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EDUCATION

- 1997 **Master of Public Health**
American University of Armenia
Yerevan, Armenia
- 1982 **Ph.D. in Biology**
Specialization in Immunology
Academy of Medical Sciences of USSR
Moscow, USSR
- 1976 **Diploma in Biophysics**
Yerevan State University
Yerevan, Armenia

POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

- Mar 2004- **Post-Doctoral Policy Fellow**
Present International Policy Fellowships Program
Center for Policy Studies
Open Society Institute
Budapest, Hungary
- Project Topic: “Developing Effective Responses to Drug Use and HIV in Armenia: Re-Orienting Drug Policies Towards Harm Reduction”
- June, 2003 **Training Course on Advocacy, Coalition Building and Networking**
NGO Strengthening Program
World Learning-Armenia
- Jun - Dec **Post-Doctoral Fogarty Fellow**
2001 Emory AIDS International Training and Research Program
Emory University
Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A
- Developed an HIV-risk reduction health education module for commercial sex workers in Armenia as well as a grant proposal for implementing the module.
- Aug 2000 - **Fulbright Fellow**
June 2001 Department of International Health
Emory University
Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.
- Developed a core curriculum for comprehensive school health education in Armenia.

Jan- June 1987 **Training Course in Microbiology**
Armenian National Institute of Health
Yerevan, Armenia

WORK EXPERIENCE

March 1, 2005 **Monitoring and Evaluation Officer**
WB HPIU
Present Yerevan, Armenia

Aug –Dec 2004 **Consultant**
LTG Associates, Inc POPTECH Project/USAID-Armenia.
Washington, DC, USA/Yerevan, Armenia

Providing logistical in-country support to the US experts evaluating Primary Health Care-related activities in Armenia

Oct 2002 – Mar 2004 **Director/ Project Manager**
“Health Education Association” NGO, Yerevan, Armenia

Responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of an HIV-risk reduction health education project for commercial sex workers. The grant provided by the AIDS International Training and Research Program of the Emory University, USA.

Aug - Oct 2002 **Consultant**
Prime II Project, Yerevan, Armenia

Responsible for the organization of a national-level forum on improving the quality of and access to reproductive health and child care.

Feb - May 2002 **Project Manager**
Center for Health Services Research and Development
American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia

Information, Education, Communication (IEC) Project funded by USAID through Abt Associates. Responsible for the development of health education modules for family medicine practitioners and IEC materials for patient education

Sep 1999 – Aug 2000 **Principal Investigator/Project Coordinator**
Center for Health Services Research and Development
American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia

Responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of a pilot school health education project to prevent tobacco, alcohol and other substance abuse among Armenian adolescents.

Nov – Dec 1999 **Evaluation Expert**
United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
Yerevan, Armenia

Responsible for the evaluation of a primary health care development project implemented by UMCOR in four regions of Armenia.

Mar 97- Sep 99 **Research Analyst/Teaching Assistant**
Center for Health Services Research
American University of Armenia

Provided teaching assistance for the courses on Biostatistics, Program Planning and Program Evaluation

Designed and managed qualitative and quantitative studies including:

- a) needs assessment
- d) facilitation of focus groups
- e) data collection using quantitative instruments
- f) data entry and analysis
- g) supervision of staff
- h) report writing

Selected Projects Included:

- Communication Situational Analysis (funded by UNICEF)
- Design and implementation of the National Survey on Acute Respiratory Infections and Diarrheal Disease (funded by UNICEF)
- Evaluation of Infant Feeding Practices in Yerevan (funded by UNICEF)
- Evaluation of the Pediatric Primary Care Project implemented collaboratively by AmeriCares and Ministry of Health
- Evaluation of the Health Education Program for Pregnant Women in Yerevan implemented by Jinishian Memorial Foundation and Center for Health Services research AUA

1990-1992 **Lecturer of Biology**
Institute of Traditional Medicine
Yerevan, Armenia

1980-1997 **Project coordinator/Senior Researcher**
Mikajelyan Surgical Institute
Yerevan, Armenia

COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficient in e-literature source systems, database management (Epi-Info and SPSS), Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and Power Point

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Armenian/Russian	Native Languages
English	Fluent
German	Fair

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

1. **Meeting the Challenge of Injection Drug Use and HIV Epidemic in Armenia.** Annual Conference of the Association of Schools of Public Health of the European Region (ASPHER). Yerevan, Armenia, 2005.
2. **Human Rights of Injection Drug Users and HIV Epidemic in the Former USSR.** International Conference on Health and Human Rights, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 2005.
3. **Challenges to Effective Responses to Drug Use and HIV in Armenia.** 16th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm. Belfast, Northern Ireland, 2005.
4. **Overcriminalization of Drugs May Result in a Generalized HIV Epidemic in Armenia.** 16th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm. Belfast, Northern Ireland, 2005.
5. **Challenges of HIV-prevention among Armenian Commercial Sex Workers.** XIV International AIDS Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 2004
6. **Misconceptions of Armenian Female Commercial Sex Workers with Regard to HIV/AIDS.** 10th International Congress on Public Health, Brighton, UK, 2004.
7. **HIV risk of Armenian Female Commercial Sex Workers: Barriers and Facilitators of Preventive Behaviors.** 11th Annual Conference on the European Public Health Association, Rome, Italy, 2003.
8. **Challenges of Teaching Health Education in Armenian Schools.** 10th Annual conference of the European Public Health Association, Dresden, Germany, 2002.
9. **Evaluation of a Substance Use Prevention Project Implemented in Armenian Schools.** 13th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug-Related Harm, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2002.
10. **Pilot Substance Use Prevention School Health Education Project in Armenia.** American School Health Education Annual Conference. Albuquerque, USA, 2001.
11. **Implementation of a Pilot Substance Use Prevention Project in Armenian Schools: Results, Limitations and Lessons Learned.** American Public Health Association Annual Conference., Atlanta, USA, 2001

RECENT PUBLICATION:

Markosyan KM, Babikian T, DiClemente, RJ, Hirsch JS, del Rio C, Grigoryan S.
Determinants of HIV Risk and Preventive Behaviors in Armenian Female Sex Workers.
Under review in AIDS and Behavior journal.