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Employment, academic and research positions

2010-2014	Scientific Secretary of NIAM-BAS
Since 2004	Senior Researcher (Associate Professor of Prehistory)
2003-2007	Head of Prehistory Department, NIAM-BAS
1995-2003	Research Fellow 1 st degree, Prehistory Department, NIAM-BAS
1993-2003	Secretary of Prehistory Department, NIAM-BAS
1992-1995	Research Fellow 2nd degree, Prehistory Department, NIAM-BAS
1989-1992	Research Fellow 2nd degree, NIAM-BAS, Thematic Group for Interdisciplinary Research
1982-84	Guide at the National Museum of History

Education and additional qualification

2017	CRF/RSE European Visiting Research Fellowship, University of Edinburgh, UK
2011	CRF/RSE European Visiting Research Fellowship, University of Edinburgh, UK
2010	Mellon Fellowship, Albright Institute (AIAR), Jerusalem (Israel)
2006	Mellon Reinvitation Grant, FMSH – Paris (France) – two months work at MAE – Nanterre (University Paris X)

- 2005 Mellon Fellowship, NIAS-Wassenaar (Netherlands) – five months work at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS), Wassenaar, The Netherlands
- 1999 ‘Post rouge’ special grant for six months specialization at the Centre des recherches archéologiques/ Centre national des recherches scientifiques (CRA/CNRS), Sophia-Antipolis, France
- January 4, 1989 PhD Degree in Archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology, Russian Academy of Sciences in Saint-Petersburg (*summa cum laude*). Title of thesis: “Flint Tools from the Late Paleolithic in Bulgaria in the Light of the Experimental and Use-wear Studies” (in Russian). Supervisor: Prof. Dr. V. E. Shchelinskii
- 1984-1988 PhD study in Archaeology (use-wear analysis) at the Experimental Laboratory of Use-wear Analysis of the Institute of Archaeology in Saint-Petersburg, Russian Academy of Sciences
- 1981 MA in Archaeology at St. Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia, Faculty of History
- 1977 *Summa cum laude* Graduate of Hristo Botev High School, Sofia

Awards

- 2019 Web of Science group – for excellence in scientific research; Clarivate Analytics – for outstanding contribution to global scientific research

Language proficiency

French, Russian, English – fluent

Polish, Spanish – working level

Computer and technical skills

Word for Windows, Excel, Adobe Photoshop, Corel Draw

Work with a microscope with reflected light and various systems of digital cameras connected to a microscope for taking photomicrographs

Scientific interests

Areas of research activity:

Studies and specialized use-wear analysis on Pleistocene and Holocene flint assemblages from Bulgaria and Northwest Anatolia

The Neolitization of the Balkans: routes, stages, interpretations

- Theoretical aspect of the debate
- Emergence and distribution of the Neolithic Karanovo type of sickle
- Comparative analysis of early agricultural tools from the Near East, Anatolia and the Balkans

Flint raw materials during prehistoric times: identification, strategies of supplying and exchange. Analytical approach (micropetrography and LA-ICP-MS) for comparing and discriminating raw materials and archaeological samples

The flint artifacts in the context of diagnostic finds: the Early Neolithic flint blades with steep (bi)lateral retouch, the geometric microliths, the Chalcolithic superblades, the arrowheads, the tools with denticulated retouch. Emergence, evolution, cultural and chronological parameters of the diagnostic artifacts

Threshing sledge (*tribulum*) flint inserts – prehistoric context and ethnographic reference

Symbolic *versus* utilitarian: the flint tools in the context of sites, shrines, burial places, etc.

The phenomenon of the superblades' technology during the Late Chalcolithic: functional connotation of the artefacts

Canaanite blades from EBA in southern Levant and their functional determination: reviewing of *tribulum* inserts hypothesis

Experimentation in archaeology: harvesting practices with composite flint sickles; prehistoric drilling and bead manufacturing

Origin and dispersal of the first *Hominidae* on the Balkans and into Europe: features of the first chipped-stone industries

Late Paleolithic (Gravettian) flint assemblages from Bulgaria and Europe: comparative analysis of the results of the functional study on the artifacts

Organizing experience

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| 2023 | Member of the International Organising Committee of the International conference "Traceology in St. Petersburg. To the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the S. A. Semenov Laboratory", 3 -5 October, St Petersburg, Russia (online). |
| 2021 | Co-organiser of the session 206 "Lithic raw materials in prehistory: methods, practice and theory" at the 27 th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists, 7-11.09.2021, Kiel, Germany (online). |
| 2020 | Member of the International Scientific Committee of the Meso'2020 – Tenth International Conference on the Mesolithic in Europe, 7-11 September (online). |
| 2019 | Member of the International Scientific Committee of the 12 th International Symposium on Knappable Materials (ISKM 2019), Budapest, Hungary. |
| 2019 | Co-organiser of the session "Use-wear analysis of different stone raw materials: specific features and variability" at the 12 th International Symposium on Knappable Materials (ISKM 2019), 18-22.11.2019, Budapest, Hungary. |
| 2018 | Member of the International Scientific Committee of the 24 rd Annual Meeting the European Association of Archaeologists, Barcelona, Spain |
| 2016 | Member of the International Scientific Committee of the 22 nd Annual Meeting the European Association of Archaeologists, Vilnius, Lithuania |

- 2016 Co-organiser of the Session TH1–16 “Lithic raw materials in prehistory: sourcing, network distribution and use” (C. Bonsall and P. Allard co-organisers) at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists, 31.08-4.09.2016, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2015 Member of the International Scientific Committee of the International conference „Settlements, Culture and Population Dynamics in Balkan Prehistory”, 13-14.03.2015, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia
- 2014 Coordinator of the third postgraduate conference “Cultural heritage: investigation and protection”, 15-16.12.2014, Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”, Sofia
- 2013 Member of the International Scientific Committee of the 5th Arheoinvest Symposium “Stories Written in Stone”, 20-24 August 2013, Iasi, Romania
- 2013 Organiser of the second postgraduate conference “Investigations of the cultural heritage: challenges and perspectives”, 28-29.11.2013, NIAM-BAS, Sofia
- 2011 Organiser of the First postgraduate conference “Scientific aspects of the cultural heritage: challenges and perspectives”, 27-28.11.2011, NIAM, Sofia
- 2011 Co-organiser of the Session 42 “Technology and Experimentation in Archaeology” at the XVI International Congress of UISPP, Florianopolis, Brazil, 4-10.09.2011
- 2009 Organiser of the Session “Balkan Flint” in SE European Prehistory: Chronological, Cultural and Social Perspectives” at 15th EAA Annual Meeting, 15-21 September 2009, Riva del Garda, Italy. Co-organisers Prof. C. Bonsall (UK), Dr. B. Voytek (USA), Dr. D. Borić (Serbia/UK)
- 2008 Co-organisers of the International conference Geoarchaeology and Archaeomineralogy. Impact of Earth Sciences in the Study of material Culture, Sofia, 29-30 October 2008
- 2008 Organiser of the Session „Cognition and the act of artifact production at 14th EAA Annual Meeting 16-21 September 2008, Valletta, Malta. Co-organisers Dr. G. Dimitriadis (Italy) & Dr. G. Nash (UK)
- 2007 Organiser of the Session “Identities of the Early Neolithic Balkans” at 13th EAA Meeting, Zadar (Croatia), 18-22.09.2007. Co-organisers: Dr. Dusan Boric & Dr. Preston Miracle (Cambridge, UK)
- 2007 Organiser and discussant at the first scientific Meeting dedicated of the Presentation of Atapuerca project in Bulgaria – common undertaking of Institute Cervantes and National Institute of Archaeology and Museum, BAS (Sofia)
- 2006 Organiser of the National Prehistory Conference “Prehistoric Research in Bulgaria: New Challenges”
- 2004-2010 Organiser of Prehistory Seminar at the Prehistory department, NAIM-BAS with regular presentations of Bulgarian and Foreigner lecturers

