

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. Personal information

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Birthplace	Gramsh
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3. Education

Full Professor (Prof.)

Agricultural University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania
Graduation date: December 2006.

Professor Associated (Prof. assoc.)

Agricultural University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania
Graduation date: February 2000.

Doctor of Science (PhD)

Agricultural University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania
Graduation date: January 1996.

Bachelor of Science (BSc)

Agricultural University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania
Graduation date: July 1986.

4. Professional activities

June 2016 – present

Professor, Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Agricultural University of Tirana

November 2009 – June 2016

Head, Department of Horticulture, Agricultural University of Tirana.

February 2008 – November 2009

Head, Research and Scientific Cooperation Office, Agricultural University of Tirana.

December 2006 –on going	Prof. Department of Horticulture, Agricultural University of Tirana.
Decemb. 2002-Decemb. 2006.	Prof.ass. Department of Horticulture, Agricultural University of Tirana
2000-2002	Manager director , Regional Agricultural Advisory Centers Foundation, Durres Center and Prof.ass. , Department of Horticulture, Agricultural University of Tirana.
1997- 2000	Director , Vegetable and Potatoes Research Institute, Tirana, Albania and lecturer , Department of Horticulture, Agricultural University of Tirana.
1991-1997	Lecturer , Department of Horticulture, Agricultural University of Tirana.
1986-1990	Agronomist in a state agricultural farm.

5. Other professional activities

2014	Member of the scientific committee of, VI th Balkan Symposium on Vegetables and Potatoes. Zagreb, Croatia
2012	Member of the scientific committee of the ISHS Symposium “Eurasian Symposium on Vegetables and Greens”.
2011	Convener, V th Balkan Symposium on Vegetables and Potatoes. Tirana, Albania.
2008 -2009	Chief Editor. Albanian Journal of Agricultural Sciences.
2008	Member of the scientific comity of the 4 Balkan Symposium on Vegetables and Potatoes. Plovdiv, Bulgaria, September, 2008.
2008	Member of the scientific comity of International Symposium on Strategies Towards Sustainability of Protected Cultivation in Mild Winter Climate. Antalya, Turkey, April 2008.
2006	FAO Hortivar partner (information regarding the performance of horticultural cultivars in Albanian conditions).
2004 on going	Member of International Society of Food, Agriculture and Environment (ISFAE).
2004 on going	Member of editorial board of the international research magazine “Journal of Food, Agriculture & Environment”, published by the International Society of Food, Agriculture and Environment, Helsinki, Finland.
2002	Founder member of Council of Agric. Experts Foundation (KEA).
2000 on going	Member of International Society for Horticultural Science.
2000-2004	Member of editorial board of the international research magazine “Research on Crops”, published by the Gaurav Society of India.
2000	Member of the scientific comity of the second Balkan Symposium on Vegetables and Potatoes, Thessal., Greece, Oct.11-15, 2000.

1999 – 2001	Member of steering comity of AAATA (USAID project).
1998 - 2001	Member of Albanian national comity of variety screening and registration.
1999	Member of editorial board of “Albanian Bulletin of Agricultural Science”.
1999-2001	Chairman of the steering comity of the National Research Program “Agricultural and Food, 1999-2001”.
1998	FAO national consultant on protected cultivation.
1997	Team leader of the working group of the National Research Program “Agricultural and Food, 1999-2001”.
1996	Found member and Chairman of Albanian Horticultural Association (ASHS).

