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### EDUCATION

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**2005.** Ph.D. in Zoology. University of Barcelona. Barcelona, Spain.

**1998.** M.S. in Biology. Sofia University "Saint Climent Ohridsky". Sofia, Bulgaria.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND AFFILIATIONS

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**2018– present.** Associate Professor of Systematic Entomology and Entomology Curator, Department of Natural History, University Museum of Bergen, University of Bergen.

**2017 – present.** *Guest Researcher.* Natural History Museum, University of Oslo.

**2013 – present.** Affiliate Member, Evolutionary Studies Institute, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.

**2010 – present.** *Adjunct Research Associate.* Department of Biological Sciences, The George Washington University.

**2017 – 2018.** *Postdoctoral Researcher.* Center for Macroecology, Evolution and Climate. Zoological Museum, University of Copenhagen.

**2014 – 2018.** Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) Mercator Fellow. Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn.

**2012 – 2017.** *Postdoctoral Researcher.* Natural History Museum, University of Oslo.

**2010 – 2012.** *Postdoctoral Researcher.* Center for Macroecology, Evolution and Climate. Zoological Museum, University of Copenhagen.

**2005 –2009.** *Postdoctoral Researcher.* Department of Biological Sciences, The George Washington University.

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

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2015 – 2018. <sup>\*</sup> **National Science Foundation grant (DEB-1457300):** Phylogeny and diversification of the orb weaving spiders (Orbiculariae, Araneae). Lead senior researcher with PIs G. Hormiga and G. Giribet. (487,536 USD)  
*I am listed in this proposal as a lead senior researcher rather than PI due to eligibility restrictions; however, I participated in the intellectual development, planning and writing of this proposal.*

2014 – 2018. **Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) project:** Asian pholcid spiders: diversity, phylogenetic relationships, and multiple convergent shifts among microhabitats. Co-applicant (co-PI) with Dr. Bernhard Huber (PI). (166,496 Euros).

2012 – 2017. **Postdoctoral fellowship** The Natural History Museum, University of Oslo.

2012 – **Grant from the Willi Hennig Society** to support a Traits Evolution symposium during the XXXI Hennig meeting (2,700 USD).

2010 – 2012. **Postdoctoral fellowship** The Program of Excellence in Macroecology and Evolution at the University of Copenhagen.

2007 – 2009. **Postdoctoral fellowship** Selective excellence program, The George Washington University.

2007. Travel grant to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Arachnology.

2005 – 2007. **NSF-PEET postdoctoral fellowship**: as part of the NSF award DEB-0328644 “Systematics and Monography of Araneoid Spiders”.

2004. Travel grant from Barcelona University to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> international Congress of Arachnology.

2004. Scholarship from Barcelona University to attend the Postgraduate course "Phylogeny and Genealogy of DNA: Reconstruction and Applications".

2001 – 2003. **Graduate Scholarship** University of Barcelona.

1998 – 2000. **C.I.H.E.A.M. scholarship** for attending courses and working at the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania.

1993 – 1998. **Scholarship for undergraduate student excellence** Sofia University

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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\*\* indicates mentored graduate student coauthor

