



Curriculum Vitae

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Education

1982 - Ph.D. in Physics, Lebedev Institute of Physics, USSR Academy of Sciences, Moscow, USSR;

1978 - M.S. with Honors in Physics and Engineering, Moscow Institute of Physics and Engineering.

Higher Doctorate/Professorship

1993 - Full Professor (Electronic Engineering), Technical University of Moldova and Supreme Certificate Commission at the Council of Ministers of Moldova;

1991 - Dr. Habilitate in Physics, Institute of Applied Physics, Chisinau, Moldova and Supreme Certificate Commission at the USSR Council of Ministers, Moscow, USSR.

Professional Background

Since 26.03.2026 – Vice-President of the Romanian Academic Council;

Since 09.04.2019 – President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova (re-elected on 17.11.2023);

12/2012-04/2019 - First Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova;

11/2004-12/2012 - Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova;

2001-present - Founder and Director, National Center for Materials Study and Testing, Moldova;

05/1998-11/2004 - Vice-Rector of the Technical University of Moldova, Chisinau, Moldova;

12/2000-05/2001 - Visiting Professor, EECS Department, University of Michigan, USA;

10/1995-12/1996, 11/1998-07/1999 - Visiting Professor, Technical University Darmstadt, Germany;

1984-1998 - Senior and Leading Research Scientist, Head of the Laboratory, Institute of Applied Physics, Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Chisinau, Moldova.

Professional Recognition and Memberships

Honorary member of the Academy of Legal Sciences of Romania (2025);

Honorary member of the Academy of Technical Sciences of Romania (2024);

Fellow of the International Science Council (<https://council.science/profile/ion-tiginyanu/>), 2022;

Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (<https://euro-acad.eu/>), 2022;

Member of Academia Europaea (The Academy of Europe, https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Member/Tiginyanu_Ion), 2021;

Doctor Honoris Causa of the “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University, Iași, România, 2019;

„**Champions of Change Award 2019**”, Laboratory of Initiatives for Development (LID-Moldova);

Fellow of the International Society for Optics and Photonics (SPIE), 2018

(https://spie.org/profile/Ion.Tiginyanu-18576#_);

Senior member of the Optical Society of America („Optica”, former OSA), 2018;
Honorary Professor of the Shizuoka University, Japan, 2017;
‘Inventor of the Year’ Award from the TeleRadio-Moldova Company, 2016;
Honorary Member of the Romanian Academy, 2015;
Honorary Doctor of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna, Russian Federation, 2015;
Award of the Academies of Sciences of Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine for scientific achievements, 2014;
Doctor Honoris Causa of the State University of Balti, Republic of Moldova, 2014;
Honorary member of the Academy of Scientists of Romania (AOSR), 2013;
Full Member (Academician) of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, since 2012;
‘Outstanding Inventor’ Award from the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), 2011;
‘Scientist of the Year’ Award and Honoured Person of the Republic of Moldova, 2005;
National Prize in Science and Technology, Republic of Moldova, 2004;
Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, Bonn, Germany, 1995;
Research Award of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, 1992;
Member of the American Nano Society (since 2011);
Member of the International Committee on Capacity Building (World Federation of Engineering Associations), Washington D.C. (2004-2018);
Member of the Editorial Board of the “Hybrid Advances” (Elsevier), since 2022;
Member of the Editorial Board of the “Semiconductor Science and Technology” (IOP), since 2013;
Member of the Editorial Board of the “Applied Surface Science Advances” (Elsevier), since 2020;
Member of the Editorial and Advisory Board of the “Romanian Reports in Physics”, since 2013;
Member of the Editorial Board of the “Surface Engineering and Applied Electrochemistry” (2012-2025).

Research Areas/Interests

Nanotechnologies and nanomaterials, three-dimensional nanoarchitectures, aero-materials; Materials science (III-V and II-VI compounds, nanostructured thin membranes, semiconductor-metal ordered networks, metamaterials, photonic crystals, negative refractive index materials, nanomaterials for random lasers, photovoltaic and biomedical applications); Micro- and nanostructuring of semiconductors for the development of photonic crystals, waveguides, splitters, focusing elements, sensors etc.; Novel nanocomposite materials (semiconductor/metal and semiconductor/polymer) for photonic and nonlinear optical applications; Ternary and multinary semiconductor compounds, phase transitions under hydrostatic pressure; Electrochemical treatment of electronic materials for sensor applications, templated electrochemical deposition; Luminescence, micro-Raman scattering, electron-phonon interaction, optical and electrical properties of low-dimensional structures.

Teaching, Advisor

Teaching: Nanotechnologies, Solid State Physics, Materials for Micro-Optoelectronics and Photonics
Scientific adviser: 26 Ph.D. theses and 2 Dr. Habilitate theses.