6. Recent project conducted

2014-2017	Legume breeding and management for sustainable agriculture as well as protein supply for food and feed – EUROLEGUME EU/FP7. http://www.eurolegume.eu/
2014-2016	Agricultural Support Programme. Bankers Petroleum Albania Ltd. (BPAL)
2014	Feasibility report on Agricultural Support Programme of Bankers Petroleum Albania Ltd. (BPAL)
2012 -2014	Agriculture Current Status in Area Surrounding Banja Reservoir and Potentials for Household’ Incomes Increase through Agricultural Production Development. Devoll Hydropower Ltd
2012-2013	Mycorrhizal fungi as biological components of cucumber production in the Western Balkan region – impact on plant performance under mal-nutrition and excess salinity – Austrian Development Agency (ADA).
2012	Quality assessment of the advisory services activity. HPK / Helvetas Swiss InterCooperation.
2011	CTRT/SNV Albania. Applied research and extension in Albania. An institutional support programme for the Albanian applied research and extension system,in the context on a ProMali II programme (2013-2016).
2011	Composition, edition and maintenance of horticultural website (www.keshilluesibujqesor.al). FORECAST/USAID.
2010 - 2014	The evaluation of some biotechnological methods for the improvement of growth parameters and stand establishment rate of vegetable seedlings under adverse soil and weather conditions. AKTI/Government of Albania
2010	Inception review: “Value Chains for Sustainable Livelihoods in Mountains Albania”. PEM / DANIDA.
2009	HPK Vegetable Service Providers’ Training. InterCooperation / Kosovo.
2009	Technical report compilation on farm demonstrations. AAC/DAI USAID.
2008	Vegetable production specialist mission in Kosovo. InterCooperation / Kosovo.
2008	Fruits and Vegetables grown on Small Farms” in ALBANIA. A sub sector analysis for SNV-Albania. SNV.

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- 2008** The potential of greenhouse industry in Kosovo. Sub sector analysis. InterCooperation / Kosovo.
- 2008** Value chain analyses of vegetable sector in North Kosovo. IADK / Kosovo.
- 2008** Job creation and sustainable growth in Northern Albania. CTRT / DANIDA.
- 2007** South East European Solanaceae Germplasm Collection, Conservation and Sustainable Use. Financed by SEEDNET/Sweden.
- 2007** Multilateral joint expedition: Collection, Characterization and regeneration of indigenous onion (*Allium cepa* L.) and leek *Allium porrum* L. germplasm for further ex-situ conservation. Financed by SEEDNET/Sweden.
- 2007** PERSUAP (Pesticide Evaluation Report and Safe Use Action Plan) for technical support of an initial evaluation examination (IEE), in support of USAID activities on the Albanian agriculture competitiveness program. Financed by DAI/USAID.
- 2007** Editing of “vegetable production textbook” for vocational schools in Albania. KulturKontakt Austria / K education project byro Tirana.
- 2006-2007** Hortivar in Albania. Financed by FAO.
- 2006** Implementation of the extension service for the modern greenhouses in Albania (financed by AZROM, Israel).
- 2006** Feasibility study of the counterpart of 2KR Project’s funds; greenhouse lot. (financed by Ministry of Agriculture and Food, 2KR Project).
- 2005** Greenhouse situation in Moldova and potential development. AGROInform capacity building project. Subcontract with CTRT, the Netherlands.
- 2005** Assessment and evaluation mission of Dorcas Aid Albania (financed by Dorcas Aid Albania and ICCO, the Netherlands).
- 2005** Assessment and evaluation mission of Agrinas Albania (financed by Agrinas Albania and ICCO, the Netherlands).
- 2005** Assessment and evaluation mission of Diaconia Agapes (financed by Diaconia Agapes and ICCO, the Netherlands).
- 2005** Implementation of the strategic plan for the investment plan development of grape and wine production at Berat and Permet Districts (financed by MADA).
- 2004** Feasibility study on “Supporting sunflower growing and the Albanian agribusiness sector” (financed by UMCOR/USAID).
- 2004** Biological control of main greenhouse pests, as a tool for the sustainable development of protected cultivation in Albania (financed by GEF/UNDP).
- 2003** Improvement of family farmer’s incomes through the enhancement of farmers association capacities and optimization of internal organization structures (financed by ICCO, the Netherlands).
- 2003** Agriculture and rural development in Shkodra, Albania (financed by AFTD and ICCO, the Netherlands).
- 2002-2003** Private agricultural consultant- new alternative for the rural development (financed by CORD-ZOA)
- 2002** Passive solar heating systems as a tool to enhance protected cultivation efficiency. (financed by GEF/UNDP)

2002 Woman Farmer's School (financed by Partners Albania/USAID and World Bank).

2002 Improving water irrigation efficiency of the protected vegetable crops in Albania (financed by ASP/World Bank).

9. Publications:

Books	6
Monographs	4
Research papers	60

10. Languages:

Albanian	mother tongue
English	good oral and speaking abilities

11. Driving license & driving experience since 06.04.1999

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