

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Professional activity, workplace:

Fundamental anthropological research (paleoanthropology)

Principal scientific researcher, IIrd degree, Center of Thracology of the „Vasile Pârvan” Institute of Archaeology – Romanian Academy.

Studies, specialisation, competences:

- *University of Bucharest – Faculty of Biology, Geography and geology – 1988;*
- *University „Spiru Haret” – Faculty of Sociology-Psichology – 2009;*
- *Master în sociology – „Spiru Haret” University in Bucharest – Faculty of Sociology and Psychology- 2011;*
- *Master în Psychology – „Spiru Haret” University in Bucharest – Faculty of Sociology-Psichology - 2011;*
- *Ph.D. in antropology at the „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University Iași -1999 (Coordinator: Dr. Maria Cristescu).*
- *Assistant of Prof. Dr. Cantemir Rîșcuția at the Ecological University in Bucharest – 1996-1997.*
- *Employed as Research asistant – 1990;*
- *Promoted Scientific researcher – 1993;*
- *Promoted Principal scientific researcher III – 1997;*
- *Promoted Principal scientific researcher II – 2003.*

Workplaces:

- *Institute of Thracology/National Romanian Institute of Thracology – 1990;*
- *“Vasile Pârvan” Institute of Archaeology – Center of Thracology – 2003;*
- *Ecological University – university assitant – 1996-1997.*

Books as a single author – 2

1. *Populations of steppic origin from the transitional period and the Bronze Age on the territory of Romania (Populații de origine stepică din perioada de tranziție și epoca bronzului pe teritoriul României)*, Editura Cetatea de Scaun, Târgoviște, 2005 (ISBN-973-7925-59-9).
2. *Aspects of archaic medicine: human and animal trephination in Romania (Aspecte de medicină arhaică: trepanația umană și animală din România)*, Editura Cetatea de Scaun, Târgoviște, 2008-2013 (ISBN 978-973-8966-69-7).

Co-author to books – 8 (selection)

1. Cristian Schuster, **Comșa Alexandra**, Traian Popa, *The Archeology of Fire in the Bronze Age of Romania (Arheologia focului în Epoca Bronzului din România)*, Bibliotheca Musei Giurgiuvensis II, Giurgiu, 2001.
2. Cristian Schuster, Alexandru Morintz, **Alexandra Comșa**, *Prehistoric cultures in South-Western United States (Culturi preistorice din sud-vestul Statelor Unite ale Americii)*, Editura Cetatea de Scaun, Târgoviște, 2004 (ISBN-973-7925-46-7).
3. Mircea Negru, Cristian Schuster, Alexandru Bădescu, **Alexandra Comșa**, Alexandru Morintz, *Militari Câmpul Boja. Archaeological excavations from 2006-2007 (Militari-Câmpu Boja. Săpături arheologice din 2006-2007)*, series IV, Editura Cetatea de Scaun, Târgoviște, 2007 (ISBN 978-973-8966-42-0).
4. Georgeta Miu, Dan Botezatu, **Alexandra Comșa**, Georgeta El Susi, *Ostrovul Corbului between the river km 911-912. Anthropological and archaeozoological analysis (Ostrovul Corbului între km fluviali 911-912. Analiză antropologică și arheozoologică)*, București, 2013 (ISBN 978-973-566-224-0).

Chapters in volumes – 3

1. **Al. Comșa**, *Anthropological analysis of the skeleton in G.11/92 (Analiza antropologică a scheletului din G.11/92)*, în vol. *Sighișoara-Wietenberg. Prehistoric finds and the Dacian settlement (Sighișoara-Wietenberg. Descoperirile preistorice și așezarea dacică)*, coord. Andrițoiu I., Rustoiu A., Bibliotheca Thracologica XXIII, București, 1997, p. 155-156.
2. **Al. Comșa**, *Anthropological study regarding two burials discovered at Ripiceni, Botoșani County (Studiu antropologic referitor la două morminte descoperite la Ripiceni, jud. Botoșani)*, în vol. *The Early Bronze Age between the Carpathians and Pruth with some contributions to the preceding period to the Bronze Age in Moldova (Epoca timpurie a bronzului între Carpați și Prut cu unele contribuții la problemele perioadei premergătoare epocii bronzului în Moldova)*, coord. Fl. Burtănescu, Bibliotheca Thracologica XXXVII, București, 2004, p. 468-470.
3. C. Schuster, G. Crăciunescu, C. Fântâneau, *Zur Bronzezeit in Südromänien drei Kulturen: Glina, Tei und Verbicioara, Band 1 – Verbreitungsgebiet, Siedlungen, Häuser und Bestattungen* in Zusammenarbeit mit Al. Morintz, **Al. Comșa**, C. Semuc (*Trei culturi din epoca bronzului în sudul României: Glina, Tei și Verbicioara, Vol. 1 – Habitat, așezări, locuințe și înhumări*, în colaborare cu Al. Morintz, Al. Comșa, C. Semuc), Târgoviște, 2005.

