
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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POSITION TITLE: Professor of Public Health

EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	Completion date	FIELD OF STUDY
National College "Mihai Eminescu", Satu Mare, Romania	Baccalaureate	1991 - 1995	Informatics
University Of Medicine And Pharmacy "Iuliu Hatieganu", Faculty Of Medicine, Cluj Napoca, Romania	MD	1995 - 2001	Medicine
University "Lucian Blaga", Sibiu, Romania	MHA	2003 - 2005	Health Administration
University "Lucian Blaga", Sibiu, Romania	Competence	2004 - 2005	Occupational Medicine
University "Lucian Blaga", Sibiu, Romania	PhD	2004 - 2007	Public Health and Health Management

A. Personal Statement

I have founded in 2005 the Center for Health Policy and Public Health (CHPPH) - Institute for Social Research, Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca. At the moment, I am the executive director of the CHPPH, managing a continuously growing team. Although the interdisciplinary approach reflects in the diversity of tackled topics, capacity building delineates itself more and more as one of my interests. I have extensive research implementation experience, being involved in a large number of international research projects, both as researcher and as PI. I have been a Co-Pi in two capacity building projects financed by Fogarty International Center: (1) Research Training: Socio-Economic Determinants of Mental Health Service Delivery in South-Eastern Europe - 5D43TW009122, coordinated by university of California, Berkeley and (2) Iowa Non-communicable Chronic Diseases Research Training Program in Romania - 1D43TW008308-01A, coordinated by University of Iowa. I have been involved as site coordinator in other three projects: (1) Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research and Training (MHIRT) - T37 MD001453-05; (2) International Collaborative Trauma and Injury Research Training Program - 3D43TW00062; (3) International Training and Research in Environmental and Occupational Health - D43TW000653, all coordinated by University of Iowa; and as researcher in one capacity building planning grant: One Health Center for Environmental and Occupational Research – Romania - R24TW009568, coordinated by University of Florida. Furthermore, I teach courses in Rural Health, Global Health and Applied Research Methods, part of Cluj School of Public Health – College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University.

B. Positions and honors

Positions and employment

2002	Physician, County Hospital Satu Mare, Romania
2003 – 2004	Member in the Steering Committee, County Health Insurance House – Satu Mare, Romania
2003 – 2003	Medical Director, S.C. CARMA S.R.L., Satu Mare, Romania
2003 – 2004	General Director, S.C. ECOGAZ, Satu Mare, Romania
2003 – 2005	Occupational physician, S.C. CARMA S.R.L., Satu Mare, Romania
2005	Research Director, Center for Occupational Medicine, Satu Mare, Romania
2005 – 2006	Adjunct lecturer College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj Napoca, Romania
2006 – 2008	Researcher, Center for Health Policy and Public Health - Institute of Social Research, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania
2006 –	Executive director, Center for Health Policy and Public Health - Institute of Social Research, Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj Napoca, Romania
2007	General Manager, County Hospital Satu Mare
2007 –	Adjunct Assistant-Professor, University of Iowa, College of Public Health - Department of Occupational and Environmental Health
2008 – 2014	Senior Researcher, Center for Health Policy and Public Health - Institute of Social Research, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania
2012 –	Director Cluj School of Public Health, College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj Napoca, Romania
2014 –	Professor of Public Health – Department of Public Health – College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj Napoca, Romania

Evaluation Experience

2006 –	Expert-evaluator of the Romanian National Authority for Scientific Research
2009 – 2014	Expert-evaluator of the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers - European Commission
2010 –	Expert-evaluator of the National Commission for Accreditation of Hospitals
2010	Expert-evaluator of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency - European Commission
2010 –	Expert-evaluator within the Tempus & Bilateral Cooperation with Industrialised Countries Programme- European Commission
2014 –	Expert-evaluator Consumers, Health and Agriculture and Food Executive Agency – European Commission

Honors

2013	FULBRIGHT fellowship at University of California, Berkeley, USA - The Educational Reform in Public Health: Flowtime Evidence-Practice Policy
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C. Contribution to science

