

Curriculum Vitae

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February, 2020 – February, 2027

Occupation or position held

Dean of Faculty of Geology and Exploration

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Dates

June 9, 2026 – up to now

Occupation or position held

Professor of Paleontology and Stratigraphy

Name and address of employer

Department of Geology and Geoinformatics, "St. Ivan Rilski" University of Mining and Geology

Dates

June 14, 2012 – June 9, 2026

Occupation or position held

Associate Professor of Paleontology and Stratigraphy

Name and address of employer

Department of Geology and Geoinformatics, "St. Ivan Rilski" University of Mining and Geology

Dates

May 9, 2001 – June 14, 2012

Occupation or position held

Assistant Professor of Paleontology and Stratigraphy

Name and address of employer

Department of Geology and Geoinformatics, "St. Ivan Rilski" University of Mining and Geology

Dates

2015 – up to now

Occupation or position held

Member of Museum Council

Name and address of employer

Geology and Paleontology Museum, "St. Ivan Rilski" University of Mining and Geology

Education and training

Dates

April 1, 1998 – April 1, 2001

Title of qualification awarded

PhD of Paleontology and Stratigraphy

Educational institution

"St. Kliment Ohridski" University of Sofia, Bulgaria

Dates

October 1, 1991 – July 2, 1996

Title of qualification awarded

MSc of Geology with specialization of Paleontology and Stratigraphy

Educational institution

"St. Kliment Ohridski" University of Sofia, Bulgaria

Mother tongue(s)

Bulgarian

Other language(s)

English, Russian

Self-assessment

European level (*)

English

Russian

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Listening			
B1	Working level	B1	Working level	B1	Working level	B1	Working level	B1	Working level
B1	Working level	B1	Working level	B1	Working level	B1	Working level	B1	Working level

Professional information and applications

Professional and Research interests

Upper Cretaceous-Paleocene foraminiferal taxonomy, biostratigraphy and paleoecology; Geological heritage; Geological mapping; Geoarchaeology; Geoecology

Courses taught

Bachelor's degree: Paleontology, Stratigraphy, Historical Geology, Geological Heritage
Master's degree: GIS documentation and management of protected areas, Protection of Geological Heritage, Fundamentals of Scientific Research
Teaching practices: Paleontology and Stratigraphy, Regional Geology and Geological Phenomena

Membership of professional and trade organization

Bulgarian Geological Society (BGS) since 2001;
European Association for conservation of the Geological Heritage (ProGeo) since 2005

Publications

Web addresses containing academic publications:

✓ <https://www.webofscience.com/wos/woscc/summary/75e04cd9-0d43-4387-94e3-27b01788959c-01cb7feb8d/435866bf-de98-49e4-a7c0-511bd2f9168a-01cb7feb8c/relevance/1>;

	✓ https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?authorId=55754062700; ✓ https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Boris-Valchev?ev=hdr_xprf; ✓ https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=EaxlobQAAAAJ; ✓ https://orcid.org/0000-0002-0028-9962 ✓ https://bpos.bg/search;
Projects	Appendix 1 Principal investigator and participant in research projects (relating to Upper Cretaceous–Palaeocene biostratigraphy and palaeoecology, geological heritage, and Quaternary geology) and educational projects (teacher training and the development of new Master's programmes) Appendix 2
Participation in scientific sessions, conferences and congresses	Appendix 3
Other professional skills	• <u>Management of a professional organisation</u> – member of the Executive Board of the Bulgarian Geological Society – 2005–2011 and 2017–2027 (7 terms), member of the Supervisory Board of the Bulgarian Geological Society – 2003–2005 (1 term), Chair of the Supervisory Board of the Youth Geological and Geographical Society – 1998–2000 (1 term), member of the Executive Board of the Youth Geological and Geographical Society – 1995–1998 (1 term); • <u>Establishment of a professional organisation</u> – co-founder of the Youth Geological and Geographical Society – 1995; • <u>Organisation of scientific conferences and congresses</u> – member of the organising committee for the scientific conferences of the Bulgarian Geological Society 'Geosciences' from 2006 to 2011 and from 2018 to 2026 (15 conferences); Member of the organising committee for the Annual Scientific Conference of the St Ivan Rilski University of Mining and Geology (2021–2026); Member of the organising committee of the 22nd International Congress of the Carpathian-Balkan Geological Association (CBGA) – 2022. • <u>Organisation of scientific geological field trips</u> – organiser of 15 field trips for the Bulgarian Geological Society between 2006 and 2011 and during the period 2018–2026; • <u>Work on strengthening the organisational structure of a professional organisation by recruiting new members</u> – group representative of the Bulgarian Geological Society at St Ivan Rilski University of Mining and Geology from 2003 to the present. • <u>Editing skills</u> – member of the editorial board for the collection of extended abstracts from the International Scientific Conference of the Bulgarian Geological Society, 'Geosciences' (2009–2011; 2016–2018); member of the editorial board of the Journal of the Bulgarian Geological Society (2016 – present; editor-in-chief from 2018 to 2021) and <i>Geologica Balcanica</i> (2016 – present), the <i>*Journal of Mining and Geological Sciences*</i> (2019), and the <i>Annual of the St Ivan Rilski University of Mining and Geology</i> (2021–present). • Participant in projects relating to the conservation of geological heritage and the prospecting and exploration of gold deposits.

