

## PERSONAL INFORMATION



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Sex Male | Date of birth 15/04/1976 | Nationality Romanian

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

From November 2007 to October 2011

**Doctor in Silvicultural Sciences**

"Ștefan cel Mare" University of Suceava. Faculty of Forestry

- Econometric analysis of timber prices under various conditions of commercialisation

From October 2005 to October 2007

**Master of Science in Environmental Governance**

"Albert-Ludwigs" University Freiburg, Germany

- 25 months' scholarship provided by the Ministry of Environment of Baden Wurttemberg, Germany
- MSc thesis: Assessing rent-seeking behaviours in Romanian private forestry from a property-rights perspective

From September to November 2006

**Intern**

United Nation Economic Commission for Europe. Environmental Performance Review Programme. Geneva. Switzerland

- Supporting the elaboration of a paper for the 2007 Conference 'Environment for Europe' regarding environmental performances of countries in transition from Eastern Europe and Central Asia;

From July to September 2006

**Intern**

FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council®) Deutschland, Freiburg, Germany

- Contributing to the data base with European FSC® certified companies from pulp and paper industry

From October 1994 to June 1999

**Bachelor degree: Forestry Engineer (5 years based diploma)**

"Ștefan cel Mare" University of Suceava. Faculty of Forestry.

From October 1996 to June 1997

**Student in Tempus exchange program**

Ecole Nationale de Génie Rural des Eaux et des Forêts, Nancy, France.

- 9 months scholarship provided by the EU TEMPUS exchange programme.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

From February 2019 – onward

**Associate Professor**

University of Suceava, Forestry Faculty. str. Universitatii, nr. 9, 720229, Suceava, Romania

- Teaching and research activities in Forest Economics, Environmental Conflict Management, Forest Products Marketing

From October 1999 to October 2005; November 2007 – February 2019

**Lecturer / Researcher**

University of Suceava, Forestry Faculty. str. Universitatii, nr. 9, 720229, Suceava, Romania

- Teaching and research activities in Silviculture, Forest Economics, Environmental Conflict Management, Forest Products Marketing; Human Resources Management

August 2018-September 2019

**Project Manager**

May 2013 – June 2016

University of Suceava, Forestry Faculty. str. Universitatii, nr. 9, 720229, Suceava, Romania

- 1) the Romanian Forest Policy Development project financed by private funds and 2) the project "Institutional entrepreneurship and impacts on sustainable forest management in Romania: bridging socio-economic and remote sensing tools (INFORMA)" financed by UEFSCDI

From August 2015 to November 2017

**Consultant in forest management**

IKEA Supply AG

- Consultation services for forest management certification in 15 private forest districts in Romania.

From February 2014 to February 2017

**Local expert in forest management**

GFA Certification GmbH

- Local expert for annual audits for forest management certification in Romania (4 audits)

From April 2016 to October 2016

**Local expert in forest management**

NEPCon

- Technical expertise for the elaboration of Centralised National Risk Assessment for Controlled Wood in Romania

From April 2012 to November 2012

**Country expert for Moldova and Romania**

TÜV SÜD Industrie Service GmbH, Certification Body of Climate Change projects

- Audit for validation of CDM afforestation projects in Moldova

From October to November 2012

**Trainer in sustainable timber procurement**

ICLEI Freiburg & ALEA Alba Iulia

- Traineeship for public authorities and SME's on the issue of sustainable public procurement

March/April 2008; March/April 2009

**Assistant researcher**

Institute of Forestry Economics, "Albert Ludwigs" University, Freiburg

- Preparing the project „Institutional Entrepreneurship and the Evolution of Forestry Markets”

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s)

Romanian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
250 points at the computer based TOEFL test in September 2005					
French	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Research productivity

- 1 book, 8 book chapters, 13 ISI articles; 15BDI articles
- h-index WOS/Scopus: – 9
- Member in the editorial committee of two journals (Annals of Forest Research and Bucovina Forestiera)

Selected research projects

- HORIZONT 2000: EFFECT: Environmental public goods From Farming through Effective Contract Targeting/ Furnizarea serviciilor publice de mediu de către fermieri prin intermediul unor contracte specifice. Grant 817903/1.05.2019
- 2014-2017: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation: Strengthening the capacities of forest owners associations for sustainable forest management
- 2013-2017 participant COST FP 1201 FACESMap - Forest Land Ownership Change in Europe: Significance for Management and Policy
- 2012 – 2016 StarTree, FP 7, Contract 311919/9.08.2012 Multipurpose trees and non-wood forest products: a challenge and opportunity
- 2011-2013 FP7, Functional significance of forest biodiversity in Europe (Semnificația funcțională a biodiversității forestiere în Europa), 2010-2014 FunDivEUROPE

