

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 PhD supervisor, field: BIOTEHNOLOGY, specialization Food Biotechnology, University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Cluj Napoca

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Associate Professor

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Food Science and Technology, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Courses, Seminars, Laboratories: Food Safety, Nutrition and Health, Biosecurity and Rapid Alert System, Nutraceuticals and Food Supplements. Research Activities

February 2020
February 2022

Lecturer

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Food Science and Technology, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Courses, Seminars, Laboratories: Food Chemistry, Human Nutrition, Food Safety and Toxicology. Research Activities

February 2016 –
February 2020

Assistant Professor

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Food Science and Technology, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Courses, Seminars, Laboratories: Food Chemistry, Human Nutrition, Food Safety and Toxicology. Research Activities

2014-2015

Postdoctoral Researcher

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

PEG-PLGA nanostructures containing bioactive molecules with antitumoral activity. Transport and controlled release.

Ph.D. Researcher - Doctoral Research Stage

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

Development of innovative encapsulation systems for microorganisms with applications in biomedicine

2008-2010

Quality and Food Safety Systems Consultant

T Smart Servicii SRL, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Implementation, auditing of quality management systems (ISO 9001) and food safety (HACCP / ISO 22000).

EDUCATION

2010 - 2014

PhD in Biotechnologies

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

2008 - 2010

Master – Food quality management

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Food Science and Technology, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

2003 - 2008 Food Engineering
 University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Food Science and Technology, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

PERSONAL SKILLS

Native language: Română

Other known foreign languages

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Participation in conversation	Oral discourse	
Engleză	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
Spaniolă	B2	A1	B1	A1	A1

Achieved
 Mobilities
 and
 Scholarships

2017 Mobility projects PN-III-P1-1.1-MC-2017-0566 and PN-III-P1-1.1-MC-2017-1720

2013-2014 Study program European Patent Academy (Office), Viena, Austria:

“EU and International patent systems for winners of the EPO 2013”

Martie **2012** Cost action FA0907 și FA1006 Summer School, 'Introduction to Metabolite Profiling Approaches in Microorganisms' at Royal Holloway, University of London."

2010-2011 DBU fellowship in Microencapsulation Laboratories of BRACE GmbH, Germany

