

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Research interests: Prof. Rossitza Atanassova has recognized expertise in the transcriptional regulation of gene expression in cell proliferation and cell differentiation. After her PhD thesis on plant histone proteins in cell elongation and differentiation, she obtained two post-doctoral positions at IBMP, Strasbourg, the first on transcriptional regulation of plant histone genes expression, and the second focusing on biotechnological approaches for plant defense monitoring. She has a great experience in plant reverse genetics, transcription factors identification, and interactions, involvement of sugar transport and metabolism in plant development and responses to environmental cues. She was visiting professor in R. Finkelstein's laboratory at UCSB, where she worked on sugar signaling. At present, her main research interest lies in the acclimation and the adaptation of crops facing the constraint environment, namely the mechanisms connecting plant cell metabolism and epigenetic modifications responsible for gene expression (Cakir et al. 2003, *Plant Cell* 15: 2165; Afoufa-Bastien et al. 2010, *BMC Plant Biology* 10: 245; Saumonneau et al. 2012, *J. Exp. Bot.* 63: 1495; Medici et al. 2014, *FEBS Letters* 588: 3989; Parrilla et al. 2018, *FEBS OPEN BIO* DOI: 10.1002/2211-5463.12415).

Education:

1980 **M. Sci. in Biology**, Diploma with Honor and Distinction, Specialization in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Faculty of Biology, University of Sofia "Kliment Ohridski" Sofia, Bulgaria
1987 **Ph.D. in Biological Sciences**, Institute of Plant Physiology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria, Specialization in Plant Biochemistry and Physiology
1999 **HDR** (Fr. *Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches*) in Plant Biology – University of Poitiers, France

Academic Appointments:

1980 - 1987 Biologist, Research Fellow, Department of Plant Physiology, Faculty of Biology, Sofia University, Bulgaria
1988 - 1989 Research Scientist, Staff Member, Institute of Genetic Engineering, Sofia, Bulgaria
1989 - 1992 Research Scientist in Dr. Claude Gigot's laboratory "Regulation of the expression of histones genes", Institute of Plant Molecular Biology (IBMP) CNRS, Strasbourg, France
1992 - 1996 Research Scientist in Dr. Bernard Fritig's Department of Molecular Phytopathology, Institute of Plant Molecular Biology (IBMP) CNRS, Strasbourg, France
1996 - 2001 Assistant Professor of Plant Physiology, UMR CNRS 6161, "Transport of Assimilates", University of Poitiers, France

Since 2001	Full Professor of Plant Physiology, UMR CNRS 6161, "Transport of Assimilates", University of Poitiers, France
March-August 2004	Visiting professor in Professor Ruth Finkelstein's laboratory, Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology of the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), USA
2012 – 2018	Deputy Director, UMR CNRS 7267 Ecology & Biology of Interactions Head of the Plant Physiology team Sugar & Echanges Plants/Environnement
2007- present	Member of the National Council of the Universities in France