Publications, Patents, Citations

Publications: **over 750 scientific publications**, including more than 450 articles in international journals, 6 books in English (among them: **three books edited by Springer in Germany, one edited by Woodhead Publishing in UK**);

Patents:

54 technological patents.

Hirsch index: $h = 49$ (SCOPUS), $h = 59$ (Google Scholar)

Citations: **more than 9200** (SCOPUS), **13400 citations** (Google Scholar)

Scientific Reports

Over 150 Scientific Reports and Lectures at many universities and research centers from USA, Canada, Germany, Italy, France, Japan, Republic of Korea, UK, Romania, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Portugal, Denmark, Poland, Hungary, China, Russia, Ukraine etc.

Awards

- “**Award for Emeritus Scientist in Physical Chemistry @ Materials Science**”, 2nd Central and Eastern European Conference on Physical Chemistry and Materials Science, Kaunas, Lithuania, 19.09.2024.
- ‘**Inventor of the Year**’ Award from the TeleRadio-Moldova Company, 2016;
- ‘**Outstanding Inventor**’ Award from the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), 2011;
- **more than 30 Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards** at the International Exhibitions “Eureka” (Brussels); International Exhibitions of Inventions in Geneva; InfoInvent, EuroInvent etc.;
- **Gold Prize** at the Seoul International Invention Fair 2008 organized by Korea Invention Promotion Association in Seoul, Korea on December 11-15, 2008, for the invention of “*Nanotubes in semiconductor matrix*”;
- **Gold Medal Award (Award of Excellence)** at the International Exhibition of Inventions and New Products in Pittsburgh (USA, 2005), for the invention of the “*Surface Charge Lithography*”.

Organizer of International Conferences

- Co-chairman of the 7th International Conference on Nanotechnology and Biomedical Engineering, Oct. 07-10, 2025, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova;
- Co-chairman of the 6th International Conference on Nanotechnology and Biomedical Engineering, Sep. 20-23, 2023, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova;
- Co-chairman of the 5th International Conference on Nanotechnology and Biomedical Engineering, Nov. 3-5, 2021, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova;
- Co-chairman of the 4th International Conference on Nanotechnology and Biomedical Engineering, Sept. 18-21, 2019, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova;
- Chairman of the SPIE Nanotechnology Conference (editions VII and VIII), Barcelona, Spain, May 4-6, 2015 și May 8-9, 2017;
- Co-chairman of the Symposium S “Materials for Nanoelectronics & Nanophotonics” of the European Materials Research Society Fall Meeting, Warsaw, Poland, September 18-21, 2017;
- Chairman of the SPIE Nanotechnology Conferences (7th and 8th editions), Barcelona, Spain, May 4-6, 2015 and May 8-9, 2017;
- Co-chairman of the SPIE Nanotechnology Conference (6th edition), Grenoble, France, April 24-26, 2013;
- Co-chairman of the 3rd International Conference on Nanotechnology and Biomedical Engineering, Sept. 23-26, 2015, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova;
- Co-chairman of the 2nd International Conference on Nanotechnology and Biomedical Engineering, April 18-20, 2013, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova;
- Co-chairman of the 1st International Conference on Nanotechnology and Biomedical Engineering, July 7-8, 2011, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova;
- Co-chairman of a series of International Conferences on Microelectronics and Computer Science, Chisinau, Moldova;
- Co-chairman of a series of German-Moldovan Workshops on Novel Nanomaterials for Electronic, Photonic and Biomedical Applications.

Technological elaborations and scientific results highlighted on international portals or cover of scientific journals

- 11 elaborations highlighted on Nanotechweb.org, London;
- 1 elaboration highlighted on SPIE Newsroom;
- 1 elaboration highlighted on Nanowerk;
- 1 elaboration highlighted on Physics World;
- 7 results and technological elaborations highlighted on Cover of international journals.

Participation in the realization of scientific projects (in most cases as director)

