

Curriculum Vitae

Surname, First name	Sotirovski, Kiril
profiles	https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Xhbu_9UAAAAJ&hl=en https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Kiril_Sotirovski
extended CV	https://sf.ukim.edu.mk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/CV_Sotirovski_9-2024.pdf
Nationality	Macedonian
Date and place of birth	7 June 1964, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

Education

Title and topic of qualification awarded	2000 - PhD (Dr) , Forest pathology
Title and topic of qualification awarded	1995 - MSc in Forestry
Title of qualification awarded	1989 - BSc in Forestry (Engineer) Forestry engineer
Name and type of organisation providing education	Faculty of Forestry – Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

Work experience

Name and address of employer	1990 – present Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Hans Em Faculty of Forest Sciences, Landscape Architecture and Environmental Engineering; Republic of North Macedonia
Occupation or position held	Full professor (since 2010); associate professor (2005-2010); assistant professor (2000-2005); assistant (1995-2000); younger assistant (1990-1995).
Main responsibilities	Lecturing, research activities, various expertise activities
Position held	April 2017- March 2024 Dean of the Faculty

Lecturing

Courses (undergraduate)	Forest pathology (1990-present); Protection of wood from wood inhabiting fungi (1990-2007); Diseases of ornamental plants (2000-present); Identification and production of edible mushrooms (2006-2024); Microbiology (2000-2007);
Courses (postgraduate)	Principles and methodology of scientific research (2007-present); Plant pathology in horticulture (2007-present); Phyto-pharmacy and methods of application (2007- 2014); Forest pathology; Basic phytopathological research methods (2014-2026).

Research and applied projects (last 15 years)

2024: “Investigating the health status of European sweet chestnut at the Memorial of nature Vevchani waterfalls, and assessment of the need and possibility for biological control of the fungus *Cryphonectria parasitica*”, as part of the project of NGO Ekosvest “Support for sustainable management of the Memorial of nature Vevchani waterfalls, financed by Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust, principal investigator.

2023-2024: “Data collection on forest damage monitoring and development of forest restoration concepts”, financed by FAO, project leader.

2019: “Protection of chestnut forests from chestnut blight” financed by the Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water economy (research and applicative; principal investigator).

2014-2017: "Invasive chestnut diseases in the Balkans and Georgia – epidemiological research and management options", SCOPES project, multilateral, national coordinator.

2014-2017: "Tackling the challenges in sustainable and multifunctional forestry through enhanced research coordination for policy decisions", Multilateral (23 partners) research project funded by ERA-NET, FP7; national coordinator.

2010 – 2012: "Diversity of invading *Phytophthora* spp. plant pathogens in agro and forest ecosystems in Southeast Europe". Multilateral (Bulgaria, Greece, Macedonia, Serbia and Romania) research project funded by SEE-ERA.NET PLUS, FP7; national coordinator.

2010 – 2012: "Diversity and distribution of *Armillaria* species in Macedonia and their association with forest dieback processes". National research project funded by Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia; principal investigator.

2009 – 2012: "Chestnut blight research in the Balkans and Georgia: population studies and biological control methods", tri lateral (Switzerland, Croatia, Macedonia, Georgia) SCOPES research project, financed by Swiss National Science Foundation; national coordinator.

Publications in journals indexed by Web of Science - Clarivate Analytics (last 10 years):

- [1] S. Prospero, J. M. Schwarz, M. Ježić, D. M. Leigh, M. Ćurković-Perica, M. Idžojtić, ... **K. Sotirovski... et al.**, "Testing the efficiency of natural hypovirulence for biological control of chestnut blight under field conditions", *IMA fungus*, vol. 17, p. e173675, 2026.
- [2] A. Ciceu, F. Bălăcenoiu, M. De Groot, D. Chakraborty, D. Avtzis, M. Barta, ... **K. Sotirovski... et al.**, "The ongoing range expansion of the invasive oak lace bug across Europe: current occurrence and potential distribution under climate change", *Science of the Total Environment*, vol. 949, p. 174950, 2024.
- [3] C. Cornejo, M. Risteski, **K. Sotirovski**, and D. Rigling, "Long-term preserved mycelium establishes the presence of *Cryphonectria carpinicola* in the Balkans and of *Cryphonectria radicalis* in Bulgaria", *European Journal of Plant Pathology*, vol. 165, pp. 401–405, 2023.
- [4] M. Ježić, J. M. Schwarz, S. Prospero, **K. Sotirovski**, M. Risteski, M. Ćurković-Perica, et al., "Temporal and spatial genetic population structure of *Cryphonectria parasitica* and its associated hypovirus across an invasive range of chestnut blight in Europe", *Phytopathology*, vol. 111, pp. 1327–1337, 2021.
- [5] R. Vuković, Z. Liber, M. Ježić, **K. Sotirovski**, and M. Ćurković-Perica, "Link between epigenetic diversity and invasive status of south-eastern European populations of phytopathogenic fungus *Cryphonectria parasitica*", *Environmental microbiology*, vol. 21, pp. 4521–4536, 2019.
- [6] P. Trajkov, T. Dubravac, V. Tanovski, L. Nestorovski, **K. Sotirovski**, and Z. Trajanov, "Coppice forest management planning and the regeneration potential of pure and mixed oak coppice forests in North Macedonia", *South-east European forestry: SEEFOR*, vol. 10, pp. 165–172, 2019.
- [7] K. Srebrova, S. Nacheski, and **K. Sotirovski**, "Widespread distribution of the sycamore seed bug *Belonochilus numenius* (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Lygaeidae) throughout the Republic of North Macedonia", *South-east European forestry: SEEFOR*, vol. 10, pp. 145–149, 2019.
- [8] M. Ježić, M. Kolp, S. Prospero, **K. Sotirovski**, M. Double, D. Rigling, et al., "Diversity of *Cryphonectria parasitica* in callused chestnut blight cankers on European and American chestnut", *Forest Pathology*, vol. 49, p. e12566, 2019.
- [9] R. Drenkhan, V. Tomešová-Haataja, S. Fraser, R. E. Bradshaw, P. Vahalík, M. S. Mullett, ... **K. Sotirovski.. et al.**, "Global geographic distribution and host range of *Dothistroma* species: a comprehensive review", *Forest Pathology*, vol. 46, pp. 408–442, 2016.
- [10] L. S. Bulman, R. E. Bradshaw, S. Fraser, J. Martín-García, I. Barnes, D. L. Musolin, ... **K. Sotirovski..et al.**, "A worldwide perspective on the management and control of *Dothistroma* needle blight", *Forest Pathology*, vol. 46, pp. 472–488, 2016.

Competitions, awards

-Scientist of the year for biotechnical sciences at Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, for 2019
(http://ukim.edu.mk/dokumenti_m/najdobar_nauchnik/Najdobri_nauchnici-umetnik-2019.pdf)

-World competition for best educational video for plant protection (second place) (7.2021 r.), organized by EUPHRESKO, for the video "Fighting and deadly fungus, using a friendly virus"
<https://www.euphresco.net/contest/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xHROMBDVlk>