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EDUCATION:

1984 – Ph.D. at Ethnographic Institute and Museum of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Ph.D. Thesis: “Bulgarian Folk Demonological and Mythological believes”.

1978 – Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Department of History, specialization “Ethnography”

PRESENT PROFESSIONAL POSITION:

1993 - Present – Director of the Ethnographic Institute and Museum of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

2002 - Present – Professor Thesis: “Saints and Demons at the Balkans”

PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

1991-1993	Assoc. Professor	EIM-BAS
1989-1991	Academic Secretary	EIM-BAS
1984	Researcher	EIM-BAS

MEMBERSHIP IN EDITORIAL BOARDS:

Editor-in-chief of the Book Series “Ethnographic Problems of the Folk Culture” (“Етнографски проблеми на народната култура”) and “Bulgarian Regional Researches” (“Български регионални изследвания”).

Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal “Bulgarian Ethnology” (“Българска етнология”).

EDITORSHIP OF BOOKS:

Editor of the Book “The Ritual Table” (“Обредната трапеза”). Sofia, 2006.

Editor of the Symposium Proceedings Book “Ivan Shishmanov – the forum” (“Ив. Шишманов - форумът”), Vol. 1. (in print)

Co-Editor of the Book “The Problems of Modern Ethnology” (“Проблеми на съвременната етнология”), Sofia, 2004.

Co-Editor of Conference Proceedings Book “The Socialism – reality and Illusions” (Социализмът – реалност и илюзии”), Sofia, 2003.

Editor of the Book “Bulgarian Plant and Animal World” (“Растителният и животинският свят в традиционната култура на българите”), Sofia, 2003.

Co-Editor of the Book “Crypto Christianity and Religious Syncretism at the Balkan” (“Криптохристиянство и религиозен синкретизъм на Балканите”), Sofia, 2002.

Editor-in-chief of the book “The Thracian and Its World” (“Тракиецът и неговият свят”). Sofia, 2004, Vol. 2.

PUBLICATIONS:

In Bulgaria:

Books:

- “Peperuda and “German” (“Пеперуда и Герман”). Sofia, 1989.
- “Saints twins” in Bulgarian Traditional Calendar” (“Светци близнаци в българския традиционен календар”). Sofia, 1991.

- “Bulgarian Mythology” (“Българска митология”). Sofia, 1994.
- “Bulgarian Traditional Calendar” (“Български традиционен календар”). Sofia, 1997.
- “Saints and Demons at the Balkans” (“Светци и демони на Балканите”). Sofia, 2002.

Studies and Articles:

“About the Bulgarian Holy Healers” (“За българските светии лечители”) – В: Етнографски проблеми на народната култура (Ethnographic Problems of the Popular Culture). София, 2000, т. 6, 54-70.

“Folks Weltanschauung” (“Народен светоглед”). – В: Сакар. София, 2002, 231-254.

“Rites of Death and Funeral” (Обреди при смърт и погребение”) - В: Сакар. София, 2002, 313-324.

“About “The Dry Marriage” of Bulgarian Migrants (Gurbetchii)” (“За “яловата” сватба при българските гурбетчии”). – В: Етнологията на две века. Изследвания и материали по повод 60-годишнина та доц. Н. Колев. Велико Търново, 2000, 401-410.

“The Plant Code in the Bulgarian Funeral Rites” (“Растителният код в българските погребални обичаи”). – В: Жизненият цикъл. Доклади от българо-сръбска научна конференция София, 2000, 272-278.

“Assoc. Prof. Dr. Slavka Grebenarova” (“Ст. н. с. II ст. д-р Славка Василева Гребенарова (1956-2002)”). – БЕ, 2002, № 3, 5-10.

“The Ethnographic Institutes in Europe Facing Similar Challenges” (“Етнографските музеи в Европа пред едни и същи изпитания”) – БЕ, 2002, № 4, 91-99.

“Summertime Tourist Attractions on the Southern Black Sea Coast” – Ehtnologia Bulgarica, 2001, № 2, 100-110.

“Der Bär im Volksglauben der Balkanvölker” (“The bear in the popular belief of the Balkan people”) – Thracia, 2002, No 15, 213-224.

“In Memory of Prof. Strashimir Dimitrov”) (“В памет на Страшимир Димитров” – В: Криптохристиянство и религиозен синкретизъм на Балканите. София, 2002, 9-10.

“Ethnographic Researches during the Socialist Period” (“Етнографски изследвания по време на социализма”) – В: Социализмът: реалност и илюзии. София, 2003, 7-12.

“Vestiges from the Cult of Bear in the Beliefs and Rites of Balkan People” (“Следи от култа към мечката във вярванията и обичаите на балканските народи”) – В: Растителният и животинският свят (The The Plant and Animals World). София, 2003, 260-275.

“Saint Mina in the Calendar Tradition of Balkan People” (“Свети Мина в календарната традиция на балканските народи”) - История, 2004, № 4-5, 79-88).