Selected peer-review publications

- 1) Epidemiology of Road Traffic Injuries Treated in a Large Romanian Emergency Department in Tirgu-Mures, Between 2009 and 2010, By: Rus, Diana; Peek-Asa, Corinne; Baragan, Erika Andrada; Chereches, Razvan Mircea; Mocean, Floarea TRAFFIC INJURY PREVENTION Volume: 16 Issue: 8 Pages: 835-841 Published: NOV 17 2015
- 2) Exploring the use of research evidence in health-enhancing physical activity policies By: Hamalainen, Riitta-Maija; Aro, Arja R.; van de Goor, Ien; Lau, Cathrine Juel; Jakobsen, Mette Winge; Chereches, Razvan M.; Syed, Ahmed M. Group Author(s): REPOPA Consortium HEALTH RESEARCH POLICY AND SYSTEMS Volume: 13 Article Number: 43 Published: OCT 13 2015
- 3) Maternal smoking during pregnancy and birth outcomes in a sample of Romanian women By: Meghea, Cristian I.; Rus, Ioana A.; Chereches, Razvan M., Costin N., Caracostea G., Brinzaniuc A. CENTRAL EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH Volume: 22 Issue: 3 Pages: 153-158 Published: SEP 2014

- 4) Assessment of health risks of policies By: Adam, Balazs; Molnar, Agnes; Adany, Roza; Bianchi, F.; Bitenc, K.; Chereches, R.; Cori, L.; Fehr, R.; Konza, J.; Kollarova, J.; Kraemer, SRJ; Linzalone, N.; Majdan, M.; Mekel, OCL; Mochungong, P.; Otorepec, P.; Pastuszka, J.; Sierig, S; Zurlyte, I.; Gulis, G. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REVIEW Volume: 48 Pages: 47-52 Published: SEP 2014
- 5) Assessing health literacy in rural settings: a pilot study in rural areas of Cluj County, Romania By: Pop, Oana M.; Brinzaniuc, Alexandra; Sirlincan, Emanuela O.; Baba, CO; Chereches, RM. GLOBAL HEALTH PROMOTION Volume: 20 Issue: 4 Pages: 35-43 Published: DEC 2013
- 6) A brief insight into the study of informal health care payments in Romania By: Ungureanu, Marius Ionut; Litan, Cristian Marius; Rus, Ioana Andreea; Chereches, Razvan Mircea. TRANSYLVANIAN REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES Issue: 39E Pages: 212-219 Published: JUN 2013
- 7) Defining informal payments in healthcare: a systematic review By: Chereches, Razvan M.; Ungureanu, Marius I.; Sandu, Petru; Rus, Ioana Andrea. HEALTH POLICY Volume: 110 Issue: 2-3 Pages: 105-114 Published: MAY 2013
- 8) Does co-morbid depression impact diabetes related costs? Evidence from a cross-sectional survey in a low-income country By: Chereches, RM; Litan, CM; Zlati, AM; Bloom, JR JOURNAL OF MENTAL HEALTH POLICY AND ECONOMICS Volume: 15 Issue: 3 Pages: 127-138 Published: SEP 2012
- 9) Epidemiology of assault and self-harm injuries treated in a large Romanian emergency department By: Gal, M; Rus, D; Peek-Asa, C; Chereches, RM; Sirlincan, EO; Boeriu, C; Baba, CO EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE Volume: 19 Issue: 3 Pages: 146-152 DOI: 10.1097/MEJ.0b013e32834ada2e Published: JUN 2012
- 10) Validation of a romanian scale to detect antenatal depression By:Wallis, AB; Fernandez, R; Oprescu, F; Chereches, RM; Zlati, A; Dungy, CI CENTRAL EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF MEDICINE Volume: 7 Issue: 2 Pages: 216-223 DOI: 10.2478/s11536-011-0130-1 Published: APR 2012
- 11) Pediatric poisonings and risk markers for hospital admission in a major emergency department in Romania By:Oprescu, F; Peek-Asa, C; Wallis, A; Young, T; Nour, D; Chereches, RM MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH JOURNAL Volume: 16 Issue: 2 Pages: 495-500 DOI: 10.1007/s10995-011-0742-8 Published: FEB 2012
- 12) Predictors of depression symptoms in patients with diabetes in Slovakia By:Majdan, M; Krajcovicova, L; Pekarcikova, J; Chereches, RM; O'Mullane, M - INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY IN MEDICINE Volume: 44 Issue: 4 Pages: 351-366 DOI: 10.2190/PM.44.4.e Published: 2012
- 13) A structured public health approach to increasing rates and duration of breastfeeding in Romania By:Wallis, AB; Brinzaniuc, A; Oprescu, F; Chereches, RM; Muresan, M; Dungy, CI - BREASTFEEDING MEDICINE Volume: 6 Issue: 6 Pages: 429-432 DOI: 10.1089/bfm.2010.0106 Published: DEC 2011
- 14) Supporting an integrated approach for health promotion and primary care in rural settings through adequate legal framework By: Chereches, R; Brinzaniuc, A; Ungureanu, M; Baba, C - TRANSYLVANIAN REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES Issue: 34E Pages: 40-48 Published: OCT 2011
- 15) Informal payments in the health care system - research, media and policy By: Chereches, RM; Ungureanu, M; Rus, I; Baba, C - TRANSYLVANIAN REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES Issue: 32E Pages: 5-14 Published: FEB 2011
- 16) Access to health information in rural settings - the implementation of the library's law no. 334/2002 in Transylvania, Romania By: Baba, C; Brinzaniuc, A; Sirlincan, E; Chereches, RM - TRANSYLVANIAN REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES Issue: 29E Pages: 30-38 Published: FEB 2010
- 17) Public participation in public policy process - case study in seven counties from north-western region of Romania By: Baba, C; Chereches, R; Mora, C; Ticlau, T - TRANSYLVANIAN REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES Issue: 26E Pages: 5-13 Published: JUN 2009
- 18) Organizational diagnosis - a management tool for change. Case study in Satu Mare county hospital By: Baba, C; Chereches, RM; Ticlau, ; Mora, C - TRANSYLVANIAN REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES Issue: 25E Pages: 32-39 Published: FEB 2009
- 19) Assessment of the reform of the Romanian health care system By: Baba, CO; Brinzaniuc, A; Chereches, RM; Rus, D - TRANSYLVANIAN REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES Issue: 24E Pages: 15-25 Published: OCT 2008
- 20) Reliability and validity of the Romanian version of a scale to measure infant feeding attitudes and knowledge By: Wallis, AB; Brinzaniuc, A; Chereches, RM; Oprescu, F; Sirlincan, E; David, I; Dirle, IA; Dungy, CI - ACTA PAEDIATRICA Volume: 97 Issue: 9 Pages: 1194-1199 DOI: 10.1111/j.1651-2227.2008.00914.x Published: SEP 2008