## Selected book chapters

- Weiss G. and Nichiforel L. (2020) Concepts and definitions of forest ownership. In: UNECE/FAO 2019. Who owns our forests? Forest ownership in the ECE region, pp. 19-30. Coordinating Lead Author: Anna Lawrence. ECE/TIM/SP/43. Geneva: United Nations Publications.
- Nichiforel L. and Hujala, T., (2020). Policy instruments to govern forest ownership. In: UNECE/FAO 2019. Who owns our forests? Forest ownership in the ECE region, pp. 86-100. Coordinating Lead Author: Anna Lawrence. ECE/TIM/SP/43. Geneva: United Nations Publications.
- Prokofieva, I., Bouriaud, L., Corradini, G., Górriz, E., Kouplevatskaya-Buttoud, I; Nichiforel, L. (2019) Policy framework for NWFPs – demands and barriers. in Wolfslehner, B.; Prokofieva I.; Mavsar, R. (ed). Non-wood forest products in Europe: Seeing the forest around the trees. What Science Can Tell Us 10, European Forest Institute. pp. 55-76. ISBN 978-952-5980-77-6 (printed)
- Weiß, G., Lawrence, A. and Nichiforel, L., 2017. How does forest ownership in Europe affect the forest-based bioeconomy?. Towards a sustainable European forest-based bioeconomy, p.118.
- Nichiforel, L., Bouriaud, L., Dragoi, M., Dorondel, S., Măntescu, L., Terpe, H. (2015) Forest Land Ownership Change in Romania. COST Action FP1201 FACESMAP Country Report, European Forest Institute Central-East and South-East European Regional Office, Vienna. 49 pages. Published in Živojinović, I., Weiss, G., Lidestav, G., Feliciano, D., Hujala, T., Dobšinská, Z., Lawrence, A., Nybakk, E., Quiroga, S., Schraml, U. (2015). Forest Land Ownership Change in Europe. COST Action FP1201 FACESMAP Country Reports, Joint Volume. EFICEEC-EFISEE Research Report. University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), Vienna, Austria. 693 pages. ISBN 978-3-900932-26-8 [Online publication]
- Mendes, A. M. S. C., Štefanek, B., Feliciano, D., Mizaraitė, D., Nonić, D., Kitchoukov, E., Nybakk, E., Duduman, G., Weiss, G., Nichiforel, L., Stoyanova, M., Mäkinen, P., Alves, R., Milijic, V. & Sarvašová, Z., 2011. Institutional innovation in European private forestry: the emergence of forest owners' organizations. In: Weiss, G., Pettenella, D., Ollonqvist, P. & Slee, B. (Eds.), Innovation in forestry: territorial and value chain relationships. CABI, United Kingdom, Wallingford, pp. 68-86, ISBN 978-1-84593-689-1, DOI 10.1079/9781845936891.0068 (CABI).

## Selected Publications

- Nichiforel, L., Duduman, G., Scriban, R. E., Popa, B., Barnoaiea, I., & Drăgoi, M. (2021). Forest ecosystem services in Romania: Orchestrating regulatory and voluntary planning documents. *Ecosystem Services*, 49, 101276.
- Nichiforel, L., Deuffic, P., Thorsen, B. J., Weiss, G., Hujala, T., Keary, K., ... & Górriz-Mifsud, E. (2020). Two decades of forest-related legislation changes in European countries analysed from a property rights perspective. *Forest Policy and Economics*, 115
- Lawrence, A., Deuffic, P., Hujala, T., Nichiforel, L., Feliciano, D., Jodlowski, K., ... & Vilkriste, L. (2020). Extension, advice and knowledge systems for private forestry: Understanding diversity and change across Europe. *Land Use Policy*, 94
- Buliga, B. and Nichiforel, L., 2019. Voluntary forest certification vs. stringent legal frameworks: Romania as a case study. *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 207, pp.329-342.
- Weiss, G., Lawrence, A., Hujala, T., Lidestav, G., Nichiforel, L., Nybakk, E., Quiroga, S., Sarvašová, Z., Suarez, C. and Živojinović, I., 2019. Forest ownership changes in Europe: State of knowledge and conceptual foundations. *Forest Policy and Economics*.
- Scriban, R.E., Nichiforel, L., Bouriaud, L.G., Barnoaiea, I., Cosofret, V.C. and Barbu, C.O., 2019. Governance of the forest restitution process in Romania: An application of the DPSIR model. *Forest Policy and Economics*.
- Nichiforel, L., Keary, K., Deuffic, P., Weiss, G., Thorsen, B.J., Winkel, G., Avdibegović, M., Dobšinská, Z., Feliciano, D., Gatto, P. and Mifsud, E.G., 2018. How private are Europe's private forests? A comparative property rights analysis. *Land Use Policy*, 76, pp.535-552.
- Bouriaud, L., Marzano, M., Lexer, M., Nichiforel, L., Reyser, C., et al. 2015. Institutional factors and opportunities for adapting European forest management to climate change. *Regional Environmental Change*, 15(8), 1595-1609.