Publications	Articoles
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- Ciont, C.; Epuran, A.; Kerezsi, A.D.; Coldea, T.E.; Mudura, E.; Pasqualone, A.; Zhao, H.; Suharoschi, R.; Vriesekoop, F., and Pop, O.L., Beer Safety: New Challenges and Future Trends within Craft and Large-Scale Production. *Foods* 2022, 11, 2693.
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	<p>International book chapters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liana C. Salanța, Alina Uifălean, Cristina-Adela Iuga, Maria Tofană, Janna Cropotova, Oana L. Pop, Carmen R. Pop, Mihaela A. Rotar, Mirandeli Bautista-Ávila, Claudia Velázquez Gonzále, The Health Benefits of Foods-Current Knowledge and Further Development, IntechOpen, 2020; • Oana L. Pop, Sonia Ancuța Socaci, Ramona Suharoschi, Dan Cristian Vodnar, Pro and prebiotics foods that modulate human health, The Role of Alternative and Innovative Food Ingredients and Products in Consumer Wellness, Ed Academic Press Elsevier, 2019; • O. L. Pop, L. C. Salanța, C. R. Pop, T. Coldea, S. A. Socaci, R. Suharoschi, D. C. Vodnar. Prebiotics and Dairy Applications in Dietary Fibers, Properties, recovery and Applications, Ed Academic Press Elsevier, 2019; • R. Suharoschi, O. L. Pop, R. A. Vlaic, C. I. Muresan, C. C. Muresan, A. Cozma, A. V. Sitar-Taut, R. Vulturar, S. C. Heghes, A. Fodor, C. A. Iuga. Dietary Fiber and Metabolism, in Dietary Fibers, Properties, recovery and Applications, Ed Academic Press Elsevier, 2019; • S. A. Socaci, D. O. Rugină, Z. M. Diaconeasa, O. L. Pop, A. C. Fărcaș, A. Păucean, M. Tofană, A. Pinte. Antioxidant Compounds Recovered from Food Wastes, in Functional Food-Improve Health through Ed. InTech, 2017; • O. L. Pop, D. C. Vodnar. Procyanidins, and their Effectiveness after Incorporation in Food Systems, in Procyanidins Characterisation, antioxidant properties and health benefits, Ed. Nova, 2016; • O. L. Pop, D. C. Vodnar, C. Socaciu. Encapsulation field polymers: FTIR characterization, Encyc of Biomedical Polymers and Polymeric Biomaterials, Ed. Taylor & Francis, NY, USA, 2015; • D. C Vodnar, O. L. Pop, C. Socaciu. Probiotics: Microencapsulation. Encyclopedia of Biomedical Polymers and Polymeric Biomaterials, Ed. Taylor & Francis, 2015.
<p>Projects</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PN III- PCE Exploratory Research Project - PN-III-P4-IDPCE-2020-2126 titled "Iron Oxide Nanoparticles Transported by Probiotics - Cytotoxicity, Biodisponibility and Their Influence on Intestinal Microflora," funded by UEFISCDI, total value: 1,198,032.00 lei, 36 months, 2021 (project director). 2. Research and Service Project - PROBIOKA - beneficiary Biokuri B.V. Belgium, 12 months, total value 23,620 euros, 2021 (project director). 3. PN III- CI Innovation Checks Project titled "Gluten-Free, Low-Calorie Muffins Enriched with Essential Amino Acids of Plant Origin," Funding: 50,000 lei, UEFISCDI-6 months, 2017 (project director). 4. ERANET-MANUNET II –TOMATOCYCL, Sustainable Exploitation of Tomato Processing By-Products, international project, 2017 (member). 5. PN III – PED Project; Nutraceutical Lycopene Produced by Biotechnological Processes from Natural Agro-Industrial Residues with Applications in the Food Industry. Funding UEFISCDI, 2017 (member). 6. PN III- PED Project: Efficient Use of Crude Glycerol from Biodiesel for L-Lactic Acid Production. Funding: 135,000 euros, UEFISCDI, 2017-2019 (member). 7. PN II Partnership Project "A New Generation of Probiotic Beverages with Impact on Human Health." Funding: 330,000 euros, UEFISCDI, 2014-2017 (member). 8. POC_37_637: "Bioprocessing of 1,3-Propanediol (1,3-PD) and Citric Acid Production from Crude Glycerol." Funding: 1,500,000 euros, ANCSI, 2016-2020 (member). 9. PN II – RUTE Project: "Encapsulated Nanoplasmatical Nanoparticles for Controlled Release of Bioactive Molecules," UEFISCDI, 2015-2017 (member). 10. PN II – Economic Competitiveness Program PN-II-IN-CI-2012-1-0157 "Food Safety Management System for the Production Process of Probiotic-Encapsulated Gels," UEFISCDI, Funding: 10,000 EUR, duration: 6 months (responsible). 11. 2 Innovation Research Projects (PNII), UEFISCDI, 2012-2014 (member)

Distinctions and Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Exhibition of Inventions and Innovations Traian Vuia Timisoara – 39 distinctions (gold and silver diplomas) in the period 2020-2022.• Awarding of research results by UEFISCDI 2017-2023.• Diplomas of excellence at PRO INVENT, the International Research, Innovation, and Invention Exhibition, 16th edition Cluj-Napoca, 2018-2022.• Best poster award at the International Probiotics and Antimicrobial Proteins Conference, Barcelona, November 2017.• 1st and 2nd place with supervised students at the International Symposium "Student in Bucovina" 2016.• Diploma of Excellence and Gold Medal for the "Procedure for Obtaining Microspheres with Probiotics" at the International Invention Exhibition, PRO INVENT, 12th edition Cluj-Napoca, 2014.• 1st place for "Microspheres - support for probiotic cells in yogurt and other dairy products", OSIM, Representative of Romania at the "EPO Innovation Contest 2013", European Patent Office, 2013.
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