2004-2007	Co-Director of Bulgarian-Belgium project (BAS-CGRI level) Prehistory of the Balkans: opening to Europe
2003-2007	Head of Prehistory Department, AIM-BAS
2003	Member of the Organizing Committee of Prehistoric Thrace International Symposium in Stara Zagora
1997	Member of the Organizing Committee of Das Neolithikum in Südosteuropa International Symposium
1993-2003	Secretary of the Prehistory Department, AIM-BAS

Professional skills

International projects

Since 2020	Management Committee Member of the European Cooperation in Science and technology (COST) Project: CA19141 “Integrating Neandertal Legacy: From Past to Present” (iNEAL)
Since 2018	Member (as lithic specialist) of the Bulgarian-German project “Archaeological investigations in Tash Bair locality near the village of Novfrad, Ruse region” (Directors Bulgarian side – Dr L. Vagalinski & H. Popov)
2017- 2019	Member (as lithic specialist) of the international project “Sagalassos”, headed by Prof. J. Poblome – KULeuven
2017-2019	Director (Bulgarian side) of the project entitled “Middle Pleistocene human–environment interactions in the Balkans”. Research partners: National Institute of Archaeology and Museum, Sofia (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) and Center for Archaeological Sciences, University of Leuven (KULeuven) (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek, Belgium)
Since 2016	Member (as lithic specialist) of the international project “Excavation at Ilindentsi-Massovets Neolithic site in south western Bulgaria”, headed by Dr M. Grebska-Kulov (coordinated by Balkan Heritage Foundation)
Since 2015	Member (as lithic specialist) of the international project “Hacılar Büyük Höyük. Excavations and Research in the Burdur Region (from the Neolithic to the end of the Early Bronze”, headed by Prof. G. Umurtak – Istanbul University. Participation
Since 2015	Member (as lithic specialist) and contributor to the international project for the publication of the Early Neolithic site of Bademağacı Höyük (team leader – Prof. R. Duru.
2014-2016	Director (Bulgarian side) of the project entitled “Late Pleistocene Environments and Human Adaptations to Climate Change in the Balkans”. Research partners: National Institute of Archaeology and Museum, Sofia (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) and Center for Archaeological Sciences, University of Leuven (KULeuven) (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek, Belgium)
2012- 2014	Director (Bulgarian side) of the project entitled “Ancient Routes for Populating Europe: Migrations via the Sea of Azov and the Balkans.

Characteristics of Chipped-Stone Industries and Cultural Interaction between Human Populations”. Research partners: National Institute of Archaeology and Museum, Sofia (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) and Institute of the Material Culture History, St.-Petersburg (Russian Academy of Sciences)

- 2011-2012 Director (Bulgarian side) of the international HRAR ABF project “Prehistoric Flint Sourcing in NW Bulgaria and NE Serbia: Field Survey and Laboratory Analyses, granted by America for Bulgaria Foundation (AFB) и co-ordinated by American Research Center in Sofia
- 2010-2013 Vice-director of the International project “Balkan Valley Project (BVP) Phase II: Survey of the Tundja Valley, granted by America for Bulgaria Foundation (AFB) и co-ordinated by American Research Center in Sofia
- Since 2009 Bulgarian representative of the bilateral project "Des premiers villages agricoles du Caucase aux nécropoles balkaniques sur les traces d'une innovation technologique qui a fait du chemin (6000-2500 av JC)" (project Director – Dr J. Chabot, Université Laval, Québec)
- 2009-2014 Member of the International project “Prehistory of the Danube Gorges and its Hinterlands” (leader – Dr D. Borić, Cardiff University, UK)
- 2008-2010 Bulgarian leader of the International project in collaboration with Prof. C. Bonsall (Edinburgh University, UK) “Pilot study of ‘Balkan’ flint sources and exchange networks in Neolithic SE Europe”
- 2008-2010 Member of the International project „Middle Morava River and the Neolithisation of the SE Europe” (leader – Dr. S. Perić, Archaeological Institute in Belgrade)
- 2008-2011 Member of the Spanish-Bulgarian project “Coordinación de estudios sobre las primeras ocupaciones humanas en Eurasia: intercambios científicos Bulgaria – España”, CENIEH, Burgos
- 2007 Initiation of project for study of flint assemblages from Uvda valley, Negev, Israel
- 2006 Participation at the flint knapping workshop of CNRS-DR20 in Valbonne/ Sophia-Antipolis (25.09-4.10.2006): “Technologie de la pierre taillée préhistorique et expérimentation”
- 2005-2014 Bulgarian member at the international ESF project EARTH (Early Agricultural Remnants and Technical Heritage), leded by Prof. P. Anderson (CEPAM, France). Contribution to the final publication of EARTH monograph, vol. 2
- 2004-2014 Member of the international project “Neolithization along the Maritsa river valley and the Eastern Balkans”. Study of the flint assemblages from the Early Neolithic site at Yabalkovo; contribution to the publication Yabalkovo. Vol. 1, 2014
- 2003 Member of the international team for archaeological experimentation “Archéodrome 2003” scientific programme – Baune, France
- 2001-2007 Member (as lithic specialist) of the International “Troia projekt” in Turkey. The head of the project is Prof. M. Korfmann, Tübingen

- University. Study of the flint collections from Bronze Age sequence. First contribution to the publication of Troy lithics submitted in 2011.
- 1999-2008 Member (as lithic specialist) of the Dutch archaeological team and project at Ilipinar and Menteşe, Neolithic sites in NW Anatolia, Turkey. Head of the project – Dr. J. Roodenberg, NINO, Leiden. Study of flint assemblages from Ilipinar and Menteşe. Contribution to the monograph series of Ilipinar, Vol. 2 and 3
- 1999-2002 Member of the international project aimed at studying the Drama microregion in Thrace (South Bulgaria). I have studied systematically the flint assemblages from Drama-Gerena and Drama-Merdzhumekya and the studies will be part of the future complete publication of the archaeological microregion
- 1999-2005 Member of Bulgarian-Austrian project at Karanovo, tell settlements in Thrace (South Bulgaria). Study of flint assemblages and contribution to the monograph series of Tell Karanovo
- 1998-2010 Member of the Bulgarian-French team and international project at Kovacevo, a Neolithic site in Blagoevgrad region (SW Bulgaria). I have studied systematically the flint assemblages from the excavation seasons and the results of the study are part of the annual reports of the team. The studies will be part of the future complete publication of the Early Neolithic site
- 1998-2005 Bulgarian representative in the first stage of the International scientific programme EARTH (Early Agricultural Remnants and Technical Heritage) – ESF. Chairs – Dr. Patricia Anderson (CEPAM/CNRS, Sophia-Antipolis, France) and Dr. M. Given (University of Glasgow, Dept. of Archaeology)
- 1996-1997 Work in the frame of the Open Society Foundation project “Origins and evolution of the Gravettian culture in Central and Eastern Europe”. Study of the flint assemblages from the Gravettian sites Willendorf II (Vienna, Austria), La Cala (Siena, Italy), Pavlov (Brno, Czech Republic)