Volume editing – 1

1. **Al. Comșa** (coordinating editor), Clive Bonsall (editor) Lolita Niklova, *Facets of the Past. The Challenge of the Balkan NeoEneolithic. Proceedings of the International Symposium Celebrating the 85th Birth Anniversary of Eugen Comșa, 6-12 October, 2008, Bucharest, Romania (Fațete ale trecutului. Provocarea Neo-Eneoliticului Balcanic. Lucrările Simpozionului Internațional la aniversarea de 85 de ani de viață de către Eugen Comșa, 6-12 octombrie, 2008, București, România)*, Editura Academiei, București, 2013, 786 p. ISBN 978-973-27-22101-5.

Articles in International Databases Indexed Journals – 2

1. **Al. Comșa**, *The purifying fire in the prehistoric burials from Romania (Focul purificator în mormintele preistorice din România)*, *Arheologia Moldovei*, 34, 2011, p. 251-259.

2. V. Merlan, Fl. Burtănescu, **Al. Comșa**, *A burial with stone sledge from Chersăcosu – com. Duda-Epurenii, Vaslui County (Un mormânt Jamnaia cu lespede de piatră la Chersăcosu – com. Duda-Epurenii, jud. Vaslui)*, *Arheologia Moldovei* XXXII, 1999, p. 209-214.
[BDI indexed]

Proceedings of international meetings – 33 (selection)

1. **Al. Comșa**, *The variability of the cephalic index and anthropological types of the Noua Culture (Variabilitatea indicelui cefalic și a tipurilor antropologice din cultura Noua)*, in P. Roman, S. Diamandi, M. Alexianu (eds.) *The Thracian World at the Crossroads of Civilizations*, vol. II, Bucharest, 1998, p. 57-63.
2. **Al. Comșa**, *Trephination in Romanian Prehistory (Trepanația în preistoria României)*, in *10th Annual Meeting of the EAA, 8-11 september 2004, Lyon, France*, Lyon, 2004, p. 79.
3. **Al. Comșa**, *Some Human-Environmental Interactions in Necropolises of the Neolithic and Metal Ages on the Territory of Romania (Unele interacțiuni dintre om și mediu în Neolitic și Epoca Metalelor pe teritoriul României)*, in S. Mills, P. Mirea, *The Lower Danube in Prehistory: Landscape Changes and Human-Environment Interactions, Proceedings of the International Conference, Alexandria, 3-5 November, 2010*, Publicațiile Muzeului Județean Teleorman, III, Editura Renaissance, 2011, p. 145-149.
4. **Al. Comșa**, *An overview regarding the anthropological investigations about the Sarmatians in the Muntenia and Moldova funerary finds (O retrospectivă privind studiile antropologice referitoare la Sarmatii din Muntenia)* in B. Ciupercă, *Arheologia mileniului I. p. Chr. IV. Nomazi și autohtoni în mileniul I. p. Chr. Volum in memoriam Maria Comșa*, Brăila, 2015, p. 145-165.

Individual articles in publications accepted by the Romanian Academy – 32 (selection)

1. **Al. Comșa**, *Demographic aspects of the Bronze Age in Romania (Aspecte demografice ale Epocii Bronzului din România)*, in L. Nikolova (ed.), *Analyzing the Bronze Age. Contributions to the Prehistoric Cultural Pattern in the Balkans*, Reports of Prehistoric Research Projects, 4/2000, Prehistory Foundation, Agatho Publishers, Sofia, 2000, p. 45-55.
2. **Al. Comșa**, *Cremation Warrior Burials in the Iron Ages of Romania (Morminte de incinerare ale războinicilor din Epocile Fierului din România)*, *Drobeta*, XVI, 2006, p. 175-178.

