






PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Associate Professor, PhD, Department of Special Education, Faculty of Psychology and Sciences of Education, Babes-Bolyai University (psihoped.psiedu.ubbcluj.ro)

POSITION

PhD coordinator in Psychology domain (Faculty of Psychology and Sciences of Education, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania).

Fulbright Ambassador in the Academic Environment (Romanian – US Fulbright Commission) – 2018-2023.

WORK EXPERIENCE

20th of September 2017 – 15th of December 2017 – Fulbright Senior Scholar, School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick (<https://socialwork.rutgers.edu/>), USA.

March 2013 – present: Associate Professor, Special Education Department, Faculty of Psychology and Sciences of Education, Babes-Bolyai University (psihoped.psiedu.ubbcluj.ro).

March 2014 – present – member of the Doctoral School “Education, Reflection, Development” (Faculty of Psychology and Sciences of Education, Babes-Bolyai University). PhD supervisor (Psychology Domain).

April 2014 – September 2017 – Coordinator of the Office for Students with Disabilities of Babes-Bolyai University (bsd.centre.ubbcluj.ro).

October 2013 – October 2016 – Member of the Executive Board of the Student College of Academic Performance of Babes-Bolyai University (<http://cppa.stud.ubbcluj.ro/>)

August 2013 – present – Director of the Postgraduate Course “Animal Assisted Therapy and Activities for Persons with Special Needs” (Department of Special Education, Faculty of Psychology and Sciences of Education, Babes-Bolyai University, in collaboration with Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Cluj-Napoca).

March 2012 – March 2016 – Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Psychology and Sciences of Education (FPSE), Babes-Bolyai University (BBU), Cluj-Napoca, Romania (www.psiedu.ubbcluj.ro). Tasks: Quality Assurance and Communication with students.

2016 – present: reviewer and member of the Editorial Committee of Acta Psychopathologica journal.

2013 – present: reviewer for PLOS One Journal (Animal Behavior and Animal Welfare areas) – recommended by editor Alan McElligott, PhD (Queen Mary University of London, UK).

December 2013 – present: international evaluator of projects in the fields of Animal Welfare, Animal Behavior and Human-Animal Interactions for Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA) - <http://www.otka.hu/en>.

March 2008 – January 2012 - Chancellor of the Faculty of Psychology and Sciences of Education, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Feb 2009 – March 2013: Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy, FPSE, BBU.

Jan 2008 – Feb 2009: Lecturer, Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy, FPSE, BBU.

June 2006 – Jan 2008: Postdoctoral Researcher at the International Institute for Advanced Studies in Psychotherapy and Applied Mental Health, BBU.

Jan 2005 – May 2006: Senior Researcher, Faculty of Psychology and Sciences of Education, BBU.

Sept 2000 – Apr 2004: Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Biology and Geology, BBU, and PhD student at University of Zurich, Institute of Zoology (Department of Animal Behavior), Switzerland.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Oct 1991 – June 1996: Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of Biology and Geology, Diploma in Biology (with Highest Honours).

Oct 1997 – Jan 2000: Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of Psychology and Sciences of Education; graduation in 2009, Faculty of Psychology and Social Sciences, University of Oradea, Diploma in Psychology.

Oct 1996 – June 1997: Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of Biology and Geology, Master Degree in Biocenology.

Sept 1994 – Aug 1995: Fellowship Tempus-PHARE, Universite Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium.

Sept 2000 – Apr 2004: University of Zurich, Institute of Zoology. PhD title awarded in April, 2004. Thesis: *Development of competitive behavioral profiles in wild house mice, Mus musculus domesticus*.

September 2002: Workshop on Self-Organization and Evolution of Social Behavior. Monte Verita, Ascona, Switzerland, Centro Stefano Franscini, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Switzerland.

April 2004 – May 2004: Course in Scientific Grant Writing (Organizer: Tim Clutton-Brock, University of Cambridge), University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Oct 2005 – Oct 2006: University of North Texas, Distance learning course in Animal assisted activities and therapy. Certificate awarded by Delta Society and University of North Texas.

September 2009: Training of Trainers Program in Genetic Counseling (5-9 September 2009, Vienna). Program offered by the European Society of Human Genetics (coordinator: Heather Skirton, PhD, UK).