Appendix 1

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

1. Valchev, B. 2003. Two Types of Paleocene Benthic Foraminiferal assemblages from the coastal Part of east Stara Planina. – *C. R. de l'Acad. bulg. Sci.*, 56, 3, 43–47.
2. Valchev, B. 2003. Biostratigraphy of the Paleocene of the Coastal Part of East Stara Planina based on Small Benthic Foraminifera. – *Geol. Balc.*, 33, 1–2, 47–59.
3. Valchev, B. 2006. K/T Boundary in the Turbidite Sequence of the Emine Formation near Kozichino Village, Bourgas District (Eastern Balkan): Foraminiferal Assemblages. – *Ann. UMG*, 49, Part I, Geol. and Geophys., 137–142.
4. Valchev, B. 2006. Benthic Foraminiferal Morphogroups from the Paleocene of the Coastal Part of East Stara Planina. – *Geol. Balc.*, 35, 3–4, 41–48.
5. Valchev, B., S. Juranov. 2006. Planktic Foraminiferal Changes Across the K/T Boundary in the Carpathian type Upper Cretaceous and Paleocene near Kladorub Village, Vidin District (NW Bulgaria). – *Ann. UMG*, 49, Part I, Geol. and Geophys., 143–148.
6. Dimitrov, I., B. Valchev, D. Sachkov, M. Panayotova. 2011. Sedimentological response to postglaciation climate change in southeast Bulgaria. – International multidisciplinary scientific conference SGEM 2011. *Conference proceedings volume II*, 259–264.
7. Stojanova, V., B. Valchev, S. Juranov. 2013. Paleogene planktonic foraminifera of the Republic of Macedonia. – *Compt. Rend. Acad. Bulg. Sci.*, 66, 5, 717–724; DOI: [10.7546/CR-2013-66-5-13101331-14](https://doi.org/10.7546/CR-2013-66-5-13101331-14). **Web of Science, Scopus, Q4**
8. Valchev, B., V. Stojanova, S. Juranov. 2013. New findings of Paleogene agglutinated and porcelaneous foraminifera from the Republic of Macedonia. – *Compt. Rend. Acad. Bulg. Sci.*, 66, 7, 1033–1042; DOI: [10.7546/CR-2013-66-7-13101331-15](https://doi.org/10.7546/CR-2013-66-7-13101331-15). **Web of Science, Scopus, Q4**
9. Valchev, B., V. Stojanova, S. Juranov. 2013. Paleogene hyaline benthic foraminifera (LAGENINA and ROTALINA) from the Republic of Macedonia. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 74, 1–3, 81–110. **Web of Science**
10. Valchev, B. 2015. Sand dunes along the Bulgarian Black Sea coast south of Burgas – current status and significance for geoconservation. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 75, 1, 89–111. **Web of Science**
11. Valchev, B., V. Stojanova. 2016. Benthic Foraminiferal Morphogroups from the Paleogene of the Republic of Macedonia – characterization and paleoecological significance. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 76, 2–3, 3–21. **Web of Science**
12. Valchev, B., D. Sachkov, S. Juranov. 2018. 3D lithostratigraphic model of the Paleogene of the onshore part of the Moesian platform on the territory of Northeastern Bulgaria. – *Geologica Balcanica*, 47, 1, 23–36; DOI: [10.52321/GeolBalc.47.1.23](https://doi.org/10.52321/GeolBalc.47.1.23). **Web of Science**
13. Valchev, B., H. Dimitrov. 2018. Lithostratigraphic interpretation of seismic profiles on the example of the Paleogene in the onshore part of the Dolna Kamchiya basin (Eastern Bulgaria). – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 79, 3, 105–106. **Web of Science**
14. Valchev, B., H. Dimitrov, D. Sachkov, S. Juranov. 2018. New data on the Dvoynitsa Formation distribution in the onshore part of the Dolna Kamchiya basin based on 3D lithological modeling. – *Compt. Rend. Acad. Bulg. Sci.*, 71, 12, 1652–1656; DOI: [10.7546/CRABS.2018.12.09](https://doi.org/10.7546/CRABS.2018.12.09). **Web of Science, Scopus, Q2**
15. Darackchieva, S., S. Juranov, B. Valchev. 2019. Middle–late Eocene agglutinated foraminifera from Bourgas district. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 80, 1, 5–19. **Web of Science, Q4**
16. Valchev, B., D. Sachkov, S. Juranov. 2019. Paleogene lithostratigraphy in the Varna Plateau (Northeastern Bulgaria): a new view based on 3D modeling. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 80, 1, 41–53. **Web of Science, Q4**