“With Love for the Museum and Museum Problems. 60 years of Dr. Gramatikov” (“С обич към музея и музейната проблематика. Д-р Г. Граматиков на 60 години”) - В: Известия на историческия музей в Хасково. Т. 2, Хасково, 2004, 13-18.)

“The Natural Miracles in the Weltanschauung of Thracian” (“Природните чудеса в светогледа на тракиецата”) – В: Тракиецът и неговият свят. София, 2004, т. 2, 169-182.

“The Biographic Approach in the Research of the Intercultural Attitudes” (“Биографичният подход при изследване на интеркултуралните взаимоотношения”). – БЕ, 2004, № 4.

“Memory of Nedyalka Kratcheva” (“Спомен за Недялка Крапчева”). – БЕ, 2000, кн.2, 128-129.

“Respected Slavistic Research. Slavic antiquities. Ethnolinguistic Dictionary” (“Авторитетно славистично изследване. Славянские древности. Етнолингвистический словарь.” (рец.) – БЕ, 2000, кн. 3, 124-125.

“G. Mihaylova. Are Masked the Masking Characters?” (“Г. Михайлова. Маскирани ли са маскираните персонажи?” (рец.) – БЕ, 2002, № 4, 110-113.

“T. Agapkina. The Myth and Poetic Bases of the Slavic National Calendar” (“Агапкина. Мифопоетическите основи на славянския народен календар.” (рец.) – БЕ, 2002, № 4, 119-122.

“T. A. Bernsham. Youth in Symbolism of the Rites de Passages of East Slavs: the Doctrine and Experience of Church in Folk Christianity” (“Т. А. Бернштам, Молодость в символизме переходных обрядов восточных славян: Учение и опыт Церкви в народном христианстве.” (рец.) – БФ, 2000, № 3, 103-105.

“International Conference on the Occasion of the 80 Birthday of Acad. Tolstoy” (“Международна конференция по повод 80 г. от рождението на акад. Толстой”). – БЕ, 2003, № 4, 132-134.

“Folkchristian Cult of St. Ekaterina in the Slavic and Balkan Context” (“Народнохристиянският култ към Св. Екатерина в славянски и балкански контекст”). – В: Етнографски проблеми на народната култура. София, 2005, т. 7, 204-224.

“Saints of Death in The Tradition of the Balkan People” (“Светци на смъртта в традицията на балканските народи”). – В: Рискът от смъртта на Балканите и в Европа. Велико Търново, 2005, 44-54.

“Cult of Saints at the Balkans in the Context of the Folk Etymology” (“Култът към светците на Балканите в контекста на народната етимология”). – В: Иван. Д. Шишманов - форумът. Шишманови четения, София, 2005, т. 1, 117-123.)

Articles in Encyclopaedias:

“Bulgarian Mythology” (“Българска митология”) (1994), “Bulgarian Popular Medicine” (“Българска народна медицина”) (1999) and “Encyclopedia A - Я” (“Енциклопедия А-Я”) (2002).

Abroad:

“Über die versäumten und die künftigen Möglichkeiten der bulgarischen Ethnologie. – Europäische Ethnologie an der Wende”. Bulgarisch-Österreichisches Kolloquium, Kittsee, 2000, 17-22.

“Die Sammlungen des Ethnographischen Nationalmuseums in Bulgarien” – Kittseer Schriften zur Volkskunde, No 15, Wien-Kittsee, 2003, 19-24.

“The Natural Miracles in Bulgarian Folk Beliefs” (“Природна чуда у народном верованима Бугара”) – В: Чудо у словенским културама (The Miracle in the Slavonian Culture). Београд, 2000, 61-68.

“The Sacrifice of the Well” (“Курбан на герана (Курбан за Ђеран”). – В: Гласник етнографског музеја, № 49, Београд, 2000, 85-90).

“The Multiple Faces of St. Petka Tarnovska” (“Многобројна лица свете Петке Трнвске”). – В: Култ светих на Балкану. Крагујевац 2001, 137-178.

“Crazy Sundays in the Bulgarian Calendar Cycle” (Безумные (лудите) недели в календарном цикле болгар). – В: Признаковое пространство культуры. Москва, 2002, 86-102.

“The Zoomorphic Code of the Bulgarian Funeral Concepts” (“Зооморфният код в погребалните представи на Българите (конете на Св. Тодор”). – В: Обичаји животног циклуса, Београд 2002, 321-328.)

“Folks Etymology and Cult of Saints” (“Народная этимология и культ святых”). – В: Язык культуры: семантика и грамматика. Москва, 2004, 131-137).

CONFERENCES:

In Bulgaria:

First Bulgarian-Serbian Conference on the Life Cycle (Sofia, 2000). Paper - “The Plant Code in the Bulgarian Funeral Rites”.

Conference devoted to the 60-years of Assoc. Prof. N. Kolev (Veliko Tarnovo, 2000). Paper - “About “The Dry Marriage” of Bulgarian Migrants (Gurbetchii)” (“За “яловата” сватба при българските гурбетчии”).

