Course: Systematic Botany 2005 - 2009

(1st year Undergraduate level – Forestry)

Botany Course: Plant Anatomy and Morphology, Systematic Botany 2005 - 2009

(1st year Undergraduate level – Engineering and environmental protection)

2009 **Botany Course: Systematic Botany**

(1st year Undergraduate level - Agriculture, Montanology)

2001 - Present Practical Works: Plant Morphology and Anatomy, Systematic Botany

(1st year Undergraduate level – Agriculture, Montanology, Horticulture, Landscape Architecture, Biology, Engineering and environmental protection)

EDUCATION

2012 BSc Degree: Biology

Faculty of Agriculture

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca, Romania

2003 PhD Degree in Agronomy

Faculty of Agriculture

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca, Romania

1999 Engineering Degree: Agronomy

Faculty of Agriculture

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca, Romania

1984 Baccalaureate Degree

Sanitary High School, Oradea, Romania

SPECIALIZATIONS

- Virus testing by Elisa method, Potato Research Institute, Brasov, 1996
- Internal audit course for Quality Management Systems ISO 9001: 2008 and ISO 19011: 2002 (2009)
- Course: "Improving the university staff responsible for quality assurance in order to increase the skills of evaluation of academic programs", organized by S.C Fiatest Bucharest, May 25-29, 2011, contract POSDRU/86/1.2/S/6273
- Course "Improving the university staff responsible for quality assurance in order to increase the evaluation skills of academic programs", lasi September 26-28, 2011, contract POSDRU/86/12/S/6273
- Course "Initiation in the creation and development of digital content", organized by S.C. Siveco Romania, contract POSDRU/86/12/S/6273
- Training and competence training course in management and technology ID-IFR, 2013, organizer: ARACIS UBB Cluj-Napoca
- Training course for the integration in the didactic process of educational technologies for blended-learning at university level, 2013, UT Cluj-Napoca
- Project Management course, C.D.M.
- Habil., PhD supervising, Domain Agronomy, 2022

COMMITTEES

- expert evaluator for A.R.A.C.I.S. (Romanian National Council of Academic Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education Institutions)
- responsible for the study program Agriculture Distance education, Faculty of Agriculture
- responsible for the Biology day study program
- responsible for Quality Assurance Faculty of Agriculture (RACF), member of C.F.A.C.
- expert auditor in USAMV Audit Commission (CAI)
- member of the license commission Biology specialization
- dissertation committee member master Biology of agroecosystems
- member of the editorial team at the magazine Notulae Botanicae Horti Agrobotanici (2004-2007)
- member editor of the journal Advances in Agriculture & Botanics
- member Editorial Board at International Journal of Advanced Research in Botany
- Secretary of the Bachelor's Degree Commission in Biology (2004, 2005, 2006)
- Secretary of the admission commission, Faculty of Agriculture: 2006, 2007, 2008

PROJECTS

2005 - 2007 Project coordinator: CNCSIS Grant, Type A, code 802: Biotechnology for the production of virus-free hop cuttings.

2013 - 2014	Project coordinator: Contract PN-II-IN-CI-2013-1-0108: Production of planting material for the species <i>Arnica montana</i> L., financing contract no. 210 CI,
2021 - Present	Project coordinator: "Diversification of the assortment of cultivated plants by introducing into culture new plant species of medicinal, food, technical and phytoremediation potential" contract no. 6816/27.04.2021
	Member of the research team (10 research contracts: CNCIS, PN II, Sector Plan, etc.)
AFFILIATIONS	
2006 - Present	member of the "Association of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants of Southeast Europe" (AMAPSEEC)
2011	member of the Romanian Society for Grassland
2004	member of the Bioterra Bioagriculturists Association
2002	member of the association "Potato Growers in Romania"
1993	member of the association "Hop Growers in Romania"
PATENTS	
	- Patent for plant varieties no. 00161 for the "SUPERALFA" hop variety, issued by