July 18 – August 24, 2010: Teaching certificate in Cultivating Emotional Balance (certificate awarded in 2010, by Santa Barbara Institute for Consciousness Studies, USA). Cultivating

Emotional Balance Teachers' Training (CEBTT) led by Paul Ekman, PhD and B. Alan Wallace, PhD (Phuket International Mind Center, Thailand).

August 2013 – Habilitation title in Psychology (certificate issued by the National Ministry of Education No. 4458 MD/ 09.08.2013). Title of the Habilitation thesis: *Interdisciplinary research of human-animal interactions (animal assisted therapy) and human behavior (evolutionary approach)*.

November 28 – December 1, 2013: Training Program in the Elaboration of Public Policies in Higher Education (Bucharest, Romania) – organizer: UEFISCDI (The Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding, Romania).

March 2016 – September 2016. Online training course: Service-Learning in Higher Education. Certificate awarded by CLAYSS (Centro Latinoamericano de Aprendizaje y Servicio Solidario). Coordinators: Lorena Yaber, Luz Avruj, Jorje Sosa Rolon).

14th of March 2017-22nd of March 2017. Erasmus Teaching Mobility. Haifa Gordon Academic College of Education, Haifa, Israel.

27th of April – 4th of May 2018, Erasmus Teaching Mobility, Haifa Gordon Academic College of Education, Haifa, Israel.

24th-28th of June, 2018. Pedagogical Training in Doctoral Supervision (SGroup workshop in Doctoral Supervision, University of Porto, Porto, Portugal) – certificate awarded by University of Porto and SGroup European Universities Network.

13th -20th of October, 2018. Short Research & Training Mobility on Developing an Interdisciplinary Curriculum for Animal-Related Professions at School of Social Work, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, US.

22nd-23rd of October, 2018. Training in Sexual Health Public Policies, NOSTRA Network (POCA). Atelier de formare in domeniul politicilor publice/ NOSTRA- Noi standarde commune in administratia publica centrala din domeniul sanatatii sexuale si reproductive. Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C 1/2	C 1/2	C 1/2	C 1/2	C 1/2
Replace with name of language certificate. Enter level if known.					
French	C 1/2	C 1/2	B 1/2	B 1/2	B 1/2

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills

- Good communication skills gained through my experience in teaching and supervising diploma theses (undergraduate and master levels), as well as in the process of coordination of PhD students (national and international ones).

Organisational / managerial skills

- Ability to coordinate research project teams (national and international grants)
- Ability to coordinate social and community-oriented activities (Student-for-Student, Service-Learning activities)
- Ability to plan and implement strategies of Quality Assurance at academic level (Higher Education).

Driving licence B

RESEARCH PROJECTS
(including ERASMUS +, with research component)

National Project PN-III-P1-1.1-MC-2018-1968 (UEFISCDI, Romania), 2018. Research and training mobility for the development of an interprofessional curricula for animal-related professions (host university: Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, US). Director: Alina S. Rusu

National project PN-III-P1-1.1-MC-2018-0368 (UEFISCDI), 2018. Interdisciplinary approach of Yalom's group therapy factors: Educational values of Human-Animal Interactions for Social Work students. Participation to the conference SWSD 2018 - Social Work, Education and Social Development: Environmental and Community Sustainability I Human Solutions in Evolving Societies, July 2018, Dublin, Ireland. Director: Alina S. Rusu

Erasmus + Project *Service learning in Higher Education – fostering the third mission of universities and civic engagement of students* (2017-2020). Coordinator: Matej Bel University in Banska Bystrica, Slovakia). Director of the UBB partner team: Alina S. Rusu.

National Project, 2014-2017, PN-II-PT-PCCA-2013-4-0781-Platform for psycho-pedagogical screening and interdisciplinary interventions (animal assisted occupational therapy) for the social-emotional enrichment of autistic children and their families (Director).

National UEFISCDI Project Internationalisation, Equity, Management in Higher Education (IEMU). Temporary Expert (June - August, 2015). Co-author of the "Strategic framework for equity in higher education". Higher Education Policy Series, 13: 144-151.

National project, 2011-2013. Project PN-II-RU-TE-3-2011-3-0080 - Psycho-social and physiological mechanisms of the effects of human-animal interactions on the socio-emotional abilities of autistic children (Director).