International Conference “The Socialism – Reality and Illusion” (Sofia, 2002). Paper – “The Ethnographic Researches during the Socialist Period”) (“Етнографските изследвания през социализма”).

The Celebration of ICOM (Sofia, 2002). Paper - “Minorities and Their Presentation in the Ethnographic Museums” (“Малцинствата и тяхното представяне в етнографските музеи”).

Academic Supervising of the 10th National Conference of Bulgarian Ethnographers (Stara Zagora, 2003).

Academic Supervising of the Third Ethnographic Conference “Thracian and Its World” (Lubimetz, 2004).

Academic Supervising of the Conference devoted to the Thirty years of the Foundation of the Varna Ethnographic Museum (Varna, 2004).

International Conference in Goethe Institute (Sofia, 2004) – paper “The Biographic Approach in the Research of Intercultural Attitudes” (“Биографичният подход при изследване на интеркултуралните взаимоотношения”).

Conference, devoted on the life and activity of Prof. Ivan Shishmanov (Sofia, 2004) Paper - “Folk Etymology and Cult of Saints in Bulgaria” (“Народната етимология и култът към скветците на Балканите”).

Conference of the Historical Department in Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski” (Sofia, 2004). Paper – “New Trends in the Development of Bulgarian Ethnology” (“Нови тенденции в развитието на българската етнология”).

Abroad:

The Sixth International Conference (Zaychar, 2000) – Paper “Scrifice of the well” (“Курбан на герана”).

The Second Bulgarian and Serbian conference in Belgrad (Serbia, 2001) – Paper - “The Zoomorf Code of the Bulgarian Funeral Concepts. The Horses of St. Todor” (“Зооморфният код в погребалните обичаи на българите. Конете на Св. Тодор”).

“Second international conference of the European ethnographic museum” (Vienna, 2002) Paper – “Collections of the National Ethnographic Museum in Sofia” (“Колекциите на Националния етнографски музей в София”).

Participation in the colloquium of the ethnology students in Universität Leipzig (2002). Paper - “The System of Non-Blood Kinship of Bulgarians and the Other Balkan Neighbor Nations” (Системата на некръвно родство у българите и съседните балкански народи”).

The International Slavistic Readings (Russia, 2003). – paper “Folk Etymology and the Cult of Saints”.

Participation in the working meeting of the all Academies of Sciences in the East-South Europe for safeguarding of the cultural heritage (Istanbul, 2005).

PARTICIPATIONS IN PROJECTS:

With general national value:

2002-2004 – “The Life and Activity of Prof. Ivan Shishmanov” (2002-2004 г.), financed by BAS.

2003 – “Greeks in Bulgaria”, financed by IMIR.

1993-1994 – “Vlachs in Bulgaria”, financed by Princeton University, USA.

With International value:

2001-2005 – “Comparative Researches of Slavs” (Bulgarian-Russian project), financed by Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

1999-2001 – “Rites and Life Cycle” (Bulgarian-Serbian project), financed by Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

LECTURES:

2000 “Balkan Tradional Calendar”, Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”.
“Bulgarian Sytem of Holidays and Rites”, Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”.
“Bulgarian Mythology and Demonology”, New Bulgarian University.
“The Tradional Calendar and Saints”, Veliko Tarnovo University “St. St. Kiril and Methody “.

2001 “Bulgarian Mythology”, New Bulgarian University.
“Balkan Tradional Calendar”, New Bulgarian University.
“Balkan Tradional Calendar”, Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”.
“Balkan Tradional Calendar”, Munich University, Germany.

- 2002 “Balkan Tradional Calendar”, Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”
 “Bulgarian Sytem of Holidays and Rites”, Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”
 “Balkan Tradional Calendar”, New Bulgarian University.
 “Balkan Tradional Calendar”, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2003 “Balkan Tradional Calendar”, Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”.
 “Bulgarian Sytem of Holidays and Rites”, Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”.
- 2004 “Balkan Tradional Calendar”, Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”.
 “Bulgarian Traditional Culture”, Shumen University.
 “Bulgarian Traditional Culture”, Munich University.
- 2005 “Balkan Tradional Calendar”, Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”
 “Bulgarian Traditional Culture”, Shumen University.

Academic Supervising of 2 M.A. students for 2000 and 2 M.A. students for 2001 in Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”).

Academic Supervising of 3 Ph.D. students (2 from EIM and 1 from Shumen University “Bishop K. Preslavski “).

MEMBERSHIP IN EXPERT GROUPS:

Chair of the Academic Council of the Ethnographic Institute and Museum at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (2000-2004).

Deputy Director of the Specialised Academic Council for Old and Mediaeval History, Archeology and Ethnography (2000-2004 г.).

Participation in the General Assembly of Bulgarian Academic of Sciences (2000-2003).

Participation in the Ethnology Expert Council of IMIR (2000-2004).

Participation in the Council of the Directors of Humanities Institutes of Bulgarian Academy Sciences (2000-2004).

Participation in the Academic Councils of Department "Ethnology" in Sofia University and Veliko Tarnovo University (2000-2001).