- 21) An international model for staffing maternal and child health research: the use of undergraduate students
 By: Wallis, AB; Chereches, RM; Oprescu, F; Brinzaniuc, A; Dungy, CI - BREASTFEEDING MEDICINE
 Volume: 2 Issue: 3 Pages: 139-144 DOI: 10.1089/bfm.2006.0036 Published: SEP 2007
- 22) Attitudes towards war, killing, and punishment of children among young people in Estonia, Finland, Romania, the Russian Federation, and the USA
 By: McAlister, A; Sandstrom, P; Puska, P; Veijo, A; Chereches, RM; Heidmets, LT - BULLETIN OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION Volume: 79
 Issue: 5 Pages: 382-387 Published: 2001

D. Research support

Ongoing Research Support

JUST/2013/DAP/AG/5361 Cherecheș (PI) 2014-2016
 Specialised support for victims of violence in Health Care Systems across Europe (IMPLEMENT)
 The project responds to priority 2.2.1 Support for victims of violence (SVV) of the Daphne programme by implementing capacity building in 6 European countries to strengthen the specialised support for victims of gender-based violence in emergency and obstetrical care.
 Role: PI

47/30.04.2013/PNII-RU-TE2012-3-0209 Meghea (PI) 2013-2016
 Postnatal smoking relapse, its associated risk factors, and a proactive sustainable preventive intervention (PRISM)
 This project aims to fill the gap of research in developing countries and across diverse populations and health systems. And because one of the most important factor that negatively influence the outcome of such interventions is the lack of support from husbands or partners, the project aims to motivate them to support women in their quest to remain non-smokers.
 Role: Researcher

PN-II-PCCA-2011-3,1-1208 Man (PI) 2012-2015
 Development of a novel Quality Management System for Use in Dental Practice (aDMIRE)
 The project aims at developing and pilot-testing a Quality Management System (QMS) to be used in dental practices in Romania, adjusted to the particularities of the Romanian medical system, enhancing patient care and increasing effectiveness of dental care across the country.
 Role: Researcher

HEALTH-F3-2011-281532(FP7) Aro (PI) 2011 –2016
 Research into Policy to Enhance Physical Activity (REPOPA)
 The basic concept of the project is to integrate scientific research knowledge (=evidence), expert know-how and the real world policy making processes to increase synergy and sustainability in promoting health and preventing disease among Europeans.
 Role: Country coordinator; Coordinator WP6