National project, 2011-2014: PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-2-0484 - Exploring Robot-assisted therapy for children with ASD (Member - Senior Researcher).

National project, 2011-2014: PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0230 – Darwinian Psychotherapy - A clinical trial for an Evolutionary-Driven Type of Intervention for Depression (Member).

International project 2012-2014: Co-constructing Healthy Experiences - Lifelong Learning Programme Erasmus – Intensive Programmes (IP) – 2012-1-BE3-ERA10-06071; PI Howest University, Belgium (Coordinator of the Romanian team).

National Project – November, 2012 – School of Advanced Studies PN-II-ID-SSA-2012-2-032 – 2012. Human-Animal Interactions: Modern Zoo Management, Animal Welfare and Behavioral Enrichment (Co-Director – with Andrei D. Mihalca, PhD – USAMV CN and Miranda Stevenson, PhD –BIAZA, UK).

National Project - November, 2012 - Exploratory Workshop PN-II-ID-WE-2012-4-061. 2012. New Advances in Robot Assisted Therapy (Co-Director – with Bram Vanderborght, PhD – VUB, Belgium).

National Project – December, 2011 - Exploratory Workshop PN-II-ID-WE-2011-061. 2011. Cognitive Clinical Neurosciences: Advance methods for the assessment of neurobiological predictors of psychopathology (Director).

National project 2005-2007. Psycho-physiological indicators of coping strategies development and behavioral adaptive phenotypes in wild and captive mammals - CEEX Young Researchers Integration Grant (Director).

National project 2007-2010. Implementing new non-invasive diagnostic methods for the optimization of preoperative cognitive functions in elderly; implications in quality of life and psychosocial performances. PNCDI II (Member).

National project 2008-2011. The role of cognitive factors in emotions: the impact of expectancies and response expectancies in anxiety and pain. PNCDI II (Member).

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS
(CONFERENCES,
WORKSHOPS)

16th of November 2018, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. International Mini-Symposium: Service-Learning in Higher Education Institutions: Values, readiness and good practices. Organizer and oral presentation (Brozmanova, A., & Rusu, A.S.): SLIHE projects and Service-Learning needs analysis at Babes-Bolyai University.

8th-9th of November, 2018, Bucharest, Romania. Social Work International Conference "The Challenges of Global Social Work Education, Practice and Research". Oral presentation (Alina S. Rusu): Development of Veterinary Social Work in Romania: Education, Research and Community-Oriented Programs.

2nd of November, 2018, Iasi, Romania. First Edition of Anthrozoology International Symposium. Oral presentation (Alina S. Rusu): Multidisciplinary Approach of Human-Animal Interactions: Mechanisms and Applied Values.

26th-27th of October, 2018, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. International Symposium "ProEDU 2018 – Trends and challenges in contemporary education". Oral presentation (Alina S. Rusu): Educational practices for civic engaged students: Service-Learning - from general to applied values in animal-oriented professions.

26th-27th of October, 2018, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. International Symposium "ProEDU 2018 – Trends and challenges in contemporary education". Round Table-moderator (Moderators: Alina S. Rusu, Cristian Vasile & Nicoleta Gudea): Challenges of interdisciplinary curricula: Animal-assisted pedagogy and the applied values of human-animal interactions.

21th – 22nd of September, 2018, Autonomous University of Madrid, Madrid, Spain. The IX Spanish & I European Conference on Service-Learning in Higher Education. Oral presentation (Rusu, A.S., Costea-Barluti, C., & Iulia A. Copaci): Needs Analysis for Service-Learning Implementation at Institutional Level in Babes-Bolyai University, Romania.

3rd-6th of September, 2018, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Trainer in the 3-days workshop "Proper Reaction Kit for Prison Staff Stress Reduction Through Environmental Therapy: Experiential Learning Workshop" organized by ICPA (International Corrections & Prisons Association).

4th-7th of July, 2018, Dublin, Ireland. SWSD 2018 Conference - Social Work, Education and Social Development: Environmental and Community Sustainability I Human Solutions in Evolving Societies. Oral presentation (Rusu, A.S., Lundy, S., & Davis, R.): "Interdisciplinary Approach of Yalom's Group Therapy Factors: Educational Values of Animal-Assisted Interventions for Social Work Students".

