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**Competences**

- Protein expression and purification (soluble proteins, inclusion bodies).
- Protein crystallization, protein crystallography
- Enzymatic assays, enzyme kinetics: including steady state, transient kinetic stopped-flow/rapid-scanning
- Cryo-enzymology
- Enzymatic product determination and isolation; chemical (enzyme-free) synthesis of compounds, characterization with UV-visible, FTIR, NMR spectroscopies, (GC/LC)-MS, HPLC
- Preparative bio-transformation of chemicals, using whole cells or purified enzymes; method development
- DNA manipulation including cloning and mutagenesis techniques
- Bacterial cell cultures, including anaerobic nitrosative/oxidative stress experiments
- Anaerobic protein/chemical manipulation
- Record and interpret UV-visible, electron paramagnetic resonance, circular dichroism, and infrared spectra
- Sample (protein) preparation (and interpretation, where applicable) for EPR, Mössbauer, (VTVH)MCD, ENDOR, resonance Raman, NMR spectroscopies, (GC/LC)-MS
- Proficient in the use of the following equipment: microplate spectrophotometer, UV-visible recording spectrophotometer, infrared spectrophotometer, biological oxygen monitor, nitric oxide monitor, fast-pressure liquid chromatography apparatus, thermocyclers, centrifuge, electrophoresis apparatus, anaerobic chamber.
- Electronic structure calculation (ab initio, semiempirical, DFT, molecular mechanics) and protein modelling (sequence homology, docking) programs (e.g., Gaussian, Spartan, Titan, Hyperchem, Cache, Sybyl, Insight), including UNIX and Linux applications
- Word processing programs, spreadsheet applications, presentation applications, scientific plotting programs, chemical structure drawing programs, DNA and protein sequence manipulation programs.
- Teaching/mentoring: Directly supervised and mentored ~20 undergraduate students and 3 graduate students in designing/successfully completing chemical/biochemical research projects and writing dissertations. Devised, written, and supervised general biochemistry and bioinorganic chemistry laboratory experiments.

Native language	<b>Romanian</b>																																		
Foreign languages	<b>A1, A2 – basic knowledge</b> <b>B1, B2 – Independent user</b> <b>C1 și C2 – experienced user</b>																																		
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Leading/organizer abilities	<p>Supervised ~20 diploma works for undergraduate students, 3 MSc dissertations, won and completed several research grants from national funding bodies.</p> <p>Member of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Commissions of the Romanian National Council for Scientific Research and of the National Council for Accreditation of University Degrees and Titles.</p>																																		
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