40. Huber B.A., Eberle J., **Dimitrov D.** In press. **The phylogeny of pholcid spiders (Araneae, Pholcidae): a critical evaluation of relationships suggested by molecular data.** *Zookeys*
39. Eberle J., **Dimitrov D.**, Valdez-Mondragón A., Huber B.A. In press. **Microhabitat change drives diversification in pholcid spiders.** *BMC Evolutionary Biology*
38. Shrestha N., Wang Z., Su X., Xu X., Lyu L., Liu Y., **Dimitrov D.**, Kennedy J.D., Wang Q., Tang Z., Feng X. 2018. **Global patterns of Rhododendron diversity: the roles of evolutionary time and diversification rate.** *Global Ecology and Biogeography*, 27(8): 913-924. (doi: [10.1111/geb.12750](https://doi.org/10.1111/geb.12750))
37. Fernández R., Kallal R.J., **Dimitrov D.**, Ballesteros J.A., Arnedo M.A., Giribet G., Hormiga G. 2018. **Phylogenomics, diversification dynamics, and comparative transcriptomics across the spider tree of life.** *Current Biology*, 28 (9): 1489-1497. e5. (doi: [10.1016/j.cub.2018.03.064](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2018.03.064))
36. Struck T.H., Feder J.L., Bendiksby M., Birkeland S., Cerca J., Gusarov V.I., Kistenich S., Larsson K-H., Liow L.H., Nowak M.D., Stedje B., Bachmann L., **Dimitrov D.** 2018. **Cryptic species - More than terminological chaos: A Reply to Heathoff.** *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*, 33 (5): 310-312. (doi: [10.1016/j.tree.2018.02.008](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tree.2018.02.008))
35. Struck T.H., Feder J.L., Bendiksby M., Birkeland S., Cerca J., Gusarov V.I., Kistenich S., Larsson K-H., Liow L.H., Nowak M.D., Stedje B., Bachmann L., **Dimitrov D.** 2018. **Finding evolutionary processes hidden in cryptic species.** *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*, 33(3): 153-163. (doi: [10.1016/j.tree.2017.11.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tree.2017.11.007))
34. Hormiga G., **Dimitrov D.** 2017. **The discovery of the spider genus *Putaoa* (Araneae, Pimoidae) in Taiwan with the description of a new species, including its web architecture.** *Zootaxa*, 4341(1): 97-104.
33. Wheeler W.C., Coddington J.A., Crowley L.M., **Dimitrov D.**, Goloboff P.A., Griswold C.E., Hormiga G., Prendini L., Ramírez M.J., Sierwald P., Almeida-Silva L., Alvarez-Padilla F.,