25th-27th of April, 2018. CIEA2018, The Fifth International Conference on Adult

Education, Iasi, Romania. Oral presentation (Rusu, A.S., & Davis, R.) "*Civic engagement of students through human-animal interactions: Ideas for an Interdisciplinary Service Learning-based curriculum*".

10th-13th of May, 2018. International Conference of Psychology Students CISP, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Oral presentation (invited speaker). Rusu, A.S.: "*Gender Diverse and Sexual Minority Students: Inclusive Policies around the World*".

16th of March, Vivid Mind, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania. Workshop (invited speaker): "*From Animal Psychology to Animal-Assisted Interventions*" (Rusu, A.S.).

1st of December, 2017. Colloquium at Rutgers – School of Health Professions, Scotch Plains Campus, Department of Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Counselling Professions, Rutgers, The State University of NJ, US. Title: "*History and Development of Student Disabilities Services in Romania & Constructing Healthy Experiences through Human-Animal Interactions for Persons with Special Needs*" (role: invited speaker).

29th of November, 2017. UN symposium - NGO Committee on the Family Event, Fathers Be Good To Your Daughters: Nurturing and Empowering the Greatness of Every Young Woman, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam. United Nation Headquarters New York City, US. (role: participant).

9th of November, 2017. Interprofessional Education CVA Case Conference 2017 – Public Health School Rutgers, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, US. (role: facilitator).

8th of November, 2017, Graduate School of Education, New Brunswick, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, US. Brown Bag Presentation Series: "Re-Imagining Civic Education: Moving from Participation and Engagement to Interrogation and Innovation". Speaker: Nicole Mirra, PhD. (role: participant).

3rd of November, 2017. Institute for Women Leadership, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, US. Workshop "Displaced Lives: The Threat of Violence for Refugee, Displaced and Conflict Affected Women" (role: co-facilitator).

2nd of November, 2017, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ, US. Advancing Excellence and Equity in Education Distinguished Lecture Series: (How) Can Teaching Be a Force for Justice. (role: participant).

13th of October, 2017. Psychological Testing National Conference, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Poster presentation: Dysfunctional sexual believes, mother-daughter relationship and couple satisfaction in Romania – Preliminary results. (Pop, I.F. & Rusu, A.S.).

13th of October, 2017. Psychological Testing National Conference, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Oral presentation: Parenting and Sexuality Education in Romania – Adaptation of an instrument. (Pop, M.V., & Rusu, A.S.).

21th of September, 2017, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ, US – Workshop "The Use of Group Methods in Classroom Teaching: The Hidden Group in the Classroom", Dr. Lawrence Schulman, School of Social Work, University of Buffalo (role: participant).

National Congress of Psychology Students (Cognosis), the 7th Edition, 1-5 of September 2017, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Workshop: State of the art in Evolutionary Psychology: Guidelines for research and interpretations. Invited speaker: Alina S. Rusu

International Attachment Conference 2017, 29th of June-1st of July, London, UK. Poster presentation: A multidimensional investigation of interpersonal and human-animal attachment: Associations with empathy and anthropomorphism in Romanian cultural

context. Costea-Barlutiu, C, & Rusu, A.S.

Academic Days of Cluj: Theoretical and applied research in Psychology and Sciences of Education (Romanian Academy, Department of Social and Humanistic Studies), 23rd of June, 2017, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Oral presentation (Alina S. Rusu): „Romanian version of Attitudes toward Animals questionnaire (Turner, 2000): transcultural approach of human-animal interactions”.

Workshop Therapy and Animal Assisted Activities: Elements of education and research, 18th of June, 2017. Danubius University, Galati and Galati Therapy Animals Association. Invited speaker: Alina S. Rusu.

International Summer School: Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary Aspects of Host-Parasites Interactions, 12th-15th of June, 2017, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Organizer and speaker. Oral presentation: Human sexual behavioral correlates and expressions in the context of host-parasite interactions: The case of *Toxoplasma gondii* (Alina. S. Rusu).

International Conference of Psychology Students, Cluj-Napoca, 12-15 of May, 2017, Romania. Invited speaker: Alina S. Rusu. Workshop: “On human mating strategies: How do single versus attached individuals search for partners?”