- Bouriaud, Laura, Olivier Bouriaud, Ché Elkin, Christian Temperli, Christopher Reyer, Gabriel Duduman, Ionuț Barnoaiea, Liviu Nichiforel, Niklaus Zimmermann, and Harald Bugmann. 2015. Age-class disequilibrium as an opportunity for adaptive forest management in the Carpathian Mountains, Romania. *Regional Environmental Change*: 1-12.
- Bouriaud, Laura, Liviu Nichiforel, Lina Nunes, Helena Pereira, and Agron Bajraktari. 2014. A property rights-based analysis of the illegal logging for fuelwood in Kosovo. *Biomass and Bioenergy*. 67: 425-434.
- Bouriaud, L. Nichiforel, L. G. Weiss, A. Bajraktari, M. Curovic, Z. Dobsinska, P. Glavonjic, V. Jarský, Z. Sarvasova, M. Teder, Z. Zalite. 2012. Governance of private forests in Eastern and Central Europe: An analysis of forest harvesting and management rights. *Ann. For. Res.* 56(1): 199-215, ISSN: 1844-8135
- Nichiforel L., Schanz H., 2011. Property rights distribution and entrepreneurial rent-seeking in Romanian forestry: a perspective of private forest owners, *European Journal of Forest Research*, DOI 10.1007/s10342-009-0337-8, Springer-Verlag, ISSN 1612-4669 (Print) 1612-4677 (Online)

#### Selected international conferences

- Romanian Forest Governance System: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly. 5th IMER Conference Suceava University. On-line. 29th of October 2021.
- Forest ownership structures in Europe and implications for uptake of forest and biomass certification systems. SNS Workshop: Dialogue on governance to develop sustainable forest landscapes for production of wood for energy and the bioeconomy. On-line. 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.
- Small-scale Forest Ownership: Variations in Policy Instruments and Property Rights Across Europe. IUFRO Small-Scale Forestry Conference. On-line. February 2021.
- Private forest ownership - Policy instruments and legislation. UNECE/FAO Seminar on State of Forest Ownership in the UNECE Region trends – opportunities – challenges. Bruxelles. 14of December 2018.
- Current Status of Forestland Fragmentation and Policy Lessons- The case of former socialist countries in Europe. FAO International Conference on smallholder forestry and forestland fragmentation: Sharing lessons and experience between China and Europe. Beijing, 26-28 September 2018
- Forest certification in the context of different national regulatory frameworks. Governing sustainability of bioenergy, biomaterial and bioproduct supply chains from forest and agricultural landscapes. 17-19 April 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Forest ownership changes in Europe: trends, issues and needs for action. Final Conference of the COST Action FP1201 FACESMAP, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, 6-7 Septembrie, 2016
- Adaptability and stability of European forest ecosystems in relation to tree species diversity: a review of the scientific evidence and forest management options. Freiburg, 10-12.06.2014.
- AGORA - Adapting Mediterranean forests to climate change, New economic approaches in forest goods and services marketing, Fez (Morocco), 12-16 September 2011
- RomaForest 2011. Present and Future role of forest resources in the socio-economic development of rural areas, 23 Iunie 2011, Roma
- International Scientific conference Forestry, Wildlife and Wood Sciences for Society Development, Prague, 16. – 18. April 2009
- Ninth International Conference on Current Issues of Sustainable Development – Governance and Institutional Change, Faculty of Economics, Opole, Poland, 19 – 21 Aprilie 2009
- International Symposium Change in Governance as Collective Learning Process: Management, Politics, and Ethics in Forestry, Nancy, France, 21 – 24 of June 2009
- International conference Landscape Ecology and Forest Management - Challenges and Solutions -, Chengdu, Sichuan, P.R. China, September 16-22, 2008