5D43TW009122 Scheffler (PI) 2011-2016
 Research Training: Socio-Economic Determinants of Mental Health Service Delivery in South-Eastern Europe (REMASTER)
 The purpose of this project is to provide advanced, multidisciplinary research training to outstanding pre- and post-doctoral economists, psychiatrists, sociologists, clinicians, and mental health professionals from South Eastern Europe (SEE) in the latest research methods and issues regarding the economic and social factors that influence or drive the delivery of mental health care services.
 Role: Co-PI

1D43TW008308-01A	Fuertes (PI)	2010 – 201
Iowa Non-communicable Chronic Diseases Research Training Program in Romania (RO-CDIRT)		
The overall purpose of this project is to build long-term, sustainable capacity to conduct population-based research in Romania in fields related to cancer, cerebrovascular disease including stroke, lung disease including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and environmental factors including indoor air pollution, and obesity and lifestyle factors related to these conditions as well as the genetics of non-communicable diseases.		
Role: Co-PI		
T37 MD001453-05	Fuertes (PI)	2005 - 2019
Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research and Training (MHIRT) program		
The FY 2009-2013 NIH Strategic Plan for Health Disparities lists expanding and enhancing research capacity to create a culturally sensitive and culturally competent workforce as one of three major goals each NIH Institute and Center must strive to achieve. The NIH recognizes a unique and compelling need to promote diversity in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences research workforce. The NIH expects efforts to diversify the workforce to lead to the recruitment of talented researchers from underrepresented groups; improve the quality of the educational and training environment; balance and broaden the perspective in setting research priorities; and improve the Nation's capacity to address and eliminate health disparities.		
Role: Site coordinator		
3D43TW00062	Peek-Asa (PI)	2006-2016
International Collaborative Trauma and Injury Research Training Program		
This program seeks to facilitate the implementation of effective, multidisciplinary strategies for appropriate prevention approaches. Trainees from eligible participating Public Health Collaboration in South Eastern Europe* will develop skills to conduct research and teach in the area of injury prevention. Focus areas for study include violence prevention, motor vehicle safety, occupational injury prevention, fire safety, drowning prevention, agricultural injuries, traumatic injury from disasters, acute and trauma care, or pre-hospital care.		
Role: Site Coordinator		
CHAFEA 677063	Elreedy (PI)	2015-2018
Joint Action on Nutrition and Physical Activity (JANPA)		
The Joint Action on Nutrition and Physical Activity aims to contribute to halting the rise in overweight and obesity, especially in children and adolescents. It will do so through the sharing of data and best practices, contributing to: 1) an estimation and forecast of economic cost of childhood overweight and obesity; 2) improvements in the implementation of interventions to promote nutrition and physical activity for pregnant women and for families with young children; 3) foster integrated actions in pre-school and school settings; and 4) increase the use of nutritional information on food and diet by public health authorities, stakeholders and families as well as for nutrition policy purposes and to promote food reformulation. The Joint Action is coordinated by France, gathers public health institutions from 26 countries and is co-funded by the EU Health Programme.		
Role: Researcher		
CHAFEA677102	Bauer (PI)	2015-2018
Joint Action to support the eHealth Network		
The general objective of the action is to act as the main preparatory body for the eHN. By doing so, the JA aims to develop political recommendations and instruments for cooperation in the four specific priority areas that are specified in the eHN's MWP and that were adopted by the eHN in May 2014: interoperability and standardization, monitoring and assessment of implementation, exchange of knowledge, global cooperation and positioning.		
Role: Country coordinator; coordinator evaluation WP		