17. Valchev, B. 2019. Foraminiferal assemblages from the Cretaceous–Tertiary transition in the Emine Flysch Formation at Kochan Cape locality (Eastern Balkan): preliminary data. – *J. Mining and Geol. Sci.*, 61, 1, 66–70.
18. Valchev, B., H. Dimitrov. 2019. A new view to the spatial distribution of the Paleogene lithostratigraphic units in the offshore part of the Dolna Kamchiya basin based on seismic profile's interpretation. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 80, 2, 61–69. **Web of Science, Q4**
19. Sinnyovsky, D., B. Valchev, D. Sinnyovska. 2019. Preliminary data on the presence of the Nymphaeum Terrace in the Gerena area, west of Sozopol. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 80, 3, 218–220. **Web of Science, Q4**
20. Valchev, B., H. Dimitrov. 2020. New data on the Paleogene lithostratigraphic units' distribution in the Avren Step south of Varna and Beloslav Lakes based on borehole data and seismic profiles' interpretation. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 81, 1, 55–67; <https://doi.org/10.52215/rev.bgs.2020.81.1.4>. **Web of Science, Q4**
21. Valchev, B., H. Dimitrov, D. Sachkov, S. Juranov. 2020. A new concept for the Paleogene lithostratigraphy in the onshore part of the Dolna Kamchiya Basin (eastern Bulgaria) on the basis of 3D modeling. – *Geologica Balc.*, 49, 2, 59–73; DOI:10.52321/GeolBalc.49.2.59. **Web of Science, Scopus**
22. Valchev, B., H. Dimitrov. 2020. A new view to the spatial distribution of the Paleogene lithostratigraphic units in the Goren Chiflik Horst based on borehole data. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 81, 2, 65–76; <https://doi.org/10.52215/rev.bgs.2020.81.2.5>. **Web of Science, Q4**
23. Valchev, B., H. Dimitrov, D. Sachkov. 2020. 3D lithostratigraphic model of the Paleogene in the Avren Step. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 81, 3, 147–149; <https://doi.org/10.52215/rev.bgs.2020.81.3.147>. **Web of Science, Q4**
24. Valchev, B., D. Sachkov. 2020. Lithological variations of the Avren Formation in the Avren Step. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 81, 3, 150–152; <https://doi.org/10.52215/rev.bgs.2020.81.3.150>. **Web of Science, Q4**
25. Valchev, B., H. Dimitrov. 2021. New data on the stratigraphy of the Paleogene in Solnik area, Eastern Bulgaria. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 82, 3, 129–131; <https://doi.org/10.52215/rev.bgs.2021.82.3.129>. **Web of Science, Q4**
26. Valchev, B., H. Dimitrov, D. Sachkov. 2022. 3D chronostratigraphic model of the Paleogene in the onshore part of the Dolna Kamchiya Basin (Eastern Bulgaria). – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 83, 2, 29–33; <https://doi.org/10.52215/rev.bgs.2022.83.2.29>. **Web of Science, Q4**