- Arnedo M.A., Benavides L.R., Benjamin S.P., Bond J.E., Grismado C.J., Hasan E., Hedin M., Izquierdo M.A., Labarque F.M., Ledford J., Lopardo L., Maddison W.P., Miller J.A., Piacentini L.N., Platnick N.I., Polotow D., Silva-Dávila D., Scharff N., Szűts T., Ubick D., Vink C.J., Wood H.M., Zhang J. 2017. **The spider tree of life: Phylogeny of Araneae based on target-gene analyses from an extensive taxon sampling.** *Cladistics*, 33(6): 574-616. (doi:[10.1111/cla.12182](https://doi.org/10.1111/cla.12182))
32. **Dimitrov D.**, Benavides L.R., Arnedo M.R., Giribet G., Griswold C.E., Scharff N., Hormiga G. 2017. **Rounding up the usual suspects: a standard target-gene approach for resolving the interfamilial phylogenetic relationships of ecribellate orb-weaving spiders with a new family-rank classification (Araneae, Araneoidea).** *Cladistics*, 33(3): 221-250. (doi:[10.1111/cla.12165](https://doi.org/10.1111/cla.12165))
31. Tarasov S.\*\* , **Dimitrov D.** 2016. **Multigene Phylogenetic Analysis redefines Dung Beetles Relationships and Classification (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Scarabaeinae).** *BMC Evolutionary Biology*, 16: 257. (doi:[10.1186/s12862-016-0822-x](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12862-016-0822-x))
30. Heilmann-Clausen J., Maruyama P.K., Bruun H.H., **Dimitrov D.**, Frøslev T., Læssøe T., Petersen J.H., Dalsgaard B. 2016. **Citizen Science data reveal ecological, historical and evolutionary factors shaping interactions between woody hosts and wood-inhabiting fungi.** *New Phytologist*, 212: 1072–1082. (doi:[10.1111/nph.14194](https://doi.org/10.1111/nph.14194))
29. Gizaw A., Brochmann C., Nemomissa S., Wondimu T., Masao C.A., Tusiime F.M., Abdi A.A., Oxelman B., Popp M.,\* **Dimitrov D.\*** 2016. **Colonisation and diversification in the African ‘sky islands’: insights from fossil-calibrated molecular dating of *Lychnis L.* (Caryophyllaceae).** *New Phytologist*, 211: 719–734. (\* denotes equal contribution). (doi:[10.1111/nph.13937](https://doi.org/10.1111/nph.13937))
28. Tarasov S.\*\* , Vaz-de-Mello F., Krell F-T., **Dimitrov D.** 2016. **A Review and Phylogeny of Scarabaeine Dung Beetle Fossils (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Scarabaeinae), with the Description of Two *Canthochilum* Species from Dominican Amber.** *PeerJ*, 4: e1988. (doi:[10.7717/peerj.1988](https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj.1988))
27. Xu X., Wang Z., **Dimitrov D.**, Rahbek C. 2015. **Using NCBIminer to search and download nucleotide sequences from GenBank.** *Biodiversity Science*, 23(4): 550-555 – in Chinese (doi:[10.17520/biods.2015120](https://doi.org/10.17520/biods.2015120))
26. Xu X., **Dimitrov D.**, Rahbek C., Wang Z. 2015. **NCBIminer: Sequences harvest from Genbank.** *Ecography* 38(4): 426-430. (doi:[10.1111/ecog.01055](https://doi.org/10.1111/ecog.01055))
25. Huber B.A., **Dimitrov D.** 2014. **Slow genital and genetic but rapid non-genital and ecological differentiation in a pair of spider species (Araneae, Pholcidae).** *Zoologischer Anzeiger*, 253(5): 394-403. (doi:[10.1016/j.jcz.2014.04.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcz.2014.04.001))
24. Holt B.G.\*, Lessard J-P.\*, Borregaard M.K., Fritz S.A., Araújo M.B., **Dimitrov D.**, Fabre P-H., Graham C.H., Graves G.R., Jønsson K.A., Nogués-Bravo D., Wang Z., Whittaker R.J., Fjeldså J., Rahbek C. 2013. **Response to Comment on “An Update of Wallace’s Zoogeographic Regions of the World”.** *Science*, 341 (6144): 343. (doi:[10.1126/science.1237541](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1237541)) \* - equal contribution.
23. **Dimitrov D.**, Astrin J., Huber B.A. 2013. **Pholcid spider molecular systematics revisited, with new insights into the biogeography and the evolution of the group.** *Cladistics*, 29(2): 132-146. (doi: [10.1111/j.1096-0031.2012.00419.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1096-0031.2012.00419.x))
22. Holt B.G.\*, Lessard J-P.\*, Borregaard M.K., Fritz S.A., Araújo M.B., **Dimitrov D.**, Fabre P-H., Graham C.H., Graves G.R., Jønsson K.A., Nogués-Bravo D., Wang Z., Whittaker R.J., Fjeldså J., Rahbek C. 2013. **An update of Wallace’s zoogeographic regions of the world.** *Science*, 339(6115): 74-78 (doi: [10.1126/science.1228282](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1228282)) \* - equal contribution. Published on-line on December 20 2012 as Science Express highlights.

