

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

Institution:	Years:	Speciality
Vilnius University, Faculty of Math, Vilnius, Lithuania	1972-1977	Applied Mathematics

Work Experience:

Date	Institution	Position
Since 2000	Centre for Innovative Education	Director
2006 - 2014	Center for Education Development	Head of Teachers Training and Retraining Department
1995 - 2000	Open Society Fund - Lithuania	Step by Step Program Country Director
1991 - 1995	Lithuanian Technical Library	Head of Science Department
1977 - 1991	Bureau of Information Systems Construction	Program coordinator

International Training Courses:

1997	Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Education - USA, Washington DC
1977	Education and the Culture of Democracy - Macedonia
1998	Project management and Evaluation – Hungary
1998	Creating Chil-Centered Classrooms – Croatia
1998	Facilitative Leadership – Hungary
1999	Building Opportunities to Include children with Special Needs in your classrooms - Hungary
1999	Early Childhood Faculty Seminar of Infant and Toddler - Lithuania, Vilnius
1999	Empowering to make a Difference: Parents Advocacy – Hungary
2000	Critical Thinking in Reading and Writing – Slovakia
2000	Development of Business Plans - Slovakia
2000	Training of Trainers – Latvia, Jurmala
2000	Applied Research Training - Lithuania, Vilnius
2001	Teaching in the Inclusive Early Childhood Classroom – Estonia
2001	Introduction to Mentoring - Bulgaria
2001	Advanced Training for Trainers – Lithuania, Vilnius
2001	Fundraising - Hungary
2002	School Improvement – Hungary, Budapest
2002	Step by Step Standards and Certification processes and procedures – Ukraine, Kiev
2002	Facilitative Leadership – Lithuania, Vilnius
2002	Effective Professional Presentations – Hungary
2002	Active Advocacy - Slovakia

2003	The Journal of the International Step by Step Association for the term of two years – Azerbaijan, Baku
2003	Education Quality Assurance - Czech Republic, Prague
2003	Assessment and Instruction – distance learning course – Lithuania, Vilnius
2003	Applied research in Education System –Hungary, Budapest
2004	Case study – Distance learning course – Lithuania, Vilnius
2004	The professional development requirements for training of trainers on instructional strategies for children with disabilities in the preschool and primary classrooms.
2005	Mentoring for Quality Improvement - Estonia
2006	Environment Rating Scales – USA, Chapel Hill
2007	Education for Social Justice – Istanbul, Turkey
2007	Promoting Quality Education: Supporting Professional Development and Recognizing Success – Belgrade, Republic of Serbia.
2007	World Forum, Global Leaders for Young Children project – Malaysia
2007	Training on fundraising and self-financing – Montenegro
2007	Improving Quality in Early Childhood and Primary Education. The Process oriented approach - Serbia
2007	Information Technology in Education System (GB, London)
2007	Promoting Quality Education: Supporting Professional Development and Recognizing Success, Serbia, Belgrad
2008	Education for Social Justice: A Program for Adults. Training for Trainers – Istanbul, Turkey
2008	Inclusive Education: Focus on Interventions for Learners with Disabilities – Training of Trainers (Riga, Latvija)
2008	The Science of Early Childhood Development: narrow the gap between research and practice, Red River College Canada (Serbija, Belgrad)
2008	Early Childhood Education (Norway, Stavanger)
2009	Quality of Education (Croatia, Rijeka)
2010	Embracing Inclusive Approaches for Children and Youth with Special Education Needs (Ryga, Latvija)
2010	Beyond Child Indicators: A Framework to Assess and Evaluate the Quality of Early Childhood Services and Programs in Global Contexts (Abu Dhabi).
2011	Professionalism in ECD: inspiring concepts, approaches and perspectives (Bled, Slovenija).

On-line courses

2003	Behavior Changes Models. (Council for Exeptional Children, USA)
2004	Case Study (Open Society Instiute, USA)

Traineeships

1997 m.	