Fieldwork experience

- 2023 Director of the field surveys of flint outcrops and archaeological sites in central north Bulgaria (Lovech and V. Tarnovo districts)
- 2020 Director of the field surveys of flint outcrops and archaeological sites in northwestern Bulgaria
- 2014-2017 Director of the excavations at Mishin Kamik Cave, NW Bulgaria
- 2015 Rescue excavation at Neolithic site of Dzherman 2 (Neolithic – EIA), Struma motorway infrastructural project
- 2011-2012 Director of the surveys in north Bulgaria for identification of flint outcrops and associated prehistoric sites
- 2011-2012 Excavations at Magurata Cave (near Belogradchik, north-western Bulgaria)
- 2010 Surveys and trench excavations of cave systems in Strandzha Mountains and Tundzha Valley

2008-2009	Excavations of the Palaeolithic sites in Arkata cave system, Eastern Rhodopes
2008	Excavations at Palaeolithic site of Gran Dolina, Atapuerca, Spain
1998	Excavations at the Tell Kapitan Dimitriev, near Peshtera
1996	Excavations at the open air Neolithic settlement Pomoshtitsa, near Popovo
1981-1997	Participation at the field work (surveys and excavations) of the Group for the Paleolithic research (AIM-BAS) including the following sites: Morovitsta Cave (Gabrovo district), Temnata Cave (Lovech district), Kozarnika Cave (Belogradchik district); single layer open air site at Chuchura (western Rhodopes)

Teaching experience

Since 2016	Prehistoric flint assemblages – MA program course at the University of Sofia “St. K. Ohridski” – Department of Archaeology
1995-1999	Seminars and lectures at the New Bulgarian University – Department of Archaeology, MA program: ARCH 604: Practical observation of flint tools ARCH 709: Use-wear analysis of flint artifacts

Invited lectures

October **2022**: ERASMUS+ lecture course in the frame of: ACTIVIDADES ACADÉMICAS DE ENCERRAMENTO DO ANO LECTIVO, Instituto Politécnico de Tomar and Prehistoric Art Museum of Mação, Portugal:

- Experimentation on prehistoric drilling and bead manufacturing;
- Petrographic and geochemical analyses of flint raw materials from Bulgaria: a reliable combination for provenance studies of archaeological flint;
- Flint raw material supply and distribution in the Early Neolithic in Bulgaria;
- Chalcolithic superblades from Bulgaria: Raw material and functional connotation.

March **2022**: Participation in the *Seminarium Archaeologicum Tirnovense* (Veliko Tarnovo University “St Cyril and St Methodius”). Lecture: “the phenomenon of the Chalcolithic superblades”

October **2017**: Prehistoric agricultural toolkits and practices: Evidence from Bulgaria. Lecture at the LARS (Leuven Archaeology Research Seminar – KULeuven), Leuven, Belgium

September **2016**: ERASMUS lecture course in the University of Valencia the frame of ERASMUS PLUS lecturer mobility:

- Prehistoric Flint Assemblages from Bulgaria: Raw Material and Diagnostic Features in Diachronic Perspective;
- Example of Archaeological Experimentation: Prehistoric drilling and bead manufacturing;

- Chalcolithic superblades from Bulgaria: Raw material and functional connotation;
- Cultural heritage and national identity: Role and place of archaeology as educative instrument

November **2014**:

- Lecture at the Center for Archaeological Sciences, University of Leuven (KULeuven) – 4 of November: Palaeolithic research in Bulgaria: a general overview (ca-author S. Ivanova);

- Lectures at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Brussels – 6 of November:

Excavations at Magura and Mishin Kamik Caves: a palaeoenvironmental perspective (co-authors S. Ivanova, N. Spassov, M. Lewis, E. Marinova); Palaeolithic research in Bulgaria: a general overview (ca-author S. Ivanova)

November **2013**: Balkan Valley Project II: Excavation at Magura Cave. Lecture at the American Research Center in Sofia (ARCS)

July **2013**: Трасология: от конкретных проблем к общим тенденциям. Lecture at the Institute of Material Culture History, St Petersburg – Russian Academy of Sciences

March **2013**: Prehistoric Flint Assemblages from Bulgaria: Raw Material and Diagnostic Features in Diachronic Perspective. Lecture at the American Research Center in Sofia (ARCS)

September **2012**: ERASMUS lecture course in the frame of: ACTIVIDADES ACADÉMICAS DE ENCERRAMENTO DO ANO LECTIVO, Instituto Politécnico de Tomar and Prehistoric Art Museum of Mação, Portugal:

- Approaching prehistoric skills: experimental drilling in the context of bead manufacturing;
- Chalcolithic flint assemblages from north-eastern Bulgaria: raw material as a factor in knapping techniques;
- Symbolic versus utilitarian: flint tools in the context of sites, hoards, burial places, etc;
- Rescue archaeological investigations: a great opportunity or a high-risk research limitation;
- Cultural heritage and national identity: the role and place of archaeology as an educational instrument

December **2011**: Flint toolkits as cultural hallmarks: Case studies from Bulgaria and Southern Levant. Lecture at the Institute of Archaeology, RAS, Bucharest, Romania.

February **2011**: Dichotomy or convergence of prehistoric agricultural flint tools (*tribulum*). Lecture at Edinburgh University, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, Edinburgh, UK.

February **2011**. The 'Superblade' phenomenon: technological, utilitarian and symbolic features. : Lecture at Durham University, Department of Archaeology, Durham, UK.

June **2010**: ERASMUS lecture course in the frame of: ACTIVIDADES ACADÉMICAS DE ENCERRAMENTO DO ANO LECTIVO, Instituto Politécnico de Tomar, Portugal:

1. Continuity of the Neolithisation debate: Lithic Perspective from the Balkans
2. The flint tools as diagnostic cultural indicators: Case study from Bulgaria
3. Flint knapping experimentation: between archaeology, hobby and marketing
4. Super blades phenomenon: Technological, utilitarian and symbolic features
5. Resilience and revival of tribulum inserts production: Cognitive insight of the prehistoric technology
6. Dichotomy or convergence of prehistoric agricultural flint tools (tribulum): Case studies from Bulgaria and Israel

May **2010**: Dichotomy or convergence of prehistoric agricultural flint tools (*tribulum*): case studies from Israel and Bulgaria. Lecture at Albright Institute (American Institute for Archaeological Research), Jerusalem, Israel.

