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### Research topics

- Synthesis and characterization of hydrogels from synthetic and natural polymers for controlled release of drugs.
- Micro- and nanoparticles used as delivery systems for: water soluble and insoluble drugs; DNA in gene therapy; proteins, hormones, etc.
- Biomimetic and bioresponsive materials based on smart polymers for self-regulated drug delivery or other biomedical and biotechnological applications
- Polysaccharides and chemical modification of polysaccharides for biomedical applications

**Profile address:** Research ID: B-6794-2012 (<http://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/B-6794-2012>)

### Scientific research

Expertise recognized by **85** published papers, leader in national and international grants, Romanian Academy Prize for Chemistry „Costin D. Nenitescu”

Research stages: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Ferrara, Italy; Department of Biology, University ‘Roma Tre’, Italy; CERMAV-CNRS, Grenoble, France; Department of Analytical Chemistry, University of Thessaloniki, Greece; NATO fellowship (6 months, 2003), University from Ferrara

The high visibility of published papers is reflected in more than **2160 citations**, Hirsh-index= **25**, according to Web of Science (all databases).

### Relevant publications

1. Constantin M., Bucatariu S., Ascenzi P., Butnaru M., Fundueanu G.  
**Smart drug delivery system activated by specific biomolecules**  
Mat. Sci. Eng. C 2020, 108, Article number 110466.
2. Fundueanu G., Constantin M., Bucatariu S., et al.  
**Simple and dual cross-linked chitosan millicapsules as a particulate support for cell culture**  
Int. J. Biol. Macromol. 2020, 143, 200-212.
3. Fundueanu G., Constantin M., Bucatariu S., Ascenzi P.  
**pH/thermo-responsive poly(N-isopropylacrylamide-co-maleic acid) hydrogel with a sensor and an actuator for biomedical applications**  
Polymer 2017, 110, 177-186.
4. Constantin M., Bucatariu S., Harabagiu V., Ascenzi P., Fundueanu G.  
**Do cyclodextrins bound to dextran microspheres act as sustained delivery systems of drugs?**  
Int. J. Pharm. 2014, 469, 1-9
5. Fundueanu G., Constantin M., Oanea I., Ascenzi P., Simionescu B.C.  
**Prediction of the appropriate size of drug molecules that could be released by a pulsatile mechanism from pH/thermosensitive microspheres obtained from preformed polymers**  
Acta Biomaterialia 2012, 8, 1281-1289
6. Fundueanu G., Constantin M., Oanea I., Ascenzi P., Simionescu B.C.  
**Entrapment and release of drugs by a strict "on-off" mechanism in pullulan microspheres with pendant thermosensitive groups**  
Biomaterials 2010, 31, 9544-9553
7. Fundueanu G., Constantin M., Ascenzi P.  
**Poly(vinyl alcohol) microspheres with pH- and thermosensitive properties as temperature-controlled drug delivery**  
Acta Biomaterialia 2010, 6, 3899-3907.
8. Fundueanu G., Constantin M., Ascenzi P.  
**Preparation and characterization of pH- and temperature-sensitive pullulan microspheres for controlled release of drugs**  
Biomaterials 2008, 29, 2767-2775.