21. **Dimitrov D., Nogués-Bravo D., Scharff N. 2012. Why do tropical mountains support exceptionally high biodiversity? The Eastern Arc Mountains and the drivers of *Saintpaulia* diversity. *PLoS ONE*, 7(11): e48908. (doi: [10.1371/journal.pone.0048908](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0048908))**
20. Fabre P-H., Hautier L., **Dimitrov D.**, Douzery E. 2012. **A glimpse on the pattern of rodent diversification: a phylogenetic approach.** *BMC Evolutionary Biology*, 12: 88. (doi:[10.1186/1471-2148-12-88](https://doi.org/10.1186/1471-2148-12-88)) – highly accessed
19. **Dimitrov D.**, Lopardo L., Giribet G., Arnedo M.A., Álvarez-Padilla F., Hormiga G. 2012. **Tangled in a sparse spider web: single origin of orb weavers and their spinning work unravelled by denser taxonomic sampling.** *Proceeding of the Royal Society B*, 279: 1341-1350. published on-line ahead of print 2 November 2011 (doi: [10.1098/rspb.2011.2011](https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2011.2011))
18. Giribet G., Sharma P., Benavides L., Boyer S.L., Clouse R., de Bivort B., **Dimitrov D.**, Kawauchi G., Muriene J., Schwendinger P. 2012. **Evolutionary and biogeographic history of the harvestman suborder Cyphophthalmi (Arachnida, Opiliones) — an ancient and global group of arachnids.** *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society*, 105: 92-130. (doi: [10.1111/j.1095-8312.2011.01774.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1095-8312.2011.01774.x))
17. **Dimitrov D.**, Hormiga G. 2011. **An extraordinary new genus of spiders from Western Australia with an expanded hypothesis on the phylogeny of Tetragnathidae (Araneae).** *Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society*, 161: 735-768. (doi: [10.1111/j.1096-3642.2010.00662.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1096-3642.2010.00662.x)).
16. **Dimitrov D.**, Hormiga G. 2010. **Mr. Darwin's mysterious spider: On the type species of the genus *Leucauge* White, 1841 (Tetragnathidae, Araneae).** *ZOOTAXA*, 2396: 19–36.
15. **Dimitrov D.**, Álvarez-Padilla F., Hormiga G. 2010. **On the phylogenetic placement of the spider genus *Atimiosa* Simon, 1895 (Tetragnathidae, Araneae) and the circumscription of the genus *Dolichognatha* O.P.- Cambridge, 1869.** *American Museum Novitates*, 3683: 1-19.
14. **Dimitrov D.**, Benjamin S.P., Hormiga G. 2009. **A revised phylogenetic hypothesis for the genus *Clitaetra* Simon, 1889 (Araneidae, Nephilidae) with the first description of the male of the Sri Lankan species *Clitaetra thisbe* Simon, 1903.** *Bulletin of the Museum of Comparative Zoology*, 159(6): 301-323. (doi: [10.3099/0027-4100-159.6.301](https://doi.org/10.3099/0027-4100-159.6.301)).
13. Álvarez-Padilla F., **Dimitrov D.**, Giribet G., Hormiga G. 2009. **Phylogenetic relationships of the spider family Tetragnathidae (Araneae, Araneoidea) based on morphological and DNA sequence data.** *Cladistics*, 25(2): 109-146. (doi: [10.1111/j.1096-0031.2008.00242.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1096-0031.2008.00242.x))
12. **Dimitrov D.**, Hormiga G. 2009. **Revision and cladistic analysis of the orbweaving spider genus *Cyrtognatha* Keyserling, 1881 (Araneae, Tetragnathidae).** *Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History*, 317: 1-140.
11. Benjamin S.P., **Dimitrov D.**, Gillespie R.G., Hormiga G. 2008. **Family ties: molecular phylogeny of crab spiders (Araneae: Thomisidae).** *Cladistics*, 24(5): 708-722. (doi: [10.1111/j.1096-0031.2008.00202.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1096-0031.2008.00202.x))
10. **Dimitrov D.**, Arnedo M.A., Ribera C. 2008. **Colonization and diversification of the spider genus *Pholcus* Walckenaer, 1805 (Araneae, Pholcidae) in the Macaronesian archipelagoes: Evidence for long-term occupancy yet rapid recent speciation.** *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*, 48(2): 596-614. (doi: [10.1016/j.ympev.2008.04.027](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ympev.2008.04.027))
9. **Dimitrov D.**, Álvarez-Padilla F., Hormiga G. 2008. **Until dirt do us apart: on the unremarkable palp morphology of the spider *Sternospina concretipalpis* Schmidt &**

