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born on July 12, 1975 in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia.

Education

- Bachelor Degree from Faculty of Pharmacy, The University “Ss. Cyril & Methodius” - Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, *September 1998*.
- Master of Science Degree from the Laboratory of Health Chemistry, Department of Functional Pharmaceutics, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, *March 2002*.
- Graduate Certificate for Public Policy and Management (GCPPM) from the Macedonia Graduate School for Public Policy and Management, affiliation of GSPIA, The University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, *December 2004*.

Professional affiliation

- **Project Manager** at the Department for Pharmacogenomics, at the Japanese Foundation for Cancer Research, Ganken Hospital, Tokyo, Japan, from *January 2001 to March 2002*.
- **Junior researcher/Head of Department of Public Health**, Center for Regional Research and Cooperation “Studiorum”, University “Ss. Cyril & Methodius” - Skopje, Republic of Macedonia since *May 2002*.
- **Consultant for administration of JBIC ODA Loans**, for the Zletovica Multipurpose Project in Macedonia, awarded by Japan Bank for International Cooperation to the Government of Macedonia, since *September 2004*.
- **Court certified translator/interpreter from English and Japanese language** into Macedonian language and vice versa, since September 2002.
- **Expert Member of the Commission for Protection of Industrial Property Rights** of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, since *January 2004*.

Technical skills

Laboratory skills:

a) Biology:

production of polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies
mammalian cell culture
transfection and protein overexpression
functional assays ([³H]-Thymidine uptake assay, [³⁵S] metabolic labeling)

b) Biochemistry:

protein handling techniques (production, purification, Western blotting)
RNA manipulation (isolation, northern blotting/hybridization)
cDNA manipulation (RT-PCR, library screening, vector constructs)

c) Immunohistochemistry/Immunocytochemistry:

tissue isolation and tissue block preparation (paraffin embedding)
tissue section (microtome) and tissue section staining
cell staining techniques

Language skills:

English – excellent (listening, speaking, reading, writing)

French – fair (listening, speaking, reading, writing)

Japanese – good (listening, speaking, reading, writing)

Serbian/Croatian - excellent (listening, speaking, reading, writing)

Bulgarian - good (listening, reading)

Computer skills:

Experience with PC and Macintosh software, including:

- a) MS Office programs, Adobe programs
- b) SPSS - Statistical Package for Social Sciences
- c) Genetyx-Mac/Genetyx-Win, OligoPrime, NIH Image.

Scientific Projects

1 Graduate Certificate Program, Jan - Dec 2004, Policy Issue Paper 1

“Proposal for Soil Decontamination from Heavy Metal in Zletovo Area, Eastern Macedonia”, Policy Issue Paper for the Public Policy Analysis Course at the Graduate School of Public Policy and Management, Macedonia, affiliation of the GSPIA, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA.

2 Graduate Certificate Program, Jan - Dec 2004, Policy Issue Paper 2

“Training Needs Assessment for the Health Management in Health Care Institutions in Macedonia”, Policy Issue Paper for the Administration of Public Affairs Course at the

Graduate School of Public Policy and Management, Macedonia, affiliation of the GSPIA, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA.

3 Master Course Thesis, April 2000 - March 2002

“Biological Characterization and Tissue Distribution of human and murine EPP (Epithelin Precursor)”, Laboratory of Health Chemistry, Dept. of Functional Pharmaceutics, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, under Prof. Dr. Hiroyuki Arai.

4 Graduate training, September 1999 – March 2000

“Production, Purification and Characterization of Squalene Epoxidase Promoting Factor 2 (SPF2) in rat, mouse and human”, Dept. of Health Chemistry, Grad. School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan.

5 Graduation Thesis Research Work, April - September, 1998

“Formulation and biodistribution of [^{99m}Tc]-Sulfur Colloid in diagnostic purposes”, graduate paper, Faculty of Pharmacy, University “Ss. Cyril and Methodius”, Skopje, in collaboration with Institute for Nuclear Physics, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia.

Other Projects

- **Coordinator/Researcher** of the Special Assistance for Project Implementation (SAPI) for the Zletovica Multipurpose Project in Macedonia, financed by Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Tokyo, Japan, *Jan - Sept 2004*.
- **Assistant Engineer for Health-Related Issues** to the Special Assistance for Project Formulation (SAPROF) Study Team in the Republic of Macedonia, financed by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), *May-October 2002*.
- **Coordinator for health-related issues** of the Macedonian staff on the project “The Study on Integrated Water Resource Development and Management Master Plan in the Republic of Macedonia”, funded by the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), *Sept 1997 - May 1999*.
- **Assistant Advisor**, Study of Air Pollution Monitoring System in the republic of Macedonia, funded by JICA, implemented in collaboration between the Macedonian Ministry of Urban Planning, Construction and Environment and JIT Consulting, *April 1997-March 1999 (part-time)*.
- **Translator of the book “Earthfood Spirulina”**, health-related issues, by Robert Henricson, Ronore Enterprise Inc, San Francisco, 1998
- **Translator of the book “The New Public Health”**, by Theodore Tulchinski, Elena Varavikova, Academic Press, San Diego, 1999, grant awarded through the Public Health Program of OSI Macedonia.

- **Editor of The Dictionary of Public Health**, in Macedonian language, Graduate School of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, grant awarded by Public Health program of OSI Macedonia (in preparation).

International Events/Scholarships/Memberships

- International Policy Fellowship for the project “Patients’ Rights in South Eastern Europe”, OSI and Center for Policy Studies, CEU - Budapest, *April 2005 - April 2006*.
- Salzburg Seminar Session 406 "The Role of NGOs in the Health of Communities: Creative Partnerships", *Feb 26 - Mar 5, 2003*, Salzburg, Austria
- Monbukagakusho Graduate Level Scholarship of the Japanese Ministry of Education, *April 1999 - August 2002*.
- The 60-th Annual Meeting of JCA, *September 2001*, Yokohama, Japan
- The 74-th Annual Meeting of JBS, *October 2001*, Kyoto, Japan
- Member of AACR – American Association for Cancer Research since *2001*.
- Member of WICR - Women in Cancer Research since *2001*.
- Member of JCA – Japanese Cancer Association since *2000*.
- On-line Learning Conference, *October 2000*, Denver, Colorado, USA
- Long-Term Training Course “Intercultural Learning”, *October 1994 - May 1995*, European Youth Centre, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France.

References/Publications

- “Tissue distribution of Epithelin/granulin precursor (EPP), a growth regulatory protein”, The 60-th Annual Meeting of Japanese Cancer Association, September 25-27, 2001, Yokohama, Japan.
- “Analysis of SPF family molecules, which regulate cholesterol biosynthesis”, The 74-th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Biochemical Society, October 25-28, 2001, Kyoto, Japan.
- “The Challenges of the Public Health in Europe”, Evrodijalog No. 5, 2003
- “The Patients’ Rights in the Republic of Macedonia through the light of EU Health Forum recommendations”, Evrodijalog, No. 8, 2004