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**Academic qualifications****2023. – Ph.D.**

UKIM Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food Skopje

Evaluation of the genetic diversity of pepper (*Capsicum annuum* L.) landraces from the Republic of North Macedonia

**2013. – Post master research**

Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Slovakia, Institute of Biodiversity Conservation and Biosafety

Biochemical composition of heirloom pepper varieties (*Capsicum annuum* L.) from west Bakan region

**2012. – M.Sc.**

UKIM Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food Skopje

Grafting - a perspective method for vegetable seedling production

**2009. – B.Sc.**

UKIM, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food Skopje

**Training and research experience**

**2022.** Training Course on Mutation Breeding and Associated Biotechnologies for Crop Improvement, held from IAEA Headquarters, Skopje, North Macedonia, FASF, 31 October - 4 November

**2022.** Regional training course on field experimental design and data analysis for the advancement of mutant populations, held from IAEA Headquarters, Vienna, Austria, Virtual event, 21 November - 2 December

**2015.** Organic production of fruit and vegetables for consultants, Macedonian Organic Producers Federation, FASF, November

**2013.** Intensive Horticulture for Professionals from Republic of Macedonia, MASHAV (Ministry of Foreign Affairs Israel's Agency for International Cooperation) and CINADCO (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Centre for International Agricultural Development Cooperation, Israel, July

**2008.** Training on use of the Aarhus Convention Compliance mechanism. European ECO Forum, United Nations in Geneva, December

**Research interests**

Vegetable biotechnology (sustainable production practices, transplant production)  
Plant genetic resources  
Adaptation of agriculture to climate change

**Other professional activities**

Member of the Regional Expert Advisory Working Group on Market Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables in SEE (REAWG) under SWG RRD  
International Society for Horticultural Sciences (ISHS)  
Member of the commission for the national variety list of agricultural plants (MAFWE)  
Subsector permanent group on regulation of vegetable markets (MAFWE)  
AgroBioNet - International network of institutions and researchers

**Scientific and applicative projects**

**2015 - 2016.** Biological control of insects in vegetable production in protected houses. University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje, Junior researcher.

**2015 – 2016.** Country Programme Strategy for Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP) for OP6. GEF, Non-key expert

**2016.** Local action for global climate adaptation. Center for environmental democracy Florozon – Skopje and Germany Embassy in Skopje, Expert

**2018 – 2020.** Technology for Research and Development of New Products of Expanded Polystyrene with Unlimited Appearance and Form (Seedling trays). Fund for Innovation and Technological Development of RNM, Usjopor, Expert

**2019.** Country Programme Strategy for Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP) for OP7. GEF, Expert

**2019 – 2020.** Examination of germination status in samples of different types of agricultural crops from the gene bank after a certain period of long-term conservation. University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje, Junior researcher

**2019 – 2020.** RAMAS (Remote Agricultural Monitoring and Advisory System). Fund for Innovation and Technological Development of RNM and AgFutura Technologies. Crop production expert

**2019 – 2021.** From Disability to Food Ability. We Effect and National Federation of Farmers, Expert

**2020-2021.** Antioxidative activity of fruits from autochthonous varieties and populations of fruits, vegetables and grapes. University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje. Junior researcher.

**2021 – 2023.** Creating enabling environments for enhanced climate resilience in agriculture. FAO TCP/RER/3802, Expert on crop

production

**2021 – 2023.** Correlation between macro and microelements in the soil-plant system. Ministry of education and science in RNM, Junior researcher

**2022.** Food Start-up Awareness and Business planning. European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT), Expert

**2023.** Research of the socioeconomic situation among young people from rural areas in Macedonia. University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje. Junior researcher

**2023.** Regeneration and evaluation of autochthonous varieties of vezena pepper from the Gene Bank and health status check. Institute of Agriculture – Skopje, researcher

**2023.** Promotion of Economic Diversification in Rural Areas of South Eastern Europe (SEDRA II) in SEE- Evidence Based Policy development. Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South Eastern Europe – SWG, National expert

**2023 – 2027.** Cost Action 22146 - Harnessing the potential of underutilized crops to promote sustainable food production (DIVERSICROP), Member of management committee and Member of Working group for crop science

#### Scientific publications

[1] Agic, R., Popsimonova, G., Ibusoska, A., Bogevska, Z., Davitkovska, M., Ristovska, B., Iljovski, I., Georgievski, G., Perspectives of the organic production in Macedonia, *Acta Horticulturae (ISHS)*, 263-268 (2012).