International and national programs/projects of research and grants (co-participant) – 14 (selection):

- *Research of Paleogenetics on ancient populations from Romania and their relations with other communities from the Central and Eastern Europe (Cercetări de paleogenetică privind populațiile vechi din România și relațiile lor cu alte comunități din Europa Centrală și de Est)* - Hamburg University – Institute of Human Genetics (general manager of the project Prof. Dr. Alexander Rodewald), Universitatea București – Facultatea de Biologie (deputy manager of the project Prof. Dr. Călin Tesio from the University of Bucharest-Faculty of Biology), Center de of Thracology of the “Vasile Pârvan” Institute of Archaeology (project responsible Dr. **Alexandra Comșa**), “Francisc Rainer” Institute of Anthropology – Bucharest, (project manager Nicolae Mirițoiu and Andrei Soficaru) – 2010;
- *International Project Radovanu, Călărași country – Romania (Proiectul internațional Radovanu, jud. Călărași – România)* – „Vasile Pârvan” Institute of Archaeology – Center of Thracology (general manager of the project Dr. Cristian Schuster; responsible for the field of

anthropology Dr. **Alexandra Comșa**), „Valahia” University from Târgoviște, University of the Lower Danube – Galați, Museum of the Gumelnița Civilization – Oltenița, „Teoharie Antonescu” County Museum - Giurgiu, „Aurel Sacerdoțeanu” County Museum Vâlcea, Union Museum - Alba Iulia, Edinborough University, ArheoCommunity Foundation California, Ispirih, Ruse and Tutrakan Museums from Bulgaria, – since 2005 until now.

- *The basins of the Argeș and Dâmbovița rivers in the Late Bronze, Hallstatt and Latène Ages (Bazinele Argeșului și Dâmboviței în perioada Bronzului Final, Hallstatt-ului și Latène-ului). Studiu interdisciplinar*; Coordinator: Dr. Cristian Schuster; responsible for the field of anthropology Dr. **Alexandra Comșa**);
- *The knowledge by interdisciplinary research about the rural communities in the Carpathian-Danubian space (Cunoașterea prin cercetări interdisciplinare a vechilor așezări rurale din spațiul carpato-danubian)*; Coordinators: Dr. Ruxandra Alaiba, Prof. Dr. Mihail Zahariade, Dr. Viorel M. Butnaru, Dr. **Alexandra Comșa**).

Grants/International and national financing – 13 (selection)

- „*București-Militari-Câmpul Boja*”. Financing provided by the Ministry of Culture (collective under coordination of Conf. Dr. Mircea Negru and Dr. Cristian Schuster) – 2000-2003;
- „*Annual Meeting European Association of Archaeologists*”, Ravenna, Italy, 1997;
- „*Annual Meeting European Association of Archaeologists*”, Bournemouth, Great Britain, 1999;
- „*Annual Meeting European Association of Archaeologists*”, Thessaloniki, Greece, 2002;
- „*Annual Meeting European Association of Archaeologists*”, Lyon, France, 2004;
- „*Annual Meeting European Association of Archaeologists*”, Zadar, Croatia – 2007;
- „*5th World Archaeological Congress, Washington*”, U.S.A. – 2003;
- „*6th World Archaeological Congress, Washington*”, Dublin, Ireland – 2008;
- „*7th International Conference Oxford Archaeoastronomy*”, Flagstaff, U.S.A. – 2004;
- *The Meeting of the International Nephrology History Association*, Taormina, Italy – 2008;

Participation to international colloquia, symposia, conferences and congresses – 32 (selection):

1. International Memorial E.M. Winkler Symposium “*Perspective în antropologia populațiilor vechi și actuale*”, September 25th- October 4th, 1995, Xanthi, Greece; Communication: „*Antropological data about the Bronze Age of Romania*”;
2. Third Annual Meeting E.A.A. Ravenna, Italia, september 1997; Communication in collaboration (with Dr. C. Schuster), „*Burial rites and rituals during the Bronze Age in South-Eastern Romania. An archaeological-anthropological approach*”;
3. 5th Annual Meeting EAA, Bournemouth, Great Britain, September 15th-19th, 1999; Communication: „*A few Remarks Regarding the Funerary Inventory and the Social Status of the Dead in some Getic-Dacian Tombs of the La Tène Period*”;
4. The 7th Oxford Archaeoastronomy Conference, Flagstaff-Arizona, S.U.A., 20-28 iunie 2004; Communication: „*The Interrelation between Burial Orientation and Astronomy in the Balkan region*”;
5. 10th Annual Meeting of the EAA. Lyon, Franța, September 8th-11th, 2004; Communication: „*Trephination in the Romanian Prehistory*”;