HEART Conference 2017 (Healthcare, Education and Research Talks), 8-9th of April, University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Iuliu Hatieganu”, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Invited speaker: Alina S. Rusu. Lecture: “Human-Animal Interaction: From Evolutionary Significance to Interdisciplinarity”

Vivid Mind Conference 2017, 11-12th of March, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania. Invited speaker: Alina S. Rusu. Lecture: “Interdisciplinary sparkles: Research guidelines in Evolutionary Psychology”.

International Symposium Research and Education in an Innovation Era, ISREIE 6th Edition, Arad, Romania, 8-10th of December, 2016. Keynote speaker: Alina Simona Rusu. Lecture: “Positive Human-Animal Interactions: Developing Social Responsibility and Attitudes towards Diversity in College Students”.

CHOICE Autumn Conference 2016, 2nd Edition, Bucharest, Romania, 27th of November. “Evolutionary Psychology, Cross-Cultural Measurements, Sexuality”. Invited speaker: Homosexuality – How and Why from the perspectives of Ethology and Evolutionary Psychology” (Rusu, A.S.).

CHOICE Autumn Conference 2016, 2nd Edition, Bucharest, Romania, 27th of November. “Evolutionary Psychology, Cross-Cultural Measurements, Sexuality”. Oral presentation: Indicators of seductive behavior: Evolutionary games between sexual and non-sexual” (Rusu, A.S., Andelin, E.I.).

21st Workshop on Aggression (Socio-Emotional Programs; Preventing Aggression), 18-19th November 2016, Oradea, Romania. Oral presentation & chair of the Symposium: “How do animals signal aggression? Chemical communication, competitive behavior and evolutionary stable strategies”. Symposium “Signaling and decoding aggression: From evolutionary significance to advanced techniques of analysis”.

Military International Conference on Behavioral Sciences, 14-15 of September 2016, Bucharest, Romania. Poster Presentation: An exploratory methodological combination of psychological screening and automatic analysis of facial expressions of emotions (Andelin I. E., Rusu, A.S.).

InterFest 3rd Edition – Festival of Romanian Penitentiaries, 13th of September 2016, Bucharest, Romania. Oral presentation: Positive Human-Animal Interactions: From

research to practical applicability on enhancement of human quality of life (Rusu, A.S.).

The 4th International Conference Education, Reflection, Development. 8-9 of July, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Oral presentation: A Transcultural Investigation of Attitudes Towards Animals between Romania and Mexico: Implication for Education and Stray Animals' Management Programs (Rusu, A.S., Ober, C.A., Mihalca, A.D., Pop, D.A., Turner, D.).

14th Triennial IAHAIO International Conference, Paris, France, 11-23 July, 2016. Poster presentation: Are stray animals a cross-cultural problem? A comparison of attitudes towards companion animals between Romania and Mexico. Rusu, A.S., Ober, C.A., Mihalca, A.D., Pop, D., Turner, D.

European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association Conference (EHBEA 2016), 5-8 April, 2016. London, UK. Poster presentation: Analysis of seductive behavior of female detainees in non-sexual contexts – An evolutionary approach (Andelin, E.A., Rusu, A.S.).

European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association Conference (EHBEA 2016), 5-8 April, 2016. London, UK. Poster presentation: Relationships between Early Maladaptive Schemas, level of couple satisfaction and individual mate potential – an Evolutionary Psychological investigation (Rusu, A.S., Dumitrescu, D.).

Psy Forensic Week, Timisoara, Romania, 22-23 May, 2016. Oral presentation: Decoding non-verbal communication: evolutionary functions, psycho-biological mechanisms and advanced techniques of assessing emotions (Alina S. Rusu & Emanuel I. Andelin), in collaboration with Romanian Service of Behavioral Analysis (General Inspectorate of Romanian Police) and the Districtual Police Inspectorate Arad, Romania.

International Conference of Psychology Students, Cluj-Napoca, 12th of May, 2016, Romania. Alina S. Rusu, & Emanuel I. Andelin. Workshop: Seductive behavior indicators: Between sexual and non-sexual.

Animal-Assisted Activities and Therapy for Autistic Children Workshop, 13-14 November, 2015. Oral presentation: "Benefits of human-animal interactions on the socio-emotional development of autistic children", Copiii de Cristal Association, Brasov, Romania.