October **2009**: Towards an Understanding of Early Neolithic Populations: A Flint perspective from Bulgaria. Lecture in the framework of the lecture course of American Research Centre (ARC), Sofia.

April **2009**: Prehistoric flint assemblages: methodology, diagnostic and interpretation. Lecture in the framework of the Doctoral school, organised by NIAM, BAS.

October **2008**: Prehistoric flint technologies in the context of the cognitive archaeology". Lecture in the framework of the NAIM Project "Bulgarian contribution in the treasury of the European cultural heritage".

July **2008**: ISSEP (International Summer School on European Prehistory) – Nurri, Sardinia

- Continuity of the Neolithisation debate: Lithic Perspective from the Balkans;
- Could be flint tools conceived as diagnostic cultural indicators: case study from Bulgaria;
- Flint knapping experimentation: between archaeology, hobby and marketing.

August **2006**: "Kovačevo – industrie lithique". Lecture at Bulgarian-French Kovačevo expedition team.

June **2005**: Prehistoric flint assemblages from Bulgaria and north-west Anatolia. Lecture at the Archaeological Forum, Faculty of Archaeology, University of Leiden, The Netherlands.

December **2004**: Use-wear analysis: fiction, necessity or luxury. Lecture at the Department of Archaeology, New Bulgarian University.

October **2003**: Use-wear analysis: fiction, necessity or luxury. Lecture at the *SEMINARIUM ARCHAEOLOGICUM TIRNOVENSE*, University of Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria.

December **1999**: Analyse tracéologique des assemblages du néolithique ancien de la Bulgarie. Lecture at the University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne), Paris, France.

November **1999**: Analyse fonctionnelle d'assemblages en silex de Thrace (Bulgarie du sud). Lecture at the Laval University (Department of Archaeology), Quebec, Canada.

September **1999**: Activités agricoles néolithiques de la Bulgarie du sud. Lecture at the Laboratory of Archaeology at the Institute Mila i Fontanals (CSIC), Barcelone, Spain.

November **1997**: Use-wear analysis: a case study from Bulgaria. Lecture at the Department of Anthropology, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.

Publications

Papers in journals with WoS, Scopus index

M. Gurova, P. Andreeva, E. Stefanova. Discriminating between flint outcrops in central north Bulgaria: archaeological implications. *Bulgarian e-Journal of Archaeology (Be-JA)* 14.2, **2024**, 259-286; <https://doi.org/10.57573/be-ja.14.259-286>

M. Gurova. World Neolithic Congress 2024: Bulgarian prehistory in context. *Bulgarian e-Journal of Archaeology (Be-JA)* 14.2, **2024**, 311-319; <https://be-ja.org/index.php/journal/article/view/336>

M. Gurova, G. Ivanov, I. Cholakov, L. Traykova 2023. Bronze Age and Early Iron Age sickles in the evolution of the prehistoric agricultural toolkit from Bulgaria. *Bulgarian e-Journal of Archaeology (Be-JA)* 13.2, **2023**, 141-171; <https://doi.org/10.57573/be-ja.13.141-171>

M. Gurova, E. Stefanova, P. Andreeva, N. Kecheva, C. Bonsall. Prehistoric flint raw materials and artefacts from Bulgaria: The next step in provenancing Balkan flint. *Archaeologia Bulgarica* XXVI. 3, **2022**, 1-30.

M. Gurova, P. Andreeva, E. Stefanova, A. Aladzhov, C. Bonsall. Petrographic and geochemical analyses of flint raw materials from Bulgaria: A reliable combination for provenance studies of archaeological flint. *Quaternary International* 615, **2022**, 18-32; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.quaint.2021.03.023>

S. Verheyden, E. Marinova, S. Ivanova, C. Burlet, H. Cheng, L. Edwards, T. Goovaerts, **M. Gurova**. Speleothem-based chronology and environmental context of deposits from the Mishin Kamik Cave, NW Bulgaria – A contribution to the archaeological study of the Late Pleistocene human occupation in the Balkans. *Journal of Quaternary Science* 36.7, **2021**, 1221-1233; <https://doi.org/10.1002/jqs.3364>

M. Grębska-Kulow, **M. Gurova**, P. Zidarov. Anthropomorphic figurines and miniature beads from the Early Neolithic settlement of Ilindentsi, southwest Bulgaria. *Bulgarian e-Journal of Archaeology (Be-JA)*, 11.1, **2021**, 1-31; <https://doi.org/10.57573/be-ja.11.1-31>

M. Gurova, N. Kecheva, P. Andreeva, E. Stefanova, V. Todorov, D. Sandeva. Multidisciplinary research on flint raw materials and artefacts from northwestern Bulgaria. *Bulgarian e-Journal of Archaeology*, 11.2, **2021**, 231-267; <https://doi.org/10.57573/be-ja.11.231-267>

M. Gurova, P. Andreeva, A. Nikolov, B. Barbov, M. Kostadinova-Avramova. Heat alterations of flint artefacts: archaeological evidence, experiments and analyses. *Bulgarian e-Journal of Archaeology (Be-JA)*, 10.1, 2020, 111-141; <https://doi.org/10.57573/be-ja.10.111-141>

M. Gurova, C. Bonsall. Use-wear analysis and provenance determination of pitchstone artefacts: a pilot study from western Scotland. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*, 30, **2020**; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jasrep.2019.102189>

D. Frémondeau, C. Ottoni, S. Ivanova, E. Marinova, N. Spassov, L. Hristova, R. Konyovska, W. Van Neer, N. Lupianez, M. Gurova. New mtDNA and Isotopic Evidence on Late Pleistocene Cave Bears in the Balkans: the Case-study of Magura Cave, NW Bulgaria. *Acta Zoologica Bulgarica*, 72.3, **2020**, 461-478; <http://www.acta-zoologica-bulgarica.eu/002379.pdf>

M. Gurova, A. Chohadzhiev. Enigmatic artefacts from the Chalcolithic tell Petko Karavelovo (Veliko Tarnovo district). *Bulgarian e-Journal of Archaeology (Be-JA)*, 9.1, **2019**, 119-129; <https://doi.org/10.57573/be-ja.9.119-129>

M. Gurova. Flint assemblages in the context of cultural transition during the 6th millennium BC: a case study from Bulgaria. *Bulgarian e-Journal of Archaeology (Be-JA)* 8.2, **2018**, 113-143; <https://doi.org/10.57573/be-ja.8.113-143>

O. Özbek, **M. Gurova**. Chipped stone assemblages of Hacı Hüseyin höyük: a new Neolithic site in Gelibolu Peninsula, Turkey. Preliminary results. *Bulgarian e-Journal of Archaeology (Be-JA)*, 8.2, **2018**, 233-247; <https://be-ja.org/index.php/journal/article/view/be-ja-8-2-2018-233-247>