- Patent for plant varieties no. 00161 for the "SUPERALFA" hop variety, issued by the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks 30.12.2008, authors: Leon Sorin Muntean, Solovăstru Cernea, Alexandru Salontai, Gavrilă Morar, Dan I. Vârban, Leon Muntean, Marcel Duda, Sorin Muntean, Rodica Vârban, Maria Tofană.
- Patent for plant varieties no. 00160 for the variety *Echinacea pallida* Nutt. entitled "Napoca", issued by the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks 30.12.2008, authors: Leon Sorin Muntean, Solovăstru Cernea, Alexandru Salontai, Gavrilă Morar, Dan I. Vârban, Leon Muntean, Marcel Duda, Sorin Muntean, **Rodica Vârban**, Maria Tofană
- Patent for plant varieties no. 00253 for the *Echinacea purpurea* L. variety entitled "Cluj", issued by the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks 30.05.2011, authors: Leon Sorin Muntean, Tamas Mircea, Dan I. Vârban, Muntean Leon, Muntean Sorin, Solovăstru Cernea, Gavrilă Morar, Marcel Duda, **Rodica Vârban**, Oniga Ilioara.

AWARDS

- Diploma of Excellence and Gold Medal for 2013, ARDEAL variety, Exhibition of Scientific Research, Innovation and Invention PRO INVENT, 11th edition, Cluj-Napoca
- Diploma of Excellence and Gold Medal 2013, for the CLUJ variety, International Invention Show Pro Invent 11th edition Cluj-Napoca
- Diploma of Excellence and Gold Medal 2013, for the NAPOCA variety, Exhibition of Scientific Research, Innovation and Invention PRO INVENT, 11th edition Cluj-Napoca
- Diploma of excellence and gold medal, 2012 for the CLUJ variety, Exhibition of Scientific Research, Innovation and Invention PRO INVENT 10th edition, Cluj-Napoca
- Diploma of Excellence and Gold Medal 2012, for the NAPOCA variety, Exhibition of Scientific Research, Innovation and Invention PRO INVENT, 10th edition, Cluj-Napoca
- Gold medal, 14th International Inventica Symposium 2010, lasi, for the Napoca variety, *Echinacea pallida* Nutt
- Diploma of Excellence and Silver Medal, Exhibition of Scientific Research, Innovation and Invention PRO INVENT, 7th edition 2009 Cluj-Napoca, for Napoca and Superalfa variety patents
- Diploma of Excellence and Gold Medal, Exhibition of Scientific Research, Innovation and Invention PRO INVENT, 6th edition 2008 Cluj-Napoca, for the hop variety Superalfa de Cluj and Echinacea variety Napoca
- Diploma of Excellence and Gold Medal, Exhibition of Scientific Research, Innovation and Invention PRO INVENT, 5th edition 2007 Cluj-Napoca, for the Napoca variety of *Echinacea pallida* Nutt
- Diploma "Professor Bologna" 2012 awarded by the National Association of Romanian Student Organizations (ANOSR)

EXPERTISE

- plant anatomy and morphology
- aromatic and medicinal plants
- crop science and technology
- plant phenology and physiology
- plant ecology and vegetation studies
- education and educational management

INTERESTS

- novel approaches in breeding, cultivation and utilization of aromatic, medicinal plants and hop
- pharmaco-botanical and morphological studies of some medicinal plants
- vegetation studies of native Romanian flora

COMPETENCES

Languages: English B2-C1, Romanian native

PC: Microsoft Office. Polifact

Personal abilities: communication, coordination and team work

SUMMARY

papers: 101 published papers

books: 17 patents: 3

REPRESENTATIVE WORKS (SELECTION)