Service-Learning Workshop (Porticus, Vienna, Austria), 16th of November, 2015. Invited participant at the Round table on the topic "Service-learning, a holistic pedagogy. Building bridges between the Latin American and the (Eastern) European experience." (workshop organised in collaboration with CLAYSS, Argentina).

Launch of the Centre for Animal Assisted Therapy and Research of Human-Animal Interactions – Four Paws Foundation, Bucharest, Romania. 2-4 November, 2015. Invited speaker (Oral presentation): Design of healthy human-animal interactions: Education and Therapy (Rusu, A.S.).

64th IVSA International Congress: Human-Animal Interaction. Amazing Transylvania, 27th of July - 8th of August, 2015, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Invited lecturer, Human animal interaction: ideas for healthy life experience and behavioural engineering.

64th IVSA International Congress: Human-Animal Interaction. Amazing Transylvania, 27th of July - 8th of August, 2015, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Workshop (Rusu, A.S.): Guidelines of designing a program of animal-assisted interventions.

7th International Symposium on Special Education, 16-18 July, 2015. Zurich, Switzerland. Audient.

The 3rd International Conference Education, Reflection, Development. 3rd of July, 2015, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Oral presentation. Animal-Assisted Education: Constructing healthy life experiences through human-animal interactions.

1st International Conference on Non-communicable Diseases: Lessons learned from non-communicable diseases research and practice to improve population health (ICONIC), Cluj-Napoca, Romania. 19-20 May, 2015. Invited speaker (Oral presentation): Building healthy life experiences through human-animal interactions.

Student International Conference Youth Participation: Research and Psychological Intervention in Contemporary Society, 21-22 April, 2015, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Oral Presentation (Botezan.D., Rusu, A.S.): Sexual Education Knowledge and Attitudes towards Sex among Romanian College Students – Preliminary Results.

Student International Conference Youth Participation: Research and Psychological Intervention in Contemporary Society, 21-22 April, 2015, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Workshop (Rusu, A.S., Costea-Barlutiu, C.): Disability Offices – Ideas of implementing the Social Model of Disabilities in Universities.

Days of Cluj Academia (Zilele Academiei Clujene), 4th of June, 2014, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Oral presentation: Human-Animal Interactions – Interdisciplinary openings toward the enhancement of human Quality of Life.

The Fourth International Conference on Adult Education (Adult Education in Universities), 27-30th of April, 2014. Iasi. Service-Learning programs for Romanian students – an analysis of international programs and ideas of implementation Oral Presentation (in English).

Invited Speaker at Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, “Petre Andrei” University, Iasi, Romania. 28th of April, 2014. Oral presentation: Human-Animal Interactions: Animal Assisted Therapy and Activities.

EU Conference on the Welfare of Dogs and Cats, October 28, 2013. European Commission, Bruxelles, Belgium (representative of the Institute of the Research of Human-Animal Interactions and of Babes-Bolyai University).

Conference Internal Analysis of the Quality in Romanian Universities. November 1, 2013, Bucharest, Romania (representative of Babes-Bolyai University).

CNSP 2013 (National Congress of Psychology Students), November 19-23, 2013, Timisoara, Romania. Workshop: Antisexuality and asexuality – psychobiological approaches (Alina S. Rusu and Vlad C. Muresan).

Anniversary Symposium in Special Education (Transilvania Special School). October 3-6, 2013, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Workshop: Animal Assisted Activities and Therapy for persons with special needs.

UFAW International Science Symposium on Animal Welfare, 4-5 July, 2013, Barcelona, Spain – Round Table.

CISP 2012 (International Conference of Psychology Students), Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Oral Presentation. Post-natal depression - Current views from Evolutionary Psychology.

41st EABCT Conference. Reykjavik, Iceland. 2011. Interaction with a therapy dog enhances the effects of Social Story method in autistic children. Rusu A.S., Grigore A.A.

7th International Congress of Cognitive Psychotherapy. Istanbul, Turkey. 2011. Can the toy robot Pleo decrease our emotional distress? – An investigation of the emotional effects of human interactions with Pleo raised in different controlled conditions. Poster presentation. Rusu A.S.

