

## MILEN GEORGIEV



Milen Georgiev, PhD in biotechnology, is heading plant biotechnology, natural products chemistry and metabolomics work. He has 13+ years of experience in natural products and has published in excess of 90 papers (e.g. in *Trends in Biotechnology*, *Biotechnology Advances*, and *Phytochemistry* among others). He has delivered invited lectures in 14 different countries. Dr. Georgiev holds several grants from the National Science Fund of Bulgaria and framework programs of EU (*incl.* H2020). He spent several years abroad as postdoctoral scientist in Germany (2005-2007) and in The Netherlands (2010-2012), both supported by the Marie Curie program of EU. In 2011 and 2015 he was awarded by the Bulgarian Government with Pythagoras award for outstanding scientist, as at present the only scientist in Bulgaria to win twice.

Dr. Georgiev serves as an Associate Editor of *Phytomedicine* (Elsevier) and on the Editorial board of *Biotechnology Letters* (Springer), also prepared Guest editorials for *Biotechnology Advances* (2014), *Phytochemistry Reviews* (2014; 2016), *Food Chemistry* (2015), *Molecules* (2015) and *Food and Chemical Toxicology* (undergoing). He was a chairman of the International Conference on Natural Products Utilization: from Plants to Pharmacy Shelf (ICNPU-2013 with 230 attendees) and its second edition in Plovdiv, Bulgaria (ICNPU-2015 with 330 participants).

His current research focuses on the biosynthesis of fine molecules and the development of biotechnological tools for their sustainable mass production along the application of emerging modern platforms for comprehensive metabolite profiling (*i.e.* NMR-based metabolomics) and biochemometrics.