



Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2011 – 2016 *Ph.D. University of Oslo (Norway), Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences*

2005 – 2010 *M.Sc. & B.S. **Honors Diploma**: Kaluga State University (Russia), Faculty of Natural Science (In Russia M.Sc. & B.S. are combined)*

Employment

2019 – present *Curator of Coleoptera (beetles), Docent. University of Helsinki, Finnish Museum of Natural History*

2018 – 2019 *Postdoctoral fellow. Virginia Tech, Department of Biological Sciences*

2016 – 2018 *Postdoctoral fellow. National Institute for Mathematical & Biological Synthesis (NIMBioS), University of Tennessee*

2014 *Natural History Museum, University of Oslo, part-time collection-based job for enhancing the collection of dung beetles at the Natural History Museum (Oslo)*

2009-2011 *Research assistant: Natural History Museum of Denmark, University of Copenhagen. Grant-based undergraduate intern at the Department of Entomology, with special duties in curation of Coleoptera collection*

Research Funding and Grants

2020 Academy of Finland, academy project grant, €490,000

2016 NIMBioS short-term visitors support to bring my collaborators to National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis for working on joint project ~\$1,600

2016 NIMBioS, Postdoctoral Fellowship, \$104,000

2013 Synthesys Grant for visiting Natural History Museum in Paris \$3,500

2011 Quota scholarship for Ph.D. study at the Univ. of Oslo, funded by the Norwegian Government, \$57,000

2011 Martin Fellowship for the medium-term visit to Naturalis Biodiversity Center (Leiden), \$3,200

2011 EDIT grant to participate in Phylogenetic Systematics and Molecular Dating course, Copenhagen, Denmark, \$700

2010 Synthesys Grant for visiting Natural History Museum in Budapest, \$2,500

2009 Field Museum (Chicago, USA) Travel Grant, \$1,500

2009 Synthesys Grant for visiting British Museum, \$5,000

2009 Ernst Mayr Travel Grant in Animal Systematics \$1,500

Supervision Experience

- 2019-2020 Mentoring visiting graduate student Marcelly Valois (Universidade Federal do Para) and Sheila Cassenote Ferreira (Universidade Federal de Santa Maria)
- 2017 Mentoring graduate student Anna Peterson (University of Tennessee, WiSTAR3 program; assistance in mentoring)
- 2007-2008 Mentoring M.Sc. & B.S. students Bounpachan Bounthala, Kaison Silaphong (University of Laos; co-supervision along with Alexei Streltsov)

Teaching Experience

- 2019 Phylogenetic course (ForBio, Bergen); teaching modeling trait evolution (8 hours)
- 2019 Phylogenetic course (LUOMUS, Helsinki); teaching modeling trait evolution (16 hours)
- 2017 Phylogenetics for advanced high school students (Kaluga, Russia)
- 2017 3D imaging and novel approaches to Biosystematics (NHM Vienna, 4 hours)
- 2015 Identification of Dung Beetles (Federal University of Mato Grosso, Brazil, 8 hours)
- 2010 Assisting at Terrestrial Zoology field course (University of Copenhagen)

Honors and Awards

- 2014 Willi Hennig Award for the best student talk at the Willi Hennig Society meeting (Trento, Italy)
- 2011 Medal of the Russian Academy of Science for the best MSc research in Russia
- 2010 Nominated for or the Bernhard Rensch Prize for Biological Systematics
- 2009 The Best Student of the Year Award, Kaluga University
- 2006 Chizhevsky Award, Federal Agency of Education, Kaluga
- 2005 Youth of the Science Award, Federal Agency of Education, Obninsk
- 2004 Timofeev-Ressovsky Award, Federal Agency of Education, Kaluga

Invited Talks

- 2018 Virginia Tech, USA
- 2017 Invited speaker to Evolution meeting (Portland)
- 2014 X Reunión Latinoamericana de Scarabaeiodología, Villa de Leyva, Colombia
- 2012 Natural History Museum of Denmark, University of Copenhagen
- 2012 Canadian National Collection of Insects, Arachnids, and Nematodes (CNC) of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- 2011 Natural History Museum of Denmark, University of Copenhagen
- 2010 Natural History Museum of Denmark, University of Copenhagen

Media talks

- 2020 Are dung beetles important? Eco Sapien channel, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uc0qw15S5qk>
- 2017 NIMBioS video interview, http://www.nimbios.org/videos/vid_tarasov
- 2014 Evolutionary history of dung beetles: unraveling the mystery. NRK channel, Norway, <https://tv.nrk.no/serie/kunnskapskanalen/MDFP15003014/28-12-2014>

Other Key Merits

- 2015 – 2016 Coleopterists Society (student Councilor of the Society board)
- 2013 – 2016 *Zootaxa*, Scarabaeinae Section Editor
- The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, species assessments of Oriental dung beetles