PAPERS ____

- Ioana Crişan, Andreea Ona, Dan Vârban, Leon Muntean, Rodica Vârban, Andrei Stoie, Tania Mihăiescu, Adriana Morea, 2023, Current Trends for Lavender (Lavandula angustifolia Mill.) Crops and Products with Emphasis on Essential Oil Quality, Plants, 2023, 12, 357, F.I. 4,658 https://www.mdpi.com/2223-7747/12/2/357
- 2. **Rodica Varban**, Ioana CRIŞAN, Dan VÂRBAN, Crina MUREŞAN, Alexandru GHEŢE, Andrei STOIE, Andreea ONA, 2022, Cultivation potential of chia (Salvia hispanica L.) in Cluj county, AgroLife Scientific Journal (ISI proceeding)
- Dan Vârban, Marius Zăhan, Carmen Rodica Pop, Sonia Socaci, Răzvan Stefan, Ioana Crisan*, Loredana Elena Bota, Ileana Miclea, Adriana Sebastiana Muscă, Alexandru Marius Deac and Rodica Vârban*, 2022, Physicochemical Characterization and Prospecting Biological Activity of Some Authentic Transylvanian Essential Oils: Lavender, Sage and Basil, Metabolites 2022, 12(10), 962; F.I 5.581, https://doi.org/10.3390/metabo12100962
- Coroian, M.; Pop, L.M.; Popa, V.; Friss, Z.; Oprea, O.; Kalmár, Z.; Pintea, A.; Borşan, S.-D.; Mircean, V.; Lobonţiu, I.; Militaru, D.; Vârban, R.; Györke, A. Efficacy of Artemisia annua against Coccidiosis in Broiler Chickens: A Field Trial. F.I 4,926 Microorganisms 2022, 10, 2277. doi: 10.3390/microorganisms10112277
- Rodica Vârban, Daniela Benedec, Sonia Socaci, Daniela Hanganu, Dan Vârban, Carmen Pop, Mirela Mărginean, Ilioara Oniga, 2022, The chemical composition and the antibacterial activity of essential oils obtained from three varieties of Mentha x piperita f. citrata, FARMACIA, 2022, Vol. 70, 3, F.I. 1.55 DOI 10.31925/farmacia.2022.3.9 https://farmaciajournal.com/wp-content/uploads/art-09-varban Benedec Oniga 440-446.pdf
- Rodica Vârban, Vidican, R., Ona, A. D., Vârban, D., Stoie, A., Gâdea Stefania, Vâtcă, S., Stoian, V., Crişan, I., & Stoian, V., 2022, Modelling plant morphometric parameters as predictors for successful cultivation of some medicinal Agastache species. Notulae Botanicae Horti Agrobotanici Cluj-Napoca, 50(1), F.I 1.249, DOI10.15835/nbha50112638
- 7. **Rodica Vârban**, Vârban Dan, Crișan Ioana, 2021, Leaf micromorphology of jute (Corchorus olitorius L.) in conditions from Cluj County. Scientific Papers. Series B, Horticulture 65(2): 308-314.
- 8. http://horticulturejournal.usamv.ro/index.php/scientific-papers/current-issue?id=1074
- Rodica Vârban, Ona Andreea, Stoie Andrei, Vârban Dan, Crişan Ioana, 2021, Phenological Assessment for Agronomic Suitability of Some Agastache Species Based on Standardized BBCH Scale. Agronomy 11(11): 2280 [FI=3.417]. https://www.mdpi.com/2073-4395/11/11/2280
- Rodica Vârban, Crişan Ioana, Vârban Dan, Ona Andreea, Olar Loredana, Stoie Andrei, Ştefan Răzvan, 2021, Comparative FT-IR Prospecting for Cellulose in Stems of Some Fiber Plants: Flax, Velvet Leaf, Hemp and Jute. Applied Sciences 11(18): 8570 [FI=2.838]. https://www.mdpi.com/2076-3417/11/18/8570
- 11. Victoria Pop Moldovan, Rodica Vârban*, Larisa Corcoz, Anca Pleşa, Vlad Stoian1*, Roxana Vidican, Divergence in corn mycorrhizal colonization patterns due to organic treatment, 2021, Plants, 10(12), 2760, F.I. 3, 935; https://doi.org/10.3390/plants10122760
- Rodica Vârban, Ioana Crişan, Dan Vârban, Andreea Ona, Loredana Olar, Andrei Stoie, Răzvan Ștefan, 2021, Comparative FT-IR Prospecting for Cellulose in Stems of Some Fiber Plants: Flax, Velvet Leaf, Hemp and Jute. Appliad Sciences 11(18): 8570 IF=2.679, Q2].. https://doi.org/10.3390/app11188570
 IWOS:000699328100001.
- 13. Sorin Daniel Vâtcă, Valentina Ancuţa Stoian, Titus Cristian Man, Csaba Horvath, Roxana Vidican, Ştefania Gâdea, Anamaria Vâtcă, Ancuţa Rotaru, Rodica Vârban, Moldovan Cristina, Vlad Stoian, 2021, Agrometeorological Requirements of Maize Crop Phenology for Sustainable Cropping-A Historical Review for Romania. IF=3.251, Q1].Sustainability 13(14): 7719. https://doi.org/10.3390/su13147719 [WOS:000677185100001,
- 14. Alexandra Epure, Daniela Benedec, **Rodica Varban**, Daniela Hanganu, Cristina Dragan, Ilioara ONIGA, 2020, Phytochemical analysis of some medicinal plant products with antioxidant potential, Hop and Medicinal Plants 28: 227- 236. https://journals.usamvcluj.ro/index.php/hamei/article/view/14002
- 15. Vârban Dan I., **Rodica Vârban***, Liviu Tomoş, Marcel M. Duda, Cristina Moldovan, Sorin Muntean, Raluca Roxana Cincea, Alexandru B. Gheţe, 2019, Biodynamic agriculture concept and effect of the application of the BD product 500 on the rooting of some mint cuttings. Hop and Medicinal Plants 27: 129-139. https://journals.usamvcluj.ro/index.php/hamei/article/view/13593