C. Bonsall, N. Elenski, G. Ganecovski, **M. Gurova**, G. Ivanov, V. Slavchev, R. Zlateva-Uzunova 2017. Investigating the provenance of obsidian from Neolithic and Chalcolithic sites in Bulgaria. *Antiquity*, 91(356), **2017**, 1-6; <https://doi.org/10.15184/aqy.2017.2>

- C. Bonsall, **M. Gurova**, N. Elenski, G. Ivanov, A. Bakamska, G. Ganetsovski, R. Zlateva-Uzunova, V. Slavchev. Tracing the source of obsidian from prehistoric sites in Bulgaria. *Bulgarian e-Journal of Archaeology (Be-JA)*, 7.1, **2017**, 37-59; <https://be-ja.org/index.php/journal/article/view/be-ja-7-1-2017-37-59>
- S. Ivanova, **M. Gurova**, N. Spassov, L. Hristova, N. Tzankov, V. Popov, E. Marinova, J. Makedonska, V. Smith, C. Ottoni, M. Lewis. Magura Cave, Bulgaria: A multidisciplinary study of Late Pleistocene human palaeoenvironment in the Balkans. *Quaternary International* 415, **2016**, 86-108; <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.quaint.2015.11.082>
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2024:

- 30th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists, 28-31.08.2024, Rome, Italy. Session #793 Lithic Raw Materials Lithotheques: Open Access and Interoperability Initiatives. Presentation title: “Raw material research as a trajectory to open access database: a case study of Bulgaria” (co-authors P.Andreeva, E. Sefanova, C. Bonsall)

- World Neolithic Congress, 4-8.11.2024, Sanliurfa, Turkiye. Session # R 14 Regional and Inter-Regional Palimpsests of Neolithization Processes: South-Eastern Europe. Presentation title: “Balkan Neolithization through the lens of flint supply and distribution” (co-author C. Bonsall)

- International Conference “Eastern Mediterranean Contact Area in the Early Prehistory”, 6–7.12.2024, Belgrade, Serbia. Presentation title: “Early Neolithic flint assemblages: local vs supra-regional aspects”

2023:

- 29th EAA Annual Meeting, 30 August – 2 September, Belfast, Ireland. Session S169 “Neolithic and Chalcolithic Large Blades. Identifying and Defining Exceptional Lithic Products“, presentation “Chalcolithic flint superblades from Bulgaria – a biographical perspective“

- International conference “Traceology in St. Petersburg. To the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the S. A. Semenov Laboratory“, 3 -5 October, St Petersburg. Member of the International Organizing Committee. Presentation: “Bronze Age and Early Iron Age sickles in the evolution of the prehistoric agricultural toolkit from Bulgaria” (co-authors G, Ivanov, I. Cholakov, L. Traykova)

- International conference “Prehistory in the Balkans“, 13 December (online). Presentation: “Harvesting toolkit from Bulgaria: from the Neolithic to the post-Bronze Age”

2022:

- 28th EAA Annual Meeting, 31 August - 02 September, Budapest, Hungary. Contributions at 3 sessions:

- S248, Presentation: “Micropetrography and geochemistry of prehistoric raw materials in Bulgaria: Challenge and query“ (co-authors E. Stefanova, P. Andreeva, N. Kecheva);

- S298, Presentation: “Lithic raw materials and interaction spheres: an Early Neolithic case study from Bulgaria” (co-author C. Bonsall);

- S344, Presentation: “Mastering of underground areas by Neanderthals revealed by speleothems” (co-authors S. Verheyden, J. Jauber, E. Marinova)

- International Conference “New horizons in Prehistory. 50 years since the discovery of Varna necropolis“, 2-4 November, Varna, Bulgaria. Presentation: “Flint superblades from Bulgaria – a biographical perspective”

2021:

- 9th International conference “Mineralogy and Museums” (MM9), 24-26 August, Sofia; Presentation: “Revisiting prehistoric flint artefacts and raw materials in Bulgaria using a new methodological and analytical approach” (co-authors P. Andreeva & E. Stefanova)

- XIX UISPP Congress (online) 2-7 September. Session 6B “Traceology in the 21st Century: Contributions to Archaeological Science and the Human Journey”; Presentation: “Simulation of prehistoric drilling and bead manufacturing” (co-author C. Bonsall)

- 27th EAA digital Annual Meeting, 7-11 September:

- Co-organiser of Session 206 “Lithic raw materials in prehistory: methods, practice and theory” & Presentation: “Prehistoric flint provenance and distribution in Bulgaria: Petrographic and geochemical analyses of raw materials and prehistoric artefacts” (co-authors P. Andreeva & E. Stefanova);

- Session 518 “Material culture studies and societies”; Presentation: “Neolithic bead manufacturing: Context, experiment and technical insights” (co-author C. Bonsall)

- 13th International Symposium on Knappable Materials (ISKM) – “Rock and Roll”, 4-7 October. Session “Multi-Scalar Approaches to Raw Materials Characterization”; Presentation: “Prehistoric flint artefacts and raw materials in Bulgaria through reliable multi-aspect analytical techniques” (co-authors P. Andreeva, E. Stefanova & C. Bonsall)

- International online conference “Prehistory in the Balkans”, 22 December; Presentation: “Balkan flint in the Balkan prehistoric context”

2020:

- 26th EAA digital Annual Meeting, 24-30 September. Session “Over the hills and far away: connectivity within and across mountainous regions in the Balkan Early Neolithic”; Presentation: “Points of view: connectivity across mountainous regions revealed by Early Neolithic Balkan pottery technology and flint industries” (co-author T. Dzhanfeszova)

- Meso’ 2020 – Tenth International Virtual Conference on the Mesolithic in Europe, 7-11 September. Member of the International Scientific Committee; Session “Environmental Change, Cultural Landscapes and Human Adaptations in the Mesolithic”; Presentation: “Environmental change and the Neolithization of the Balkans” (co-author C. Bonsall)

2019:

- 84th Annual Meeting of SAA, 10-14 April 2019, Albuquerque, NM, USA. Sponsored Symposium “Advances in Obsidian Studies of the Old and New Worlds”; Presentation: “Pitchstone in Prehistory. New insights into the Mesolithic and Neolithic use of pitchstone in Scotland” (co-author C. Bonsall)

- 42th Annual Meeting of the Serbian Archaeological Society, 30th May - 1st June 2019, Negotin, Serbia. Session of Experimental Archaeology. Poster: “Experiments in prehistoric drilling and bead manufacturing”

- 25th EAA Annual Meeting, 4-7 September 2019, Bern, Switzerland. Session 371 “Trial and error in times of transition”; Presentation: “Neolithic flint assemblages from Bulgaria: the challenge of capturing a transition”

- International conference ENE – 2019, 5-8 November 2019, Barcelona, Spain. Session 1 “Neolithic spread and supraregional interactions”; Presentation: “Flint assemblages as trajectory to the Balkan Neolithization: Bulgarian case study” (co-author C. Bonsall)

- International Symposium on Knappable Materials (ISKM 2019), 18-22 November 2019, Budapest, Hungary. Member of the International Scientific Committee; Co-organiser of the session “Use-wear analysis of different stone raw materials: specific features and variability”. Two presentations:

