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Professional Experience

- 2006 – Professor, Department of Petroleum Processing and Petrochemistry, Petrol – Gaze University, Ploiești, Romania.
- 2006 – Visiting Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, Yale University, USA.
- 2005 – 2006 Associate Professor, Department of Petroleum Processing and Petrochemistry, Petrol – Gaze University, Ploiești, Romania.
- 2001 – 2005 Associate Research Scientist/Lecturer, Department of Chemical Engineering, Yale University:
- accomplished the first synthesis ever of pure boron single wall nanotubes (<http://pubs.acs.org/cen/coverstory/83/8335inorganic.html>),
 - designed and conducted research on synthesis of controlled diameter carbon nanotubes, gallium nitride nanowires, nanotubes and nanodots, and on methane combustion on PdO-based catalysts,
 - taught Chemical Reaction Engineering and Chemical Kinetics courses at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
 - conducted research projects of undergraduate and graduate students.
- 1999 – 2001 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Chemical Engineering, Yale University:
- designed and performed research on catalysts for automotive exhaust gas treatment and methane combustion.
- 1996 – 1999 Lecturer, Department of Petroleum Technology and Petrochemistry, Petrol – Gaze University, Ploiești, Romania:
- taught undergraduate courses on Catalysis and industrial catalysts, Thermal and catalytic processing in petroleum refining and Computer assisted process design in chemical engineering
 - designed and conducted research studies on catalysts for the petroleum processing industry and soil and ground water pollution with petroleum products
 - advised senior research and diploma projects.
- 1991 – 1996 Teaching and Research Assistant, Petrol – Gaze University, Ploiești, Romania:
- taught undergraduate laboratory courses
 - performed research studies on catalysts for the petroleum processing industry.

Education

- 1996 – 1999 PhD in Surfaces and Interfaces, Materials in Evolution, University Paris 7 – Denis Diderot, Paris, France. Thesis: “Preparation, Characterization and Reactivity of Palladium Catalysts Supported on Basic Oxides”, mention “Tres honorable” Advisor: Professor Francois Bozon-Verduraz.
- 1991 BS in Chemical Engineering, Petrol – Gaze University, Romania, GPA 9.49/10

Grants as Principal Investigator

- 2005 – 2007 Awarded the Postdoctoral grant “Nanostructured Materials for Applications in Catalysis.” by the Romanian Department of Education and Research (MEdC).
- 2003 – 2006 Awarded the EPA grant “Electrocatalysis for Environmentally Friendly Energy Production Systems.”
- 2003 – 2004 Awarded the NSF-SGER “Templated Synthesis of Boron Nanostructures.”

Fellowships

- 1999 Awarded a one-month PHARE – Tempus research fellowship.
- 1996 – 1998 Awarded the PhD fellowship of the French Ministry of Education, Research and Technology.

Membership of Professional Bodies

Sigma Xi member
Member of the North American Catalysis Society
Member of the American Chemical Society
Member of the AIChE
Member of the Ad Astra Association of Romanian Researchers

Representative Publications

Y. H. Yang, S. Lim, G. A. Du, C. A. Wang, **D. Ciuparu**, Y. Chen, G. L. Haller, “Controlling of physicochemical properties of nickel-substituted MCM-41 by adjustment of the synthesis solution pH and tetramethylammonium silicate concentration”, *Journal of Physical Chemistry B* **110**(12) (2006) 5927-5935.

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Y. Li, Y. Chen, R. Xiang, **D. Ciuparu**, L.D. Pfefferle, C. Horvath and J.A. Wilkins, "Incorporation of Single-Wall Carbon Nanotubes into an Organic Polymer Monolithic Stationary Phase for m-HPLC and Capillary Electrochromatography", *Analytical Chemistry*, **77**(5) (2005), 1398.

P.B. Amama, S. Lim, **D. Ciuparu**, Y. Yang, L. Pfefferle and G.L. Haller, "Synthesis, Characterization, and Stability of Fe-MCM-41 for Production of Carbon Nanotubes by Acetylene Pyrolysis", *Journal of Physical Chemistry B*, **109**(7) (2005), 2645.

S. Lim, **D. Ciuparu**, Y. Chen, Y. Yang, L. Pfefferle and G.L. Haller, "Pore Curvature Effect on the Stability of Co-MCM-41 and the Formation of Size-Controllable Subnanometer Co Clusters", *Journal of Physical Chemistry*, **109**(6) (2005), 2285.

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