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Date and birth place: 17 September 1974, Chirpan town, dist. Stara Zagora

Research interests: Forest Entomology, Dolichopodidae, Lonchaeidae, Ceratophgonidae, Biodiversity, Parasitoids, Biological Control

Education:

2004-2007: Plovdiv university "Paisii Hilendarski", Doctorate, Doctoral thesis: "Dolichopodid fauna (Insecta: Diptera: Dolichopodidae) of the West Rhodopes."

1996-2001: Plovdiv university "Paisii Hilendarski", Ecology, Master degree: "Ecological modeling and expertise"

Employment:

2019-present: Associate Professor, Forest Research Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

2015-2019: Associate Professor, University of agribusiness and rural development – Plovdiv

2012-2015: Chief Assistant, Hihger School Agricultural College – Plovdiv

2009-2012: Assistant, Hihger School Agricultural College – Plovdiv

2002-2002: Main Expert in Ecology, Chirpan municipality

Teaching Experience:

2012-2020: University of Agribusiness and Rural Development – Plovdiv

2009-2012: Hihger School Agricultural College – Plovdiv

"Erasmus+": Lectures abroad:

- Turkey, Chanakkale, April, 2011, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, April, 2011, Lectures: Biodiversity of natural and agroecosystems
- Turkey, Chanakkale, April, 2012, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Lectures: Freshwater algae. Algal blooms
- Croatia, Krizevci College of Agriculture, 29 August – 03 September, Lectures: Biodiversity of Bulgaria
- Greece, Thessaloniki, Alexander Technological Educational Institute, May, 2015, Lectures: Biodiversity of Bulgaria. Protected Areas
- Greece, Athens, Piraeus University of Applied Science, Egaleo, April, 2016, Lectures: Biodiversity of Bulgaria. Ecotourism
- Spain, Cordoba, University of Cordoba, May, 2017, Lectures: Biodiversity of Bulgaria. Floodplain forests
- North Macedonia, Skopje, European University, May, 2018, Lectures: Biodiversity of the Balkan Peninsula
- North Macedonia, Stip, Gotse Delchev University, May, 2019, Lectures: Biodiversity of the Balkan Peninsula

Membership in scientific organisations: Union of Scientists in Bulgaria.

Publications: One monograph, 2 textbooks, 2 study aids and more than 30 scientific papers. List of selected publications for the last five years:

Kechev M (2015) Species diversity and ecology of predatory dolichopodid flies (Diptera, Brachycera, Dolichopodidae) in Bulgaria. - ISBN 978-619-203-001-8. Publishing house "Talent", UARD, Plovdiv, 119 pp.

Kechev M, Negrobov O (2015) A new species of the Genus *Hercostomus* Loew, 1857 (Diptera, Dolichopodidae). *Acta zoologica bulgarica*, 67 (2): 199-202.

Kechev M, Ivanova M (2015) New records and list of known species of the family Dolichopodidae (Diptera, Empidoidea) from Croatia. *Natura Croatica*, 24 (2): 323-330.

Doychev D, Kechev M, Todorov I, Mirchev P, Bencheva S, Georgiev G (2016) New Entomophagous Enemies of *Ips typographus* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) from Bulgaria. *Acta zoologica bulgarica*, 68 (1): 131-134.

Kechev M (2016) Forestry and riparian long-legged flies (Diptera: Dolichopodidae) from Sarnena Sredna Gora Mountain with new records for Bulgaria. *Silva balcanica*, 17 (2): 45-55.

Kechev M (2017) New records of long-legged flies (Diptera: Dolichopodidae) from Greece. *Silva balcanica*, 18(1): 53-57.

Kechev M, Langourov M (2019) New records of Lance flies (Diptera: Lonchaeidae) to Bulgaria and Montenegro with notes on the distribution of the family Lonchaeidae for the Balkan Peninsula. *Silva balcanica*, 20(1): 85-88.

Kechev M (2019) Predatory flies of the family Dolichopodidae (Diptera: Empidoidea) from forest and riparian habitats in Bulgaria. *Proceedings of papers 150 years of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences*, pp. 47-54.

Kechev M, Naglis S, Tonguç A, Pollet M (2020) Checklist of the Dolichopodidae (Diptera, Empidoidea) of the Balkan Peninsula, with first records for Bulgaria, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and for the European part of Turkey. *Zootaxa*, 4819, 3, 436-472.

Research projects:

- Using of UAS for health status assessment of forest stands in Southwestern Bulgaria. Funded by Southwestern State Enterprise - Blagoevgrad. 2020-2023. Project Leader: Ass. Sevdalin Belilov.
- International Co-operative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests operating under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollutions: ICP Forests of EU Program. 2000-2020. Project Leaders: Prof. DSc Plamen Mirchev, Prof. Dr Ekaterina Pavlova.
- National Scientific Program 'Environmental Protection and Reduction of the Risk of Adverse Events and Natural Disasters'. WP 1.1.4. Impact of climate change on forest ecosystems and adaptation measures. Assignor Ministry of Education and Science: 2018-2023. Project Leader: Prof. Dr. Margarita Georgieva.
- Control and validation of the results of performed analyzes and studies of the species and natural habitats in Bulgaria, subject to reporting under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive and Article 12 of the Birds Directive. Funded by Executive Environment Agency. 2019-2020. Project Leader: Prof. Dr. Miglena Zhiyanski.