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Date and birth place: February 1st, 1970, Sofia, Bulgaria

Research interests: Silviculture and Management of Forest Resources

Education:

2004: PhD in Silviculture (incl. dendrology), Forestry Research Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

1994: University of Forestry, Sofia, MSc in Forestry

Employment:

2016 - present: Associate Professor, Department of Silviculture and Management of Forest Resources, Forest Research Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

2006-2016: Research associate, Forest Research Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

2006-2006: Forester, Forest Research Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

2000-2006: CEO „GS Osogovo“ AD, Kjustendil

1999-2000: Head of branch „Bogoslov“, Struma-les EAD, Kjustendil

1997-1999: Head engineer, Forestry management unit “Osogovo”, Kjustendil

1996-1997: Technologist, Forestry management unit “Osogovo”, Kjustendil

1995-1996: Senior forester, Forestry management unit “Zemen”, Zemen

Administrative responsibilities:

2017-present: Dep.-chairman of the Scientific Council at the Forest Research Institute, BAS

Teaching Experience:

2017-present: Part-time lecturer at the University of Forestry, Sofia

Training students:

2019-present: Scientific consultant of a PhD student, IBER, BAS

Publications: 44 papers published. The list of selected publications for last 5 years:

Hinkov G, Kachova V, **Velichkov I**, Dinka L (2019) The effect of grazing on old oak forests from Eastern Rhodopes Mountains. *Ecologia Balkanica* 11 (1) the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria – Plovdiv and the University of Plovdiv Publishing House, 215-223.

Popov E, Hinkov G, **Velichkov I**, Stefanova P (2018) Productivity of Douglas fir plantations in Bulgaria and the necessity for its utilization. *Forest science* 54: 3-23.

Lakicevic M, Srdjevic B, **Velichkov I** (2018) Combining AHP and Smarter in Forestry Decision Making. *Baltic Forestry* 24 (1): 42-49.

Lakicevic M, Sredevic B, **Velichkov I**, Sredevic (2016) An example of different AHP structuring in a forest management problem. *Matica Srpska J. Nat. Sci. Novi Sad*, 130, 2016, DOI:10.2298/ZMSPN1630127L, 127-137.

Mattioni C, Martin MA, Chiochini F, Cherubini M, Gaudet M, Pollegioni P, **Velichkov I**, Jarman R, Chambers FM, Paule L, Damian V, Cranic G, Villani F (2017) Landscape genetics structure

of European sweet chestnut (*Castanea sativa* Mill): indications for conservation priorities. Tree Genetics & Genomes: 13-39.

Research projects: Project leader and/or participant in more than 10 national and international research or research-applied projects. The projects for the last 5 years are listed below:

- Improved mountainous forest management for sustainable provision of ecosystem services under climate change (MFORES). Contract D-33-64/07.13.2015 with Ministry of Environment and Water, a project financed with the participation of the EEA Grants (European Economic Area grants), BG03 "Biodiversity and ecosystems". 2015-2016. Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr. I. Velichkov.
- Methodology for assessment of regeneration processes in damaged forests from diseases, pests and natural impacts. Contract № PO-01-15/26.02.2018 between SWSE Blagoevgrad and Forest Institute at BAS. 2018. Project leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr. I. Velichkov.