

# CURRICULUM VITAE – Dorina M. Opris

## 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## 2. EDUCATION

- 2005**      **PhD in Synthetic Organic Chemistry**  
Freie Universität Berlin, Institute of Organic Chemistry, Berlin, Germany  
Thesis title: "*Shape-persistent macrocycles with bipyridine units: progress in accessibility and widening of applicability*"  
Supervisors: Prof. A. D. Schlüter (presently ETH emeritus) and Prof. H.-U. Reissig
- 1999**      **Master in Chemistry**  
Faculty of Chemistry, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

## 3. CURRENT POSITION

- 2014 –**      **Group leader**, Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology, Laboratory for Functional Polymers, Switzerland

## 4. PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2009 – 2013**      **Research scientist**, Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology, Laboratory for Functional Polymers, Switzerland
- 2006 – 2009**      **Postdoctoral scholar**, Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology, Laboratory for Functional Polymers, Switzerland
- 2001 – 2004**      **PhD candidate** (assistant in organic chemistry), Institute for Organic Chemistry, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany
- 1999 – 2001**      **PhD candidate**, Faculty of Chemistry, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania
- 1997 – 2001**      **Researcher** (food flavor field), Natex SA, Luna de Sus (full-time employee 1997 – 1999 and part-time 1999 – 2001)

## 5. AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020**      ERC Consolidator Grant "Synthesis of novel stimuli responsive dielectric polymers and their use in powerful transducers", 1'999'715 €.

- 2019** EuroEAP Society award “For important contributions to the field of new materials for Dielectric Elastomer Transducers” at the Ninth International Conference on Electromechanically Active Polymer (EAP) Transducers & Artificial muscles, June 5<sup>th</sup> **2019**, Dresden, Germany.
- 2001 – 2004** Fellow of the German Science Foundation (DFG) Sfb 448 “Mesoscopically Structured Hybrid Materials”
- 1994** First Prize in Organic Chemistry at Babes-Bolyai University, Romania
- 1992 – 1997** Romanian Government Scholarship for best students, Faculty of Chemistry, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

## 6. TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2021 –present** **Lecturer** – “Materials Synthesis I” together with Prof. A. Anastasaki for bachelor materials science students, ETH Zürich, Switzerland (4 credit points, 38 students)
- 2018 –present** **Lecturer** - “Introduction to Macromolecular Chemistry” for chemistry master students, ETH Zürich, Switzerland (4 credit points, 50 students)
- 2018 –2021** **Lecturer** - Polymer part of the course “Materials Science I/II” for bachelor materials science students, ETH Zürich, Switzerland (3 credit points)
- 2002 – 2003** **Assistant** in the basic lab course for chemistry students “Organic Chemistry”, FU Berlin, Germany.
- 2000 – 2001** **Assistant** in the lab course for chemistry students “Organic Chemistry”, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

## 7. INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

**Since 2016** Member of the Empa research commission (FOKO A)

Representing the Functional Polymers Laboratory at several meetings with industry delegations, including those from Danfos (Denmark), Dow (Switzerland), Evonik (Germany), Wacker (Germany), Abatek, IBM (Switzerland), ABB (Switzerland), Swiss Plastics (Switzerland), Panasonic (Japan/Belgium), Johnson Electrics (Switzerland), Logitech (Switzerland) and Sateco (Switzerland).

## 8. RESEARCH FUNDING

**2011-current** A total amount of about **3'800 kEuro** as the main applicant and **1'480 kEuro** as co-applicant. The grants supported the PhD students and postdoctoral researchers. For a list, see below.