- 16. Benedec Daniela, Oniga Ilioara, Hanganu Daniela, Gheldiu Ana Maria, Puscas Cristina, Radu Duma, Mihaela Tiperciuc Brindusa, Varban Rodica, Vlase Laurian, 2018, Sources for developing new medicinal products: biochemical investigations on alcoholic extracts obtained from aerial parts of some Romanian Amaryllidaceae species. BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine 18: 226. [WOS:000440202100002]
- 17. Dan Ioan Vârban, **Rodica Vârban***, Alexandru Gheţe, Antonia Odagiu, Robert Ștefan Czako, 2018, The influence of some products on the rooting of *Rosmarinus officinalis* L. cuttings. Hop and Medicinal Plants 26: 94-100. http://journals.usamvcluj.ro/index.php/hamei/article/view/13237
- 18. **Vârban Rodica**, Dan Ioan Vârban*, Andrei Stoie, Ileana Bogdan, Antonia Odagiu, Alexandru Gheţe, 2018, Identification of weed species present in lavender crops (*Lavandula angustifolia* L.) and (*Mentha piperita* L.) from the UASVM Cluj-Napoca campus. Hop and Medicinal Plants 26: 101-114. https://journals.usamvcluj.ro/index.php/hamei/article/view/13238
- 19. Vârban Dan Ioan, **Rodica Vârban***, Maria Tofană, Ancuţa Mihaela Rotar, Cristina Moldovan, Alexandru Gheţe, 2017, The study of composition and antibacterial activity of the volatile oil of the Sevstopolis lavander variety, cultivated in climatic conditions of Cluj-Napoca. Hop and Medicinal Plants, 25. http://journals.usamvcluj.ro/index.php/hamei/article/view/12881
- 20. Vârban D.I., **Rodica Vârban**, Duda M.M., Muntean S., Moldovan C, 2016, The influence of substrates on rooting of *Salvia officinalis* L. cuttings. Hop and Medicinal Plants 24: 52-56. https://journals.usamvcluj.ro/index.php/hamei/issue/view/328
- 21. **Rodica Vârban**, Vârban Dan Ioan, Mihăiescu Tania, Păcurar Florin, 2014, Research on the optimisation of *Arnica montana* L. seedling production, Analele Universitatii din Oradea, Fascicula de Protectia Mediului 232: 157-162. ISSN 1583-4301.
- 22. **Rodica Vârban**, A. Stoie, 2013, Species inventory of protected areas from Suatu. Analele Universitatii din Oradea, Fascicula de Protectia Mediului, 21: 782-791. ISSN 1583-4301.
- 23. **Rodica Varban**, D. Varban, 2-12, Comparative study of the active ingredients content *Plantago lanceolata* L. ProEnvironment 5: 248 250.
- 24. Vârban Dan Ioan, **Rodica Vârban***, Antonia Odagiu, 2012, Testing Germination Capacity on Seeds of *Arnica montana* L. specie, ProEnvironment 5: 251 255.
- 25. **Rodica Vârban**, Alexandra Raducanu, D.I. Vârban, 2011, The wood species from Central Park of the Gherla town. Agricultura 77-78: 100-107. ISSN 1221-5317.
- 26. **Rodica Vârban**, Dan Vârban, Andrei Stoie, The preservation of nature and biodiversity in the county of Cluj, Analele Universitatii din Oradea, Fascicula de Protectia Mediului 15: 822-828.
- 27. **Rodica Vârban**, A. Stoie, D. Pleşa, 2009, The inventory of the species belonging to the University of agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca arboretum, Bulletin UASVM Agriculture 66(1): 513-520. http://journals.usamvcluj.ro/index.php/agriculture/article/view/4310
- 28. Doina Stana, **Rodica Vârban**, 2005, Biological ecological and agricultural indicators of grassland flora from Aghireşu area, Cluj district. Notulae Botanicae Horti Agrobotanici, 33: https://www.notulaebotanicae.ro/index.php/nbha/article/view/191