27. Valchev, B., V. Sachanski, R. Pazderov, S. Pristavova. 2022. A fresh look at the Madan area in the Central Rhodopes – mining tourism and geological phenomena. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 83, 3, 342–345; <https://doi.org/10.52215/rev.bgs.2022.83.3.342>. **Web of Science, Q4**
28. Valchev, B., G. Angelov. 2023. The sand pyramids near the village of Banishte, Breznik region (Western Bulgaria) – a little-known Bulgarian geosite. – *Ann. Univ. Min. Geol.*, 66, 138–143; <https://doi.org/10.5281/ZENODO.8334606>.
29. Sachanski, V., B. Valchev, D. Sachkov, G. Angelov. 2023. Silurian Graptolite Sites in Bulgaria: Geological Settings and Geoconservation Value. – *Geoheritage*, 15, 4; <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12371-023-00884-z>. **Web of Science, Scopus, Q2, IF 2,3**
30. Valchev, B., D. Sachkov. 2024. 3D chronostratigraphic model of the Paleogene in the easternmost part of the Moesian Platform (Northeast Bulgaria). – *Ann. Univ. Min. Geol.*, 67, 135–142; <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13762693>.
31. Valchev, B., D. Sachkov. 2024. The nummulitids' deposit at the Mizerlaka locality south of the town of Obzor (Burgas District, Eastern Bulgaria) – a geosite of high scientific and educational value. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 85, 3, 337–340. <https://doi.org/10.52215/rev.bgs.2024.85.3.337>; **Web of Science, Q4, IF 0,2**
32. Metodiev, L., B. Valchev. 2024. The Jurassic section at Gintsi Village (West Balkan Mts) – a geosite of high scientific and geoconservation value for the Bulgarian geology. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 85, 3, 313–316; <https://doi.org/10.52215/rev.bgs.2024.85.3.313>; **Web of Science, Q4, IF 0,2**
33. Sachkov, D., B. Valchev. 2024. Web GIS systems for the collection of data and the promotion of Bulgarian fossil sites of high scientific and museum value. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 85, 3, 329–332; <https://doi.org/10.52215/rev.bgs.2024.85.3.329>; **Web of Science, Q4, IF 0,2**
34. Zareva, E., V. Sachanski, L. Metodiev, B. Valchev, D. Sachkov, M. Slavchev, D. Yanev. 2024. Iskar Gorge and Ledenika cave – a brief overview. – *Geologica Balcanica*, 53, 3, 3–11; <https://doi.org/10.52321/GeolBalc.53.3.3>. **Web of Science, Scopus, Q3, SJR 0,267**
35. Valchev, B., H. Dimitrov, D. Sachkov. 2024. New data on the spatial distribution of the Paleogene lithostratigraphic units in the offshore part of the Moesian Platform east of the Town of Varna. – *Rev. Bulg. Geol. Soc.*, 85, 3, 81–84; <https://doi.org/10.52215/rev.bgs.2024.85.3.81>; **Web of Science, Q4, IF 0,2**
36. Metodiev, L., B. Valchev, D. Dochev, S. Petrova. 2025. Middle Jurassic fossil sites of special scientific interest from NW Bulgaria. – *Geoheritage*, 17, 1, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12371-025-01077-6>; **Web of Science, Scopus, Q2, IF 2,3**