- Session “Use-wear analysis of different stone raw materials: specific features and variability”; Presentation: “A pilot study of use-wear on pitchstone” (co-author C. Bonsall);

- Session “Geology and mineralogy of knappable materials”; Presentation: “Revisiting flint raw materials from Bulgaria (Shumen district): petrography and LA-ICP-MS analyses” (co-authors P. Andreeva and E. Stefanova)

2018:

- AWRANA International conference, 29 May – 05 June 2018, Nice, France. Presentation: “Use-wear on pitchstone: fiction or challenge” (co-author C. Bonsall)

- XVIII World Congress of the International Union for Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences (UISPP), 4-9 June 2018, Paris, France. Participation at two sessions:

- session XXII-2 "Searching Traces, Finding People: The Role of Traceology for Reconstructing Human Behaviour"; Presentation: "Beyond the functionality of prehistoric flints: case studies from Bulgaria";
- session XXXIV-6 "Late stone talks: Lithic Industries in Metal Ages"; Presentation: "Bronze Age flint denticulates: a Bulgarian case study in trans-regional perspective"
- 24rd EAA Annual Meeting, 4-8 September 2018, Barcelona, Spain. Participation at two sessions and a table round:
 - session 782 "The value of lithic raw materials in defining prehistoric social territories"; Presentation: "Special flint artefacts and 'prestigious' raw materials in prehistory: a Bulgarian case study";
 - session 700 "Re-approaching identity in archaeology"; Presentation: "Prehistoric flint industries as identity trajectories: a case study from Bulgaria";
 - table round "The Malta convention: the time to change is now"; Presentation: "Rescue / development-led archaeology in Bulgaria during the last decade" (co-author L. Vagalinski)
- National conference "90 Years Museum of Sofia", 12-14 November 2018, Sofia. Presentation: "Representative Chalcolithic finds from the depository of the of the Sofia Regional Museum of History (co-author V. Danov)

2017:

- 23rd EAA Annual Meeting, 30 August – 4 September 2017, Maastricht, The Netherlands. Participation at two sessions:
 - session 285 "Approaches to Early Farming Systems"; Presentation: "Early agricultural toolkit in the Balkans: Bulgarian case study";
 - session 15 "Transitions in Prehistory: instances and consequences of these events resulting from climate, migrations, ne technologies and other causes"; Presentation: "Flint assemblages in the context of cultural transition during VI mill. BC: a case study from Bulgaria"
- International workshop at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (9-11 October 2017, Brussels), in the frame of the project: "Middle Pleistocene human – environment interactions in the Balkans" (FWO-BAS). Presentation: "Last excavation campaign at Mishin Kamik Cave: interpretative challenge and perspective"
- 11th International Symposium on Knappable Materials, 7-12 November, 2017, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Participation at session 2 „Production and maintenance of stone tools: How were stone tools made and maintained?; Presentation: "Chalcolithic superblades from Bulgaria: highly specialized production and special function"

2016:

- 7th International Conference of the UISPP Commission on Flint Mining in Pre- and Protohistoric Times: Mining and Quarrying. Geological Characterisation, Knapping Processes and Distribution Networks during Pre- and Protohistoric Times. 28.09.–01.10. 2016. Mons and Spiennes, Belgium; Presentation (co-author C. Bonsall): "Balkan flint sourcing and distribution in the Early Neolithic Balkans"
- 22nd EAA Annual Meeting, 31.08.–04.09. 2016, Vilnius, Lithuania. Member of the International Scientific Committee. Organiser of the session: Lithic raw materials in prehistory: sourcing, network distribution and use (co-organisers C. Bonsall and P. Allard). Presentation (co-authors C. Bonsall &): "Provenancing Archaeological Obsidian from

Bulgaria; Second presentation at different session: “Prehistoric drilling and bead manufacturing: Experimental approach and cognitive in sight”

- International conference “Raw materials exploitation in Prehistory: Sourcing, processing and distribution”, 10.03–12.03. 2016, Faro, Portugal. Poster: “High quality flint sourcing and distribution in the Holocene: Case studies from Bulgaria”

2015:

- International conference “Tracing the Dynamics of Change Beyond the Modern Borders between Western Anatolia and Thrace: Mid-Sixth through the Mid-Fifth Millennium BC”, 4-5.11.2015, Edirne, Turkey. Session moderator; Presentation: “Balkan Flint in the Context of Cultural and Social Changes During VI mill. BC” (co-author C. Bonsall)

- “MESO 2015, the 9th International Conference on the Mesolithic in Europe, Belgrade, Serbia, September 14th-18th”. Presentation: “The Mesolithic-Neolithic transition in Bulgaria: A palaeoenvironmental perspective” (co-author C. Bonsall)

- 21st EAA Annual Meeting, 2-5 September 2015, Glasgow, UK. Доклад и презентация на тема: “Eskmeals revisited: the impact of AMS dating” (co-author presentation: C. Bonsall, C.Pickard, M. Gurova, G. Ritchie)

- International conference „Social Dimensions of Food in the Prehistory of the Eastern Balkans and Neighboring Areas“, 30 April – 2 May 2015, Heidelberg, Germany. Presentation: “Prehistoric agricultural toolkits in diachronic perspective: a case study from Bulgaria”

- International conference on Early Balkan Metallurgy “Resources and the emergence of inequality. Raw materials and communication systems in prehistoric South-Eastern Europe”, 23-26 April 2015, Sozopol, Bulgaria. Presentation: “Varna cemetery flint grave-goods: functional connotations”

- 80th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA), 15-19 April 2015, San Francisco, USA. Presentation: “Environmental Change and the Neolithization of Southeast Europe: a Bulgarian perspective” (co-author C. Bonsall)

- International conference „Settlements, Culture and Population Dynamics in Balkan Prehistory“, 13-14.03.2015, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. Member of the International Scientific Committee, session moderator. Presentation: “Neolithic flint supply systems: geological, technological and social aspects”

2014:

- 20th EAA Annual Meeting, 10-14 September 2014, Istanbul, Turkey. Organiser of the session “Balkans and Anatolia in Prehistory: Cultural interactions and barriers” (co-organisers J.-P. Demoule и B. Erdoğru). Presentation: “Lithic studies: an alternative approach to Neolithization” (co-author C. Bonsall)

- XVII Congress of the International Union for Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences (UISPP), 1-7 September, Burgos, Spain. Contribution to 3 sessions: A17b “Traceological research and experimental work”; presentation: “Prehistoric drilling and bead production: experimental case study from the Balkans” (co-author C. Bonsall); A25a “Materials, Productions, Exchange networks and their impact on the societies of Neolithic Europe”; presentation: “Neolithic flint industry from Bulgaria: Raw material and techno-typological perspective”; A2b “Technological change during the Lower-Middle Pleistocene transition in Europe”; presentation: “The Early Pleistocene site of Kermek in the western Ciscaucasia” (Russia)(co-authors V.E. Shchelinsky, A.S. Tesakov, V.V. Titov)