[2] Agic, R., Popsimonova, G., Kratovalieva, S., Ibusoska, A., Davitkovska, M., Ristovska, B., Jankulovski, D., Jankulovska, M., Iljovski, I., Bogevska, Z., Assessment of genetic diversity among Macedonian tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill.) landraces, *Acta Horticulturae (ISHS)*, 73-76 (2012).

[3] Bogevska, Z., Agic, R., Ristovska, B., Ibusoska, A., Davitkovska, M., Iljovski, I., International symposium for agriculture and food (Proceedings), *Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food - Skopje*, 491-502 (2012).

[4] Drvoshanova, B., *Guide for post-harvest activities for pepper*, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South Eastern Europe, Skopje, p. 12 (2024).

[5] Drvoshanova, B., *Guide for post-harvest activities for tomato*, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South Eastern Europe, Skopje, p. 12 (2024).

[6] Drvoshanova, B., Bandzo Oreshkovikj, K., Poposka, H., Sustainable cultivation practices for mitigation of climate change on pepper (*Capsicum annuum* L.) crop, *Journal of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences*, **77**, 9-15 (2023).

[7] Drvoshanova, B., Brindza, J., Popsimonova, G., Agic, R., Ibusoska, A., Georgievski, G., Variability of fruit traits in pepper (*Capsicum* spp.) collection from western Balkan region, *Scientific conference: Challenges in modern agricultural production*

(*Proceedings*), Institute of Agriculture - Skopje, 93-99 (2015).

[8] Drvoshanova, B., Ibushoska, A., Oreshkovikj, O. B., Poposka, H., Increasing climate resilience in pepper seed production through *Trichoderma harzianum* and soil fertilizer treatments in North Macedonia, *XII International symposium of agricultural sciences - AgroRes 2023 (Book of abstracts)*, Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 161 (2023).

[9] Drvoshanova, B., Ivanovska, S., Jankulovska, M., Popsimonova, G., Variation of fruit morphological traits in *Capsicum annuum* L. germplasm collection from North Macedonia, *Journal of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences*, **76**, 26-33 (2022).

[10] Drvoshanova, B., Ivanovska, S., Jankulovska, M., Popsimonova, G., Phenotypic diversity of local pepper (*Capsicum annuum* L.) varieties intended for dehydration, *Journal of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences*, **77**(1), 16-25 (2023).

[11] Drvoshanova, B., Ivanovska, S., Jankulovska, M., Popsimonova, G., Ibushoska, A., Evaluation of fruit traits in pepper (type kapiya) collection from North Macedonia, *Acta Horticulturae 1320 - VIII South-Eastern Europe Symposium on Vegetables and Potatoes (Proceedings)*, 25-32 (2021).

[12] Ibusoska, A., Agic, R., Bogevska, Z., Ristovska, B., Yield and yield components of newly tomato hybrids in Republic of Macedonia, *International symposium for agriculture and food (Proceedings)*, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food - Skopje, 451-460 (2012).

[13] Ibusoska, A., Drvoshanova, B., Ivanovska, S., Agic, R., Vegetation period and different phenology stages in Macedonian local bean populations (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.), *Scientific conference: Challenges in modern agricultural production (Proceedings)*, Institute of Agriculture - Skopje, 56-62 (2015).

[14] Ibusoska, A., Ivanovska, S., Agic, R., Ajruli, G., Drvoshanova, B., Investigation on morphological traits on leaf, pod and seed of local bean (*Phaseolus vilgaris* L.) populations in Macedonia, *Journal of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences*, **68**, 56-63 (2016.).

[15] Iljovski, I., Ristovska, B., Dimovska, D., Bogevska, Z., Davitkovska, M., Stojkoska, D., Effect on light and artificial lightning in the production of some flower crops, *International symposium for agriculture and food (Proceedings)*, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food - Skopje 431-436 (2012).

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UGD, Faculty of Agriculture, Štip, 13 (2018).

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