- Krause, 1993, with comments on the genus *Prionolaema* Simon, 1894 (Araneae, Tetragnathidae).** *ZOOTAXA*, 1698: 49-56.
8. **Dimitrov D., Ribera C. 2007. The genus *Pholcus* (Araneae, Pholcidae) in the Canary Islands.** *Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society*, 151: 59-114.
  7. **Dimitrov D., Álvarez-Padilla F., Hormiga G. 2007. The female genitalic morphology of the orb weaving spider genus *Agriognatha* (Araneae, Tetragnathidae).** *Journal of Morphology*, 268: 758-770.
  6. **Dimitrov D., Ribera C. 2006. Three new species of *Pholcus* (Araneae, Pholcidae) from the Canary Islands with notes on the genus *Pholcus* in the archipelago.** *Journal of Arachnology*, 34(1): 126-134.
  5. **Dimitrov D., Ribera C. 2005. Description of *Ossinissa*, a new pholcid genus from the Canary Islands (Araneae: Pholcidae).** *ZOOTAXA*, 982: 1-13.
  4. **Dimitrov D., Ribera C. 2005. *Pholcus vachoni* n. sp. (Araneae, Pholcidae) una nueva especie de Agadir (Marruecos).** *Revista Ibérica de Aracnología*, 11: 3-6.
  3. **Borisova N., Antonova V., Delov V., Dimitrov D. 2005. Using GIS and remote sensing in biogeography assessment in the karst terrain of Chepan Mountain and Dragoman marshland (W Bulgaria).** - In: Biodiversity, Ecosystems, Global Changes. (Chipev, N., Bogoev, V. Eds.), 1-st National Conference in Ecology, Sofia, pp. 75-82.
  2. **Dimitrov D., Ribera C. 2003. *Pholcus intricatus* (Araneae, Pholcidae) una nueva especie endémica de Tenerife (Islas Canarias).** *Revista Ibérica de Aracnología*, 8: 7-11.
  1. **Dimitrov D., Lazarov S. 2002. Contribution to the Study of Spiders (Araneae) in Chepun Mountain and Dragoman Swampland (NW Bulgaria).** *Acta zoologica bulgarica*, 54(2): 47-53.

## WEB PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

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5. **Dimitrov, D. 2009. Key to the species of the genus *Cyrtognatha* Keyserling, 1881 (Araneae, Tetragnathidae).** Review version 1.0. online at [Key to the species of the genus \*Cyrtognatha\* Keyserling, 1881 \(Araneae, Tetragnathidae\)](#)
4. **Álvarez-Padilla, F., D. Dimitrov, and G. Hormiga. 2009. TetraGen: Tetragnathid Genera of the World (Araneoidea: Tetragnathidae), An Illustrated Catalog.** Pre-release version 1.0. The George Washington University, online at <http://www.gwu.edu/~spiders/tetragen/index.cfm>
3. **Dimitrov, Dimitar. 2009. Pholcidae. Daddy-longleg spiders.** Version 12 February 2009 (under construction). <http://tolweb.org/Pholcidae/2719/2009.02.12> in The Tree of Life Web Project, <http://tolweb.org/>
2. **Dimitrov, Dimitar and Gustavo Hormiga. 2009. Tetragnathidae Menge 1866.** Version 09 March 2009 (under construction). <http://tolweb.org/Tetragnathidae/2799/2009.03.09> in The Tree of Life Web Project, <http://tolweb.org/>
1. **Hormiga, G., D. Dimitrov, J.A. Miller, and F. Álvarez-Padilla. 2008. LinyGen: Linyphioid Genera of the World (Pimoidae and Linyphiidae), An Illustrated Catalog.** Version 2.0. The George Washington University, online at <http://www.gwu.edu/~linygen/index.cfm>



## TEACHING

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### **Courses**

Biogeography and Biodiversity (BIO4230/9230) 2014, 2016, University of Oslo.

[Phylogenetic Systematics and Molecular Dating](#) – April 2015, January-February 2013, January 2011, University of Copenhagen.

POY 4: phylogenetic analysis using dynamic homologies Workshop – January 2011, The George Washington University.

### **Student supervision**

#### *Postdocs*

Eberle Jonas – co-supervised with B. Huber at the Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn.

Alejandro Valdez Mondragón – co-supervised with B. Huber at the Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn, 2014-2015 (now a PI at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, Unidad de Tlaxcala, Laboratorio Regional de Biodiversidad y Cultivo de Tejidos Vegetales)

#### *PhDs*

Sergey Tarasov – co-supervised with V. Gusarov and L. Bachmann (now postdoc at The University of Tennessee).