6. 13rd Annual Meeting of the EAA. Zadar, Croatia, September 18th-23rd, 2007; Communication: „*Social differentiation in the Bronze Age of Romania. An anthropological approach*”;
7. 6th World Archaeological Congress, Dublin, Irlanda, June 29th - July 4th, 2008; Communication in collaboration (with Dr. Done Şerbănescu), „*The necropolis from Sultana, south Romania*”;
8. 5^{eme} Congrès roumano-suisse d’archeologie, Olten, Elveția, September 15th-20th, 2008; Communication in collaboration (with Done Şerbănescu), „*The necropolis from Sultana, in south-european context*”;
9. International Symposium regarding „The Archaeology of the 1st millenium AD” - Ploiești, in memoriam Dr. Maria Comşa, Ploiești, 23-25 august 2012; Communication: „*Anthropological data about the Sarmatians on the territory of Romania*”;
10. The 12th International Congress of Thracology, September 10th-14th, Târgoviște, Romania. Communications: *Anthropological data regarding the cremated bones discovered in three complexes from the Dacian site of Hunedoara-Grădina Castelului (Complexes no. 73-75); Ethno-socio-anthropological considerations regarding the aristocratic burials in the extra-Carpathian zone, between the 5th-3rd centuries BC* (with Conf. Dr. Rodica Naniu-Ursu).

Participation at preventive archaeological excavations (prelevation and study of the human osteological materials) – 6 (selection)

- *Brănești-Vadu Anei* (jud. Ilfov) - 1991;
- *Roșia Montană* (jud. Alba) - 2004-2005;
- *Medgidia – Tumulul 3* (jud. Constanța) - 2010;
- *Alexandria – Buzescu* (jud. Teleorman) – 2011-2012;

Participation at systematic archaeological excavations (prelevation and study of the human osteological materials) – 6 (selection):

- *Celic Dere* – jud. Tulcea – 1993-1994;
- *Radovanu* - jud. Călărași – 2005-2012;
- *Sultana-Valea Orbului* - jud. Călărași -2006, 2007;

Participation at international archaeological excavations (prelevation and study of the human osteological materials) – 1

- *Stolniceni*, Republica Moldova – 2004, 2005, 2008, 2014, 2015.

Membership in editorial boards from Romania – 11 (selection)

- *Thraco-Dacica*, S.N., 2009-2015.
- *Symposia Thracologica nr. 9*, București .
- *Bibliotheca Thracologia II*, București, 1992.
- *Cercetări arheologice în aria nord-tracă*, I-III, București, 1995, 1997, 1999.
- *The Thracian World at the crossroads of civilizations, Reports and summaries*, Bucharest, 1996.
- *Istorie și tradiție în spațiul românesc*, 3/1996.
- *Ostrovul Corbului*, vol. I.1- 1.a P. Roman. Forschungsgeschichte. Ausgrabungen und Stratigraphie; 1.b Alexandru Păunescu, Die mesolithische Siedlung der Schela Cladovei-Kultur, București, 1996.
- *Der Basarabi-Komplex in Mittel- und Südosteuropa*, București, 1996.

- Editor of the volume *Buridava XII/1/2015*, Râmnicu Vâlcea.
- *Thraco-Dacica Journal*, Center of Thracology, Bucharest.

Membership in international editorial boards – 1

- *Archaeologies* - World Archaeological Congress, Washington D.C. - Sidney - Melbourne.

Organizer, co-organizer and member in the organizing committees of some international and national scientific meetings – 5

1. *National Symposium of Thracology with international participation (Simpozionul Național de Tracologie cu participare internațională)*, Satu-Mare – Carei, 1990 (member in the organizing committee);
2. *National Symposium of Thracology with international participation (Simpozionul Național de Tracologie cu participare internațională)*, Băile Herculane – Drobeta Turnu-Severin, 1992 (member in the organizing committee);
3. *7th International Congress of Thracology*, Constanța, Olimp/Mangalia, Tulcea, 1996 (member in the organizing committee);
4. *The Neo-Eneolithic period in the Central and Southeastern Europe, Celebrating the 85th birth anniversary of Eugen Comșa, București, 2008* (organizer).
5. *Archaeology of the 1st millennium AD (Arheologia Mileniului I p.Chr.) In Memoriam Maria Comșa*, Ploiești, 2012 (co-organizer).

Membership in international professional organizations – 5 (selection)

- *European Association of Archaeologists* (since 1997 until now);
- *World Archaeological Congress* (since 2003 until now);
- *Member in „Who’s who” Romania* (since 2008, until now).

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