Textbooks and teaching aids

- Sinnyovsky, D., M. Antonov, V. Jeleu, G. Ajdanlijsky, D. Vangelov, A. Chatalov, B. Valchev, A. Strasser, D. Tronkov, S. Juranov, K. Stoykova. 2004. *Geological trails in the northern part of the Iskar Gorge. A guide to geological fieldwork*. Sofia, „Vanio Nedkov” Publ. House, 136 pp.

Appendix 2

SELECTED PROJECTS

1. Contract GPF-40/2003 'Integrated palaeoecological and lithofacial studies of the Upper Cretaceous–Palaeocene rocks in the Mezdra region, north-western Bulgaria'. Grant for core scientific activities of the 'St Ivan Rilski' University of Mining and Geology, Regulation No. 9 of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science on the conditions and procedures for the assessment, planning, allocation and expenditure of funds from the state budget for the financing of scientific or artistic and creative activities inherent to state higher education institutions. **Project leader: Senior Assistant Professor Dr Boris Valchev.**
2. Contract GPF-50/2004 'Biostratigraphy of the Eminska Formation based on calcareous nanoplankton and planktonic foraminifera'. Grant for core scientific research at the 'St Ivan Rilski' University of Mining and Geology, Regulation No. 9 of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science on the conditions and procedures for the assessment, planning, allocation and expenditure of funds from the state budget for the financing of scientific or artistic and creative activities specific to state higher education institutions. **Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr Dimitar Sinnyovsky.**
3. Contract VU-OCHN-304/07 'Promoting Bulgaria's geological heritage'. Duration: 2007–2010. "Scientific Research" Fund, Promotion of scientific research in state higher education institutions – 2007. **Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr Venenlin Zhelev.**
4. Contract DO02-89/08 'Indicators of atmospheric acidity and global warming in the soil profile (using the Thracian Lowlands as an example)'. Duration: 2009–2012. "Scientific Research" Fund, Promotion of scientific research in state universities – 2008. **Principal investigator: Assoc. Prof. Dr Marinela Panayotova.**
5. Contract GPF-117/2008 'Mesozoic nanofossil and foraminiferal associations from the Stara Planina foothills near the village of Lyutidol (Mezdra region)'. Duration: 2008. Grant for core scientific research at the 'St Ivan Rilski' University of Mining and Geology, Regulation No. 9 of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science on the conditions and procedures for the assessment, planning, allocation and expenditure of funds from the state budget for the financing of scientific or artistic and creative activities inherent to state higher education institutions. **Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dimitar Sinnyovsky, D.Sc.**
6. Contract DDVU-0272/10 'Scientific development of a new category of protected area in Bulgaria – a national geopark, using the Belogradchik Rocks as a case study'. Duration: 2011–2014. "Scientific Research" Fund, Promotion of scientific research in state universities – 2010. **Project leader: Prof. Dimitar Sinnyovsky, D.Sc.**
7. Contract GPF-159/2012 'Lithostratigraphy of the Upper Cretaceous in the Western Sredna Gora Range'. Completion date: 2012. Grant for core scientific research at the 'St Ivan Rilski' University of Mining and Geology, Regulation No. 9 of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science on the conditions and procedures for the assessment, planning, allocation and expenditure of funds from the state budget for the financing of scientific or artistic and creative activities inherent to state higher education institutions. **Project leader: Prof. Dimitar Sinnyovsky, D.Sc.**
8. Contract GPF-171/2013 'Compilation of a collection and promotional materials on the Cretaceous–Tertiary boundary in Bulgaria'. Completion date: 2013. Grant for the core scientific activities of the 'St Ivan Rilski' University of Mining and Geology, Regulation No. 9 of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science on the conditions and procedures for the assessment, planning, allocation and expenditure of funds from the state budget for the financing of scientific or artistic and creative activities inherent to state higher education institutions. **Project leader: Prof. Dimitar Sinnyovsky, D.Sc.**
9. Contract GPF-172/2013 'Modelling of Holocene aggradational deposits in the valley incisions of the eastern part of the Thracian Lowlands'. Duration: 2013. Grant for core scientific research at the 'St Ivan Rilski' University of Mining and Geology, Regulation No. 9 of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science on the conditions and procedures for the assessment, planning, allocation and expenditure of funds from the state budget for the financing of scientific or artistic and creative activities inherent to state higher education institutions. **Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr Ivan Dimitrov.**
10. PROJECT BG051P0001-3.1.09-0020 'Career development of teachers at the University of Mathematics and Informatics through training in key competences, foreign language training and the acquisition of skills in the use of information and communication technologies'. Implementation period: 2013–2014. European Social Fund, Ministry of Education, Youth and Science, Operational Programme 'Human Resources Development' 2007–2013, Directorate 'Higher Education', 'Improving the Qualifications of Lecturers in Higher Education Institutions'. **Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr Ivaylo Koprev.**