#### *Undergraduates*

Nadia Pauck Holm Hansen –co-supervisor with Dr. Nikolaj Scharff – University of Copenhagen, completed fall 2012

#### *Informal supervision*

I have collaborated to the supervision and research of four graduate students: Fernando Álvarez-Padilla, Lara Lopardo, Ligia Rosario Benavides and Daniela Andriamalala and two undergraduates Anastasia Kondakova and Anahita Shaya – primary advisor G. Hormiga, the George Washington University

I also trained three visiting researchers, Manuel Cárdenas Guerrero, Guadalupe Corcobado Márquez and Lihong Tu, in SEM and light microscopy techniques – the George Washington University

## OTHER DIPLOMAS AND COURSES

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**2011.** Course in International University Governance. University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.

**2004.** Postgraduate course “Phylogeny and Genealogy of DNA: Reconstruction and Applications”. University of Barcelona. Barcelona, Spain.

**2003.** Diploma de Estudios Avanzados (Diploma of Advanced Studies). Barcelona, Spain.

**1999.** D.S.P.U. (Specialized Post-University Diploma) in environmental management. Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (MAICh). C.I.H.E.A.M. Crete, Greece.

## **PREDOCTORAL WORK RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**May – July 2004.** University of Barcelona. Collaboration in the project “A hierarchical approach to the study of the origins of the biodiversity”.

**2000.** MAICh (C.I.H.E.A.M.) Collaboration in projects for integration of GIS with web servers (Apache and AOLserver). Installation and configuration of community based systems with database backend (OpenACS).

**1999 – 2000.** MAICh (C.I.H.E.A.M.) Research Fellow in the frame of the DEMOS (Developing of a Monitoring System Based on Plant Ecophysiology) project. Project number ERBIC18CT970153.

## **INVITED TALKS**

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2014. Peking University. “Macroevolution meets macroecology.”

2013. Norwegian Entomological Society. “On webs and wings: orbweavers evolution, diversification and its driving forces.”

2012. Århus University. “Unraveling the maze: orb weavers evolution, current knowledge and future perspectives.”

## **OUTREACH, EXHIBITS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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2012 Participation in setting up a public floor spider exhibit at the Zoological Museum, Natural History Museum of Denmark. The exhibit also showcased my research (together with the research of other arachnologists at the Natural History Museum of Denmark)

2011 Participated in the Copenhagen's annual Culture Night at the Zoological Museum public floor.

2007 Team leader in the Rock Creek Park BioBlitz species inventory organized by National Geographic.

## **PRESENTATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL MEETINGS**

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### **Oral presentations**

**Contributed:** **2013:** ForBio annual meeting (Oslo, Norway), 19th International Congress of Arachnology (Kenting, Taiwan). **2011:** 26th European Congress of Arachnology (Sede Boqer, Israel), Evolution 2011 (Norman, OK, USA). **2010:** 18th International Congress of Arachnology (Siedlce, Poland). **2009:** Evolution 2009 (Moscow, ID, USA). **2008:** 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Arachnological Society (Berkeley, CA, USA). **2007:** 17<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Arachnology (São Pedro, São Paulo, Brazil). **2006:** 30<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Arachnological Society (Baltimore, MD, USA). **2005:** 22<sup>nd</sup> European Colloquium of Arachnology (Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria). **2004:** 16<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Arachnology (Gent, Belgium). **2003:** International Congress of Biodiversity and Arachnids (San Sebastian, Spain). **2001:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the Iberian Group of Arachnology (Barcelona, Spain).