Completed research Support

- PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0942 Wallis (PI) 2011 – 2014
Advancing maternal and child health in Romania: an integrated assessment of the determinants of pregnancy outcomes (MAIA)
The aim of this study is to explore and explain psychosocial stress and its impact on poor pregnancy outcomes in Romania.
Role: Researcher
- R24TW009568 Gray (PI) 2013 - 2015
One Health Center for Environmental and Occupational Research – Romania
Capitalizing upon a previously existing network of research collaborations, in this pilot grant we are developing a One Health Center for Environmental and Occupational Research GEOHealth Hub at the Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. The GEOHealth Hub coordinated research and training collaborations in 11 additional academic centers located in Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Moldova. The GEOHealth Hub will focus upon 3 research and training areas: 1) Aquatic Health, 2) Food Safety, and 3) Zoonotic Diseases
Role: Researcher
- D43TW000653 Cook (PI) 1995-201
International Training and Research in Environmental and Occupational Health
This program has provided various levels of training to health research specialists in the areas of environmental health, occupational health and public health from research and educational institutions in Central and Eastern Europe (Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Romania) and, more recently, in The Gambia, West Africa.
Role: Site Coordinator
- EAHC 20101209 Bauer (PI) 2011 – 2014
Promotion of young people's mental health through technology-enhanced personalization of care (PROYOUTH)
PRO-YOUTH focuses on reducing inequalities, reaching underserved populations, and de-stigmatizing mental disorders by psychoeducation and peer support.
Role: Country coordinator
- EAHC 2010-22-05 Rogmans (PI) 2011 - 2014
Joint Action on Monitoring Injuries in Europe (JAMIE)
The aim of the JAIMIE project is to create at European level a database with reference to causes of all types of accidents leading to injuries.
Role: Country coordinator
- 511303-TEMPUS-1-2010-1-UK-TEMPUS-JCR O'Brien (PI) 2010 – 2013
Masters Programs in Public Health and Social Services (MPPHSS)
This multi-country project will enable PC universities to work with EU partners to develop a range of customized, locally and regionally relevant, ECTS compliant, Masters courses and programmes of study for public health and social services professionals.
Role: Country coordinator; Coordinator quality assurance WP
- TE319 47/2010 Chereches (PI) 2010 – 2013
The Assessment of the Impact of Informal Payments on the Health System (INFOPAY)
This study is intended to contribute to cover our knowledge gap concerning the phenomenon of informal payments in Romania. The importance of this study is to further contribute to cover our

knowledge gap concerning the nature and extent of out of pocket payments (OPP), their division among different services, their consequences, and the reasons why they are asked and given. Furthermore, the study aims at presenting further evidence concerning the informal part of OPP.
Role: PI

EAHC 2008 11 05 Gulis (PI) 2009-2012
Risk Assessment from Policy to Impact Dimension (RAPID)
The main aim of the project to develop pilot test and implement risk assessment methodology for full chain risk assessment (policy-determinants of health-risk factors-health effect).
Role: Country coordinator

UF10079 Coman (PI) 2008-2011
Identifying risk factors for zoonotic influenza transmission(ZIS II)
The aims of this project were: (1)To assess the likelihood of previous zoonotic influenza transmission among persons in high-risk occupational or recreational settings, in H5N1-endemic geographical areas, (2) to determine risk factors for zoonotic influenza A infection among human populations in high-risk occupational settings, (3) to learn if the human cohort study subjects are asymptomatic or experience clinical symptoms when infected with zoonotic influenza virus, and (4) to characterize H5 influenza isolates associated with human or animal infection through cDNA sequence studies.
Role: Researcher

PNII 12-102/2008 Bojita (PI) 2008-2011
Electronic system for identifying and specifying adverse reactions, detected through intense monitoring of hospitalized patients for rational use of medication(INFORAD)
The overall aim of the project is to promote rational use of drugs and to reduce adverse drug reaction. The project aims to develop an IT system that can be used to identify and characterize adverse reaction to drugs detected after intensive inpatient monitoring.
Role: Co-PI

EAHC 2006123 Rogmans (PI) 2008-2009
PHASE - EU Injury Database
This project aims to pilot test the Injury Database (IDB) in Romania. The overall objective of the IDB projects is to strengthen the NDA organisation in their role as a promoter of injury surveillance at national level, and to get harmonised injury data for EU level injury reporting in return.
Role: Country coordinator

CPHS2008-4-65 Chereches (PI) 2008-2009
The impact of depression on diabetes patients: incidence and costs (DEDICATE)
The main interest of the authors of this study regards the impact of depression on the chronic ill patients. The objectives of this proposal are focusing on two Eastern European countries – Romania and Slovakia.
Role: PI

209783-180673 Coman (PI) 2007-2008
NIAID Center Of Excellence For Influenza Research And Surveillance (ZIS I)
This is a controlled, 3-yr prospective cohort study of 350 adults living in H5N1- endemic regions of Romania for evidence of zoonotic influenza virus infections. Serial sera and swab specimens from participants who develop influenza-like illnesses will be evaluated for evidence of infection with

zoonotic influenza viruses. Participants' animals with possible influenza virus infections will also be studied. We propose research projects with four primary aims: (1) To assess the likelihood of previous zoonotic influenza transmission among persons in high-risk occupational or recreational settings, in H5N1-endemic geographical areas, (2) to determine risk factors for zoonotic influenza A infection among human populations in high-risk occupational settings.

Role: Researcher