- International conference "Studies on the Neolithic in Eurasia" 21-23 .08.2014, Baybek, Astrahan district, Russia. Presentation: "Neolithic Flint Assemblages from Bulgaria: an overview"
- Annual conference of the CAA (International organisation for Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology), 22-25 April 2014, Paris, France

2013:

- 20th Neolithic Seminar: "The transition to farming in Eurasia: Changing Interpretative paradigms", 8-9 November, Ljubljana, Slovenia. Co-author presentation (with C. Bonsall): "Pre-Neolithic in Bulgarian perspective: absence vs evidence?"
- EAA 19th Annual Meeting, 4-8 September 2013, Pilzen, Czech Republic. Presentation: "A particular Neolithic toolkit from Bulgaria: raw material, techno-typological and functional connotations"
- 5th Arheoinvest Symposium 'Stories Written in Stone, 20-24 August 2013, Iasi, Romania. Member of the Scientific Committee of the symposium and contributor with paper "A distinctive type of flint in Early Neolithic Balkans: Balkan Flint in Bulgarian context" and co-author poster (with. P. Andreeva and E. Stefanova) "Flint raw materials and artifacts from NE Bulgaria: a combined petrographic and LA-ICP-MS study"
- 78th SAA Annual Meeting), April 3-7, 2013, Honolulu, Hawaii (USA). Co-author presentation (M. Gurova, C. Bonsall, B. Bradley, E. Anastassova): "Experimental approach to prehistoric drilling and bead manufacturing"
- Second postgraduate conference "Investigations of the cultural heritage: challenges and perspectives", 28-29.11.2013, NIAM, Sofia. Presentation: "Holocene flint assemblages from Bulgaria: diachronic perspective and diagnostic categories"
- IIL National Archaeological Conference, Hisaria, 28-31.05.2013. Presentation: "Survey for identification of archaeological sites and associated flint outcrops"

2012:

- Use-Wear 2012, International conference on Use-Wear analysis, University of Algarve (Faro, Portugal), 10-12.10.2012. Presentation: "Cereal polish: diagnosis, challenge or confusion"
- First International Symposium: "Ancient Cultures in South-east Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. Megalithic Monuments and Cult Practices", Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, October 11-14. Co-author (with G. Kabakcheva and R.I. Kostov) poster presentation: "Three Amphibole-bearing (including glaucophane) Artifacts from the Region of Ivailovgrad (Eastern Rhodopes, Southern Bulgaria)"
- 77th Annual Meeting of Society of American Archaeology, Memphis, Tennessee (USA), April 18-22.04.2012. Co-author presentation (C. Bonsall, C. Pickard, P. Groom, L. Bartosiewicz and M. Gurova): "What's in a Midden? Changing perceptions of the Mesolithic in Western Scotland"

2011:

- First doctoral conference "Scientific aspects of the cultural heritage: challenges and perspectives", 27-28.11.2011, NIAM, Sofia. Presentation: "Experiment as cognitive approach in Archaeology"

- International Conference "Culture and Civilization in the Lower Danube. East and West". Calarasi-Rousse, 12-14.10.2011. Presentation: "Prehistoric Flint Assemblages from Bulgaria: a Raw Material Perspective"
- EAA 17th Annual Meeting, Oslo, Norway, 14-18.09.2011, Presentation: Bonsall. M. Gurova: "Lithic scatters in the Mesolithic of Northern Britain: a valuable archaeological resource or just a load of rubbish"
- XVI International Congress of UISPP, Florianopolis, Brazil, 4-10.09.2011, Presentation: M. Gurova. C. Bonsall, et al.: "Approaching prehistoric skills: experimental drilling in the context of bead manufacturing"
- International Table Round " Neolithisation of the Struma valley and neighbouring regions", 8 -10. 06. 2011, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria. Presentation: "Flint factor in the Neolithisation of Strimon valley: Case study of the EN site of Kovačevo"

2010:

- International Conference "The Lower Danube in prehistory: landscape changes and human-environment interactions", 3-5.11.2010, Alexandria, Romania. Presentation: "Late Chalcolithic Flint Asemblages from the site Kosharna, Russe District"
- EAA 16th Annual Meeting, Hague, The Netherlands, 1-5-09.2010. Presentation: "Flint toolkits as cultural hallmarks: Case studies from the Balkans and the Southern Levant"
- 7th International Congress of the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE), 12-16 of April, British Museum and the Institute of Archaeology, University College London. Workshop N5: Near Easter Lithic Assemblages in the Bronze Age (organizer: prof. S. Rosen, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Presentation: "Dichotomy or convergence of prehistoric *tribulum* inserts: Trans-regional comparative analysis"

2009:

- International Workshop "Eastern Rhodopes: en la ruta de las migraciones humanas en Pleistoceno de Eurasia", in the framework of the Spanish-Bulgarian project "Coordinación de estudios sobre las primeras ocupaciones humanas en Eurasia: intercambios científicos Bulgaria – España". 30 October- 3 December 2009, CENIEH, Burgos, Spain. Presentation: Early humans remains from the Rhodopes: perspective of the research
- International conference "Golden V millennium BC. Thrace and neighbouring regions during Chalcolithic", 27-30 October 2009, Yundola, Bulgaria. Presentation: "Chalcolithic Flint Assemblages: Trajectory to the Regional Diversity/ Similarity"
- EAA 15th Annual Meeting, 15-21 September 2009, Riva del Garda, Italy: Main organiser of the session "Balkan Flint" in SE European Prehistory: Chronological, Cultural and Social Perspectives", co-organisers Prof. C. Bonsall (UK), Dr. B. Voytek (USA), Dr. D. Borić (Serbia/UK). Presentations: "Introduction" and "Archaeological background of the 'Balkan flint' problem: evidence from Bulgaria"
- Editorial meeting of team 2 of EARTH project (Early Agricultural Remnants and Technical Heritage – ESF), Juan-les-Pins, France, 26.02 – 04.03.2009

2008:

- International conference Geoarchaeology and Archaeomineralogy. Impact of Earth Sciences in the Study of material Culture, Sofia, 29-30 October 2008. Co-organiser and participant with two presentations: "Formal Early Neolithic Flint Toolkits: archaeological and

Sedimentological aspects” (co-author Ch. Nachev), and: “The rock shelter of Arkata, Eastern Rhodopes: Preliminary archaeological report” (co-author S. Ivanova)

- International conference “The Neo-Eneolithic Period in Ventral and South-Eastern Europe”. In honorem of the 85th Birth Anniversary of E. Comşa, Bucarest, Romania, 6-12 October 2008. Presentation: “Toward the meaning of flint grave-goods: a case study from Bulgaria”

- EAA 14th Annual Meeting, 16-21 September 2008, Valletta, Malta. Co-organiser (with Dr. G. Dimitriadis (Italy) & Dr. G. Nash (UK) and participant at the Session „Cognition and the act of artifact production. Presentation: “Resilience and revival of tribulum inserts production: cognitive insight of the prehistoric technology”

- Participation at the workshop in the frame of Spain-Bulgarian project „Coordinación de estudios sobre las primeras ocupaciones humanas en Eurasia: intercambios científicos Bulgaria – España”, Instituto Cervantes, Sofia, 15-19.04.2008.