**Co-authored:** **2017:** XIX International Botanical Congress (Shenzhen, China). **2016:** 20<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Arachnology (Golden, CO; USA). **2015:** Evolution 2015 (Guarujá, Brazil). **2010:** IX Reunión Argentina de Cladística y Biogeografía (Buenos Aires, Argentina), 70th Anniversary Meeting of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (Pittsburg, PA, USA), 18th International Congress of Arachnology (Siedlce, Poland). **2008:** II Congreso Latinoamericano de Aracnología / VI Encuentro de Aracnólogos del Cono Sur (Salta,

Argentina), 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Arachnological Society (Berkeley, CA, USA). **2007**: Jornadas de Biodiversidad Valenciana y Arácnidos & VIII Jornadas del Grupo Ibérico de Aracnología (Valencia, Spain). **2006**: XVIII International Symposium of Biospeleology (Cluj, Romania). **2004**: 1<sup>st</sup> National Scientific Conference in Ecology (Varna, Bulgaria)

**Posters**: **2017**: V Latin American Congress of Arachnology (Ouro Preto, Minas Gerais, Brazil). **2016**: 20<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Arachnology (Golden, CO; USA). 2014: ForBio annual meeting (Tromsø, Norway). **2007**: PEET VI meeting “Reaching out” (Athens, GA, USA).

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

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April 2018 [The New York Times](#); June 2017 issue (#6) of Aftenposten Vitenskap; 23 March 2017 [phys.org](#); 22 March 2017 [ScienceDaily](#); 13 March 2017 [Titan.uio.no](#) and [in English](#) on 17 of March; 23 March 2016 [Titan.uio.no](#); 25 December 2012 [Discovery News](#); 21 December 2012 [The New York Times](#), [BBC Nature News](#), [Futurity](#), [www.uni-protokolle.de](#); 20 December 2012 [phys.org](#), [ScienceNews](#), [Lukor.com](#), [Business Insider](#), [Daily Mail](#); 19 December 2012 [Ingeniøren](#), [MetroXpress](#) (Danish edition), [Jyllands-Post](#); 18 December 2012 [University of Copenhagen news](#); 7 January 2012 [Ekstrabladet](#); 5 January 2012 [Berlingske](#); 4 January 2012 [Videnskab.dk](#); 28 November 2011 [European Commission CORDIS news](#); 25 November 2011 [SINC](#); 24 November 2011 [ScienceDaily](#); 18 November 2011 [New Straits Times](#); 8 November 2011 [The New York Times](#); 3 November 2011 [ScienceNews](#) magazine; 4 June 2010 [www.physorg.com](#); 3 June 2010 [The George Washington University media room](#).

## **SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES**

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**Subject editor**: ZooKeys. **Associate Editor**: Systematics and Biodiversity.

**Review of proposals**: The National Research Foundation (NRF), South Africa.

**Review of manuscripts**: Acta Zoologica Bulgarica, Annales Zoologici, Arachnologische Mitteilungen, Biology Letters, BMC Evolutionary Biology, Bonner Zoologische Monographien, Cladistics, Entomologica Fennica, Entomological Research, Ecography, Evolution, European Journal of Taxonomy, Heredity, Invertebrate Systematics, Journal of Arachnology, Journal of Asian Biodiversity, Journal of Biogeography, Journal of Morphology, Journal of Natural History, Journal of Systematic Palaeontology, Journal of Zoological Systematics and Evolutionary Research, Kansas Academy of Science Transactions, Molecular Ecology Resources, Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution, Nature Communications, Naturwissenschaften, PeerJ, PLoS ONE, PNAS, Proceedings of the Royal Society B, Raffles Bulletin of Zoology, Revista Ibérica de Aracnología, Systematic Biology, TAPROBANICA, Toxins, Zoologica Scripta, Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society, Journal of Systematic Palaeontology, Zoologischer Anzeiger, ZooKeys, Zootaxa.

**Scientific committee member** for the 31<sup>st</sup> European Congress of Arachnology 2018 Vác, Hungary.

**Scientific committee member** and symposium organizer of one day international symposium on cryptic species 2016 Oslo, Norway.

**Scientific committee member** and symposium organizer for the XXXI Willi Hennig Society meeting 2012 Riverside, CA, USA.

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**FIELD WORK**

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Bulgaria, Denmark, Greece, Turkey, Spain, Panama, USA, Taiwan

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