BOOKS

- 1. **Rodica Vârban**, Dan Ioan Vârban, 2017, Plante medicinale cultivate și din flora spontană, Ed. Bioflux, ISBN 978-606-8877-13-5, 357 pages.
- 2. Varban, Rodica, Botanică 1, 2016, Ed. Bioflux, ISBN 978-606-8191-95-9, 266 pages.
- 3. **Rodica Vârban**, 2015, Botanica 2 Sistematica plantelor, Ed. AcademicPres, Cluj-Napoca, ISBN 978-973-744-454-7, 494 pages.
- 4. **Rodica Vârban**, Florin Păcurar, Dicţionar de botanică, pratologie şi agroecologie, 2011, Ed. Risoprint Cluj-Napoca, ISBN 978-973-530666-3, 407 pages.
- 5. **Rodica Vârban**, Andrei Stoie, Botanică sistematică, Lucrări practice, 2013, Ed. AcademicPres Cluj-Napoca, ISBN 978-973-744- 293-2, 272 pages.
- 6. A. Stoie, **Rodica Vârban**, Botanică Morfologia şi anatomia plantelor, îndrumător de lucrări practice, 2012, Ed. AcademicPres Cluj-Napoca, ISBN 978-973-744-281-9, 194 pages.

- 7. Vârban Dan Ioan, **Rodica Vârban**, Albert Imbre, 2005, Plante medicinale cultivate și din flora spontană, Ed. Risoprint Cluj-Napoca, ISBN 973-656-991-8, 172 pages.
- 8. Doina Stana, **Rodica Vârban**, 2006, Lucrări practice morfologia și anatomia plantelor- Ed. Rustic, Cluj-Napoca, 142 pages.
- 9. Muntean Leon S., M. Tămaş, Dan I. Vârban, A. Fiţiu, **Rodica Vârban**, 2003, Tehnologii în agricultura ecologică Plante medicinale şi aromatice, Ed. Risoprint Cluj-Napoca, ISBN 973-656-521-1, 225 pages.

PROFILES

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I hereby declare that all the information mentioned in my resume is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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