1. Project NanoMedTwin no 810652, Horizon-2020: „Promoting smart specialization at the Technical University of Moldova by developing the field of novel nanomaterials for biomedical applications through excellence in research and twinning” (2018-2022);
2. Bilateral project Moldova-Belarus 19.80013.50.07.03A/BL „Porous A³B⁵ semiconductor compounds and and perovskites for photonic and microelectronic structures” (2019-2020);
3. Project SCOPES-Swiss no IZ73Z0_152273/1 “Development and characterization of ultra-thin membranes of GaN and related nitride materials for sensor and piezo/acoustophotonic applications” (2014-2017);
4. Project STCU no 5933 “Development of maskless lithography for three-dimensional nanostructuring of GaN” (2014-2015);
5. Project BMBF-Germany „NanoEngine on titania nanotubes for biological applications” (2013-2015);
6. Bilateral project Moldova-Belarus 13.820.15.10/BA „Plasmonic and photonic metallo-semiconductor structures as platforms for various nano-bio-sensors” (2013-2014);
7. Project FP7 - Mold-Era no 266515 “Preparation for Moldova’s integration into the European Research Area and into the Community R&D Framework Programmes on the basis of scientific excellence” (2010-2013);
8. Project SCOPES-Swiss no Z73Z0 128047 “Nanopatterned materials for the improvement of terahertz quantum cascade lasers and laser-driven solid-state terahertz emitters”, (2010-2012);
9. Project STCU no 4034 “Development of random lasers based on porous semiconductor compounds for photonic applications”;
10. Project INTAS no 05-104-7567 “Development of THz sources on nanostructured semiconductors and focusing elements on photonic crystals” (2006 – 2008);
11. Project CGP-CDRF no ME2-2527 “Development of optical frequency up-converters and dielectric mirrors based on nanostructured III-V compounds for integrated optoelectronic circuits” (2004 – 2006);
12. Project INTAS no 01- 0796 “Monolayered opalline superlattice: application to nanotechnology of 2D ordered array of epitaxial nanodots and metalattice conductors” (2004 – 2005);
13. Project INTAS no 01- 0075 “Ferroelectrics templated in nanoporous membranes” (2004 – 2005);
14. Project BMBF-Germany “Submicrometer GaN Schottky diodes for THz Applications” (2002-2004);
15. Project BGP-CRDF no ME2-3013 “Phonon Engineering in III-V Nitrides for Device Applications” (2002 – 2004);
16. Project DFG-Germany “Nonlinear optical properties of nanostructured III-V compounds” (2000-2002);
17. Project COBASE (NRC-USA) “Three-Dimensional Microstructuring and Nanoheteroepitaxy of Gallium Nitride” (2000-2001);
18. High Technology NATO Grant no. HTECH.LG 961399 “Porosity-induced confinement phenomena in III-V compounds” (1997-2000).

Member of the Advisory Board at international scientific journals

1. *Hybrid Advances*, Elsevier (Associate Editor)
(<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/hybrid-advances/about/editorial-board>)
2. *Semiconductor Science and Technology*, IOP Publishing, United Kingdom

(<https://publishingsupport.iopscience.iop.org/journals/semiconductor-science-and-technology/editorial-board/>)

3. *Applied Surface Science Advances*, Elsevier

(<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/applied-surface-science-advances/editorial-board>)

4. *Romanian Reports in Physics*, Publishing House of the Romanian Academy

(<https://rrp.nipne.ro/editorial.html>).

Guest Editor of International Scientific Journals

1. Andrei Rotaru, Finlay D. Morrison, Ion Tiginyanu (Guest Editors), *Ceramics International*, Special issue on „Thermophysical Aspects of Functional Ceramics and Surfaces”, Vol. 45, no 2, part B (February 2019).
2. Yogendra Mishra, Jost Adam, Oliver G. Schmidt, Ion Tiginyanu (Guest Editors), *Vacuum*, Special Section on “Materials – Nanoelectronics & Nanophotonics”, Vol. 155 (2018).
3. Helmut Föll, Mark-Daniel Gerngross, Michael J Sailor and Ion Tiginyanu (Guest Editors), *Semiconductor Science and Technology*, Special issue on „Electrochemical Processing of Semiconductor Materials”, Vol. 31, no. 1 (2016).
4. Hadis Morkoc, Ion Tiginyanu (Guest Editors), *Turkish Journal of Physics*, Special Issue on „Nano- and Self-Assembled Structures”, Vol. 38, no 3 (2014).
5. Ion Tiginyanu, Rainer Adelung (Guest Editors), *Journal of Nanoelectronics and Optoelectronics*, A Special Section on „Nanotechnologies and Nanomaterials for Electronic and Photonic Applications”, Vol. 9, no 2, preface on pp. 193-195 (2014).
6. Ion Tiginyanu (Guest Editor), *Journal of Nanoelectronics and Optoelectronics*, A Special Section on „Nanotechnologies and Nanomaterials for Electronic, Phononic and Photonic Applications”, Vol. 7, no 7, preface on pp. 637-639 (2012).