- EARTH Team 2 editorial Meeting, Lipica, Slovenia, 20-23 June, 2008

- Participation at the table rounded „Stone messages”, organised by Dr. A. Raduncheva & Dr. S. Ivanova, Sofia, 17.01.2008.

2007:

- XIV Neolithic Seminar, Ljubljana (Slovenia), 3-6.11.2007. Neolithic Mind, Populations and Landscape. Presentation: “Towards an understanding of Early Neolithic populations: a flint perspective from Bulgaria”

- International lecture course of European University Centre for Cultural Heritage, Ravello (Italy), 22-27.10.2007.

- EARTH Team 2 Meeting “Crisis, resilience and revival” – Melos (Greece), 28-30. 09. 2007. Presentation: “Prehistoric technology in the option of crisis and revival: case-study from Bulgaria”

- Table ronde Internationale „L’Europe, déjà, à la fin des temps préhistoriques”, Orléans (France), 10. 09. 2007. Presentation: “Connotations fonctionnelles des grandes lames: Exemples de la Bulgarie”

- EAA 13th Annual Meeting, Zadar, Croatia, 18-22 September 2007. Co-organiser (with Dr. D. Boric (UK) & Dr. P. Miracle (UK) at the Session “Identities of the Early Neolithic Balkans”. Presentation: “Early Neolithic Settlers: A Flint Perspective from Bulgaria”

- International meeting at Mogosoia, Bucharest (Romania), 28-29. 07. 2007, organized by the National University of Arts in Bucharest with members of the UISPP Neolithic commission and the UISPP commission on “Gestures-Technology-Experiment”

- XLVI National Archaeological Conference 28-31.05.2006, Smolian, Bulgaria. Chair of the Prehistory Department session

- Presentation of Atapuerca project in Bulgaria, in cooperation with Cervantes Institute in Sofia and CENIEH, Burgos, 15.02.2007, Sofia

- EARTH Planary Workshop “Society and Agricultures: Stability and Continuity” – Granada (Spain), 9-11.02.2007

2006:

- International conference “ L’avenir du passé. Modernité de l’archéologie” organisé par INRAP, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France , 23-24.11.2006

- International conference “The functional value of funerary artefacts (La valeur fonctionnelle des objets sépulcraux) ”, Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l'Homme, Aix -en -Provence, France, 25-27. 10. 2006. Presentation: “Connotation fonctionnelle du mobilier en silex funéraire : cas d'étude de la Bulgarie”
- XV UISPP Congress – 2-10. 09. 2006, Lisbon, Portugal. Presentation: “Mobilier funéraire de nouveaux-nés et d'enfants:cas d'étude de la Bulgarie” (co-author Y. Bojadžiev)
- EARTH Team 2 Meeting “Local knowledge and technological stability”, Tafraoute – Morocco, 26–28. 05. 2006. Presentation: “Dichotomy of the harvesting tools: Conservatism versus innovation”
- National conference Prehistoric studies in Bulgaria: New challenges, Peshtera, 26-29. 04. 2006. Presentation: “Prehistoric agricultural tools as indicators of the Neolithisation”
- EARTH Plenary Meeting “Agricultural decision-making”, Leiden, The Netherlands, 2-6.02.2006. Presentation: “Early Neolithic crop husbandry practices: Comparative study of flint and crop assemblages from Bulgaria” (co-author Elena Marinova)

2005:

- International Congress “Prehistoric Technology 40 years later: Functional Studies and the Russian Legacy”, Verona, Italy. Presentation: “Typology, function, use-wear and context: Where is the common vision?”
- International workshop of the EARTH program (ESF) “The social and cultural dimensions of tool use: perspectives on choice”, Nantes, France. Presentation: “*Tribulum* in retrospection: A review”
- EAA 10th Annual Meeting, Cork, Ireland, September 2005. Presentation: “Prehistoric flints as hoards: a case study from Bulgaria”

2004:

- First Bulgarian-Greek symposium “The Rhodopes – ancient and unknown mountain”, Kardjali, Bulgaria. Presentation: “Flint assemblage from Perperikon: symbolic and utilitarian connotations”
- EAA 10th Annual Meeting, Lyon, France, September 2004. Presentation: “Tells in Bulgarian Thrace: Flint assemblages’ aspect”

2003:

- International symposium “Prehistoric Thrace”, Stara Zagora. Presentation: “Evolution and Retardation: flint assemblages from Tell Karanovo”
- International Exploratory workshop “The Humanized Mineral World: towards social and symbolic evaluation of prehistoric technologies in South Eastern Europe”, Sofia. Presentation: “Metières premières et tracéologie: trajectoires implicites”
- International symposium “Cultural Heritage and Interregional Partnership in the Mediterranean”, Palermo, Italy. Project proposal on behalf of the Director of the IAM-BAS

2002:

- EAA 8th Annual Meeting, Thessaloniki, Greece. Presentation: “Functional Aspects of the Early Neolithic Flint Assemblages from Bulgaria and NW Anatolia”

2001:

- XIVème Congrès d'UISPP, Liège, Belgium. Presentation: "Outils agricoles des assemblages néolithiques en silex de la Bulgarie - un contexte plus large"

2000:

- First International Conference Dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of S. A. Semenov, St.-Petersburg, Russia. Presentation: "Éléments du *tribulum* de la Bulgarie: accent sur le problème faucille-*tribulum*"

1999:

- National prehistoric conference "Thrace and the neighboring regions during the Neolithic and Chalcolithic", Karanovo, Bulgaria. Presentation: "Sickle and *tribulum* inserts: prehistoric and ethnographic context"

- Workshop "Recherches actuelles sur le Néolithique/Chalcolithique Européen" at the University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne), Paris, France. Presentation: "Analyse tracéologique des assemblages du néolithique ancien de la Bulgarie"

- Workshop "Nouvelles recherches archéologiques" at the Laval University (Department of Archaeology), Quebec, Canada. Presentation: "Analyse fonctionnelle d'assemblages en silex de Thrace (Bulgarie du sud)"

- Regional conference "Prehistoric agriculture in Catalonia" at Laboratoire d'Archéologie de l'Institut Mila I Fontanals (CSIC), Barcelone, Spain. Presentation: "Activités agricoles néolithiques de la Bulgarie du sud"

1998:

- Constituent workshop of the EARTH (ESF), St.-Vallié, Valbonne, France. Presentation: "Ethnographical and archaeological evidence of *tribulum* utilization in Bulgaria"

1997:

- Conference of the Prehistory Department of IAM-BAS New Research on the Prehistory of Bulgaria, Sofia. Presentation: "Use-wear analysis of the early Neolithic flint assemblages from Thrace, South Bulgaria"

- International symposium "Karanovo 1947-1997. Das Neolithikum in Südosteuropa", Karanovo. Presentation: "Research Problems of the Early Neolithic Flint Assemblages from Thrace (Bulgaria)"

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2012-2016 Haemus e-Journal, Skopje

2016-2018 Arheologicheski otkritiya i razkopki (AOR)

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