23rd Annual Conference of the European Health Psychology Society. 2009. Pisa, Italy.

From proximate to evolutionary explanations of the anxiety disorders. Oral presentation.
Rusu A.S.

5th Joint Meeting of East Central and West Central Europe Regions of the International Society for Applied Ethology (ISAE). 2009. Vienna, Austria. Social Network Analysis: A tool for the study of the psycho-physiological effects of Animal Assisted Activities in humans.
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5th Joint Meeting of East Central and West Central Europe Regions of the International Society for Applied Ethology (ISAE). 2009. Vienna, Austria. Online persuasion strategies used by animal rights organization sites – a trans-cultural and interdisciplinary investigation (Oniujec, L.D., Rusu, A.S.)

Workshop Stimulating communication through animal- and robot-assisted therapy. (Rusu A.S.). 2009. National conference Oral communication-Gestural Communication, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

XXIX International Ethological Conference. 2005. Budapest, Hungary. Oral presentation: Dispersal, competitive aggression and urinary chemosignals in wild house mouse males.
Rusu A.S.

Invited speaker at Evolutionary Ecology Seminar, Institute of Zoology, University of Bern (Group of Michael Taborsky). 2005. Bern, Switzerland. Oral presentation: Dispersal propensity and competitive aggression: Parts of the same story in wild house mouse males (*Mus musculus domesticus*)? Rusu A.S.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

2018-2023 – Fulbright Ambassador / Romanian-US Fulbright Commission. Awarded in 22nd of March, 2018.

2016 – Title of Bologna Professor, awarded to ASR by the National Association of Romanian Student Organizations (ANOSR).

2016 - Institutional Excellence Award for the contribution to the Institutional Development – the award was based on the contribution as member in the Executive Board to the development and functioning of the Student College of Academic Performance of Babes-Bolyai University (2013-2016).

2008 - National Award (CNCIS) - ASR was awarded by the Romanian Council of Research in Higher Education (CNCSIA) with **In Hoc Signo Vinces** Price for Young Investigators (Domain: Natural Sciences).

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

March 2016 – September 2016. Online training course: Service-Learning in Higher Education. Certificate awarded by CLAYSS (Centro Latinoamericano de Aprendizaje y Servicio Solidario). Coordinators: Lorena Yaber, Luz Avruj, Jorje Sosa Rolon).

Workshop “Introduction in the audit system for accessibility for wheelchair users” (certificate of participation awarded). 30-31st of March, 2015, Bucharest, Romania. Foundation Motivation Romania.

Workshop “Activities for training for independent living”, 06-09th of April, 2015, Cluj-Napoca, Romania (organised within the project “Abilities do matter economically”, SES project). Certificate of participation awarded.

Teaching certificate in Cultivating Emotional Balance (certificate awarded in 2010 by Santa Barbara Institute for Consciousness Studies. Cultivating Emotional Balance Teachers’ Training (CEBTT) led by Paul Ekman, PhD and B. Alan Wallace, PhD (July 18 – August 24, 2010), Phuket International Mind Center, Thailand.

Training of Trainers program in Genetic Counseling (5-9 September 2009, Vienna) – training program offered by the European Society of Human Genetics (coordinator: Heather Skirton, PhD, UK).

Training in non-invasive hormone analysis. Sept 2005. Berlin Summer School, IZW (certificate awarded);

Diagnostician (biochemist) BSE. March 2004 – Sept 2004. Prionics AG, Schlieren, Switzerland;

Training in biochemical analysis of Major Urinary Proteins. Apr 2003. Research visit at Biodiversity Group, Charles University, Prague – fellowship awarded by Gender Studies Kollegium, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich).

Workshop on Self-Organization and Evolution of Social Behavior. Sept 2002. Monte Verita, Ascona, Switzerland, Centro Stefano Franscini, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (certificate of participation awarded).

COMMUNITY ORIENTED EVENTS

Since 2012-present: Organizer of the Day of Human-Animal Interaction event – Humane education program for the awareness toward responsible ownership (two editions/ year), in collaboration with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Agricultural Science and Veterinary Medicine, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Since 2013-present: Organizer of student educational event “Week of Sexual Education” (Service-Learning Program Student-4-Student, once per year) at the Faculty of Psychology and Sciences of Education, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

4.02.2019

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