Editor of Conference Proceedings

1. *IFMBE Proceedings*, Vol. 135 (2025). 7th International Conference on Nanotechnologies and Biomedical Engineering, Proceedings of ICNBME-2025. Volume 2: Biomedical Engineering and New Technologies for Diagnosis, Treatment, and Rehabilitation, October 7 - 10, 2025, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova (Editors: Victor Sontea, Ion Tiginyanu, S. Railean), ISBN: 978-3-032-06496-7, <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-032-06497-4>.
2. *IFMBE Proceedings*, Vol. 134 (2025). 7th International Conference on Nanotechnologies and Biomedical Engineering, Proceedings of ICNBME-2025. Volume 1: Nanotechnologies and Nano-biomaterials for Applications in Medicine, October 7 - 10, 2025, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova (Editors: Victor Sontea, Ion Tiginyanu, S. Railean), ISBN: 978-3-032-06493-6, <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-032-06494-3>.
3. *IFMBE Proceedings*, Vol. 92 (2024). 6th International Conference on Nanotechnologies and Biomedical Engineering, ICNBME-2023. Volume 2: Biomedical Engineering and New Technologies for Diagnosis, Treatment and Rehabilitation. November 20-23, 2023, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova (Editors: Victor Sontea, Ion Tiginyanu, S. Railean), ISBN: 978-3-031-42781-7.
4. *IFMBE Proceedings*, Vol. 91 (2024). 6th International Conference on Nanotechnologies and Biomedical Engineering, ICNBME-2023. Volume 1: Nanotechnologies and Nano-biomaterials for Applications in Medicine. November 20-23, 2023, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova (Editors: Victor Sontea, Ion Tiginyanu, S. Railean), ISBN: 978-3-031-42774-9.
5. *IFMBE Proceedings*, Vol. 87 (2021). 5th International Conference on Nanotechnologies and Biomedical Engineering, ICNBME-2021, November 3-5, 2021, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova (Editors: I. Tiginyanu, V. Sontea, S. Railean), ISBN: 978-3-030-92327-3.

6. ***IFMBE Proceedings***, Vol. 77 (2019). 4th International Conference on Nanotechnologies and Biomedical Engineering, ICNBME-2019, September 18-21, 2019, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova (Editors: I. Tiginyanu, V. Sontea, S. Railean), ISBN: 978-3-030-31866-6.
7. “Nanotechnology VIII”, Ion M. Tiginyanu, Rainer Adelung, Andrei Sarua (Editors). ***Proceedings of SPIE***, Vol. 10248 (SPIE, Bellingham, WA 2017), ISBN: 9781510609976.
8. Nanotechnology VII”, Ion M. Tiginyanu (Editor). ***Proceedings of SPIE***, Vol. 9519, SPIE, 2015. ISBN: 9781628416428.
9. ***IFMBE Proceedings***, Vol. 55 (2015). 3rd International Conference on Nanotechnologies and Biomedical Engineering, ICNBME-2015, September 23-26, 2015, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova (Editors: V. Sontea, I. Tiginyanu), ISBN: 978-981-287-736-9.

Professional Experience

I was involved in the development of new luminescent materials, namely phosphors, at the Lebedev Physical Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, where I defended my PhD thesis in 1982. Subsequently, I joined the Institute of Applied Physics of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, where I contributed to the growth and characterization of wide-bandgap binary and ternary semiconductor compounds for optoelectronic and photonic applications.

After 1991, I visited, for periods of up to three months, the University of Cagliari, Italy, working with Prof. Alberto Anedda; the University of Parma, Italy, working with Prof. Carlo Razzetti; and the National Technical University of Athens, Greece, working with Prof. Evangelos Anastassakis. During these visits, I studied luminescence and phase transitions in thin films and porous samples of binary and ternary semiconductor compounds.

In 1995/1996 and 1998/1999, I visited the Technical University of Darmstadt in Germany as a Humboldt Research Fellow, where I contributed to the development of new porous materials for optoelectronic and photonic applications. In 2000/2001, I carried out a project devoted to GaN nanostructuring at the University of Michigan in the US, under the sponsorship of the National Research Council. In 2003–2005, I carried out the project “Development of Optical Frequency Up-Converters and Dielectric Mirrors Based on Nanostructured III–V Compounds for Integrated Optoelectronic Circuits” at the University of Rochester, US.

Over the last two decades, I have participated in a series of international projects devoted to optics, optoelectronics, photonics, and biomedical engineering. Among the most important technological developments, I would mention Surface Charge Lithography, a technique enabling the fabrication of ultrathin membranes and recognized with an Award of Excellence at INPEX-2005, the International Invention and New Products Exhibition in Pittsburgh, USA; Hopping Electrodeposition (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3Czpw2gB4A>); and the invention of Aerogalnite, the first artificial material with dual hydrophilic/hydrophobic properties, which was highlighted by *Physics World* (<https://physicsworld.com/a/hydrophobic-or-hydrophilic-aero-gallium-nitride-is-both/>).

I have presented over 150 scientific reports and lectures at universities and research centers in the United States, Canada, China, Germany, Italy, France, Japan, the Republic of Korea, England, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Portugal, Poland, Hungary, Russia etc. I am a Fellow of the International Science Council, a member of Academia Europaea, a member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, a Fellow of SPIE — the International Society for Optics and Photonics, and a member of the editorial boards of several international scientific journals.