11. Contract GPF-204/2016 'Mineralogical and petrographic studies and geological documentation of sites in protected areas within the Rila-Rhodope Massif'. Duration: 2016. Grant for the core scientific activities of the 'St Ivan Rilski' University of Mining and Geology, Regulation No. 3 of the Ministry of Education and Science on the conditions and procedures for the assessment, planning, allocation and expenditure of funds from the state budget for the financing of scientific or artistic and creative activities inherent to state higher education institutions. **Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr Boris Valchev.**
12. Contract GPF-208/2017 'Development of a correlation scheme for research and educational purposes concerning the non-layered magmatic and metamorphic complexes in the Rila-Rhodope Massif'. Duration: 2017. Grant for the core scientific activity of the "St Ivan Rilski" University of Mining and Geology, pursuant to the Ministry of Education and Science Regulation on the conditions and procedures for the assessment, planning, allocation and expenditure of funds from the state budget for the financing of the core scientific or artistic and creative activities of state higher education institutions. **Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr Boris Valchev.**
13. Contract GPF-218/2018 'Development of themed geotrails in the Rila Mountains'. Completion date: 2018. Grant for the core scientific activities of the 'St Ivan Rilski' University of Mining and Geology, pursuant to the Ministry of Education and Science Regulation on the conditions and procedures for the assessment, planning, allocation and expenditure of funds from the state budget for the financing of the core scientific or artistic activities of state higher education institutions. **Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr Boris Valchev.**
14. Contract KP-06-NP1/17/17 December 2019 'Publication of a peer-reviewed scientific journal'. Duration: 2020. "Scientific Research" Fund, "Bulgarian Scientific Periodicals – 2019" Call for Proposals. **Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr Boris Valchev.**
15. Contract No. 2134: 'Holocene sea-level fluctuations along the Bulgarian Black Sea coast and their impact on ancient civilisations'. Duration: 2019–2023. Principal investigator for St Ivan Rilski University of Mining and Geology: Prof. Dimitar Sinnyovsky, PhD.
16. Contract No. B2.6c.21/04.07.2019 'Sustainable ecological and cultural valorisation of mining and quarrying sites in the cross-border region'. Implementation period: 07.2019–07.2021. Cross-border cooperation programme "INTERREG V-A Greece–Bulgaria" 2014–2020. Interreg Greece–Bulgaria. Terra Mine. European Regional Development Fund. Project leader for St Ivan Rilski University of Mining and Geology: Assoc. Prof. Dr Stefka Pristavova.
17. Contract KP-06-NP2/30/04.12.2020. 'Publication of a peer-reviewed scientific journal'. Deadline for completion: 2021. "Scientific Research" Fund, "Bulgarian Scientific Periodicals – 2021" Call for Proposals. **Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr Boris Valchev.**
18. Contract KP-06-N54/3/17 November 2021. 'Interdisciplinary research into the creation of an interactive database and the assessment of the geoconservation potential of fossil sites of significant scientific and museum value in Bulgaria'. Duration: 17 November 2021–17 November 2024. "Scientific Research" Fund, "Call for Proposals for the Funding of Fundamental Scientific Research – 2021". **Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr Boris Valchev.**
19. Contract KP-06-NP3/74/18./12.2021. 'Publication of a peer-reviewed scientific journal'. Deadline for completion: 2022. "Scientific Research" Fund, "Bulgarian Scientific Periodicals – 2022" Call for Proposals. **Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr Boris Valchev.**
20. Project BG05M2OP001-2.016-0022 'Modernisation of Higher Education in the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources in Bulgaria' (NatuResEdu), funded by the Operational Programme 'Science and Education for Smart Growth' 2014–2020. Duration: 2021–2023. Project leader: Prof. Dr Rumen Tomov.
21. National Scientific Programme (NSP) 'Critical and Strategic Raw Materials for the Green Transition and Sustainable Development', Work Package 'WP.I.7. Assessment of the socio-economic impact of the exploration and extraction of critical and strategic raw materials', Work Task "1.7.6. Improving the information environment in Bulgaria regarding the availability of primary mineral resources by establishing a framework to ensure a reliable supply of information". **Task leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr Boris Valchev.**

Appendix 3

PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS, CONFERENCES AND CONGRESSES

- International Scientific Conference at "St Ivan Rilski" University of Mining and Geology 2002–2026 Sofia;
- International Conference "Geoarchaeology and Archaeomineralogy", 29–30 October 2008 Sofia
- International Scientific Conference of the Bulgarian Geological Society „Geosciences" 2010–2014, 2017–2025 Sofia;
- International Conference SGEM 2011
- National Seminar, Elhovo, May 10, 2012
- First National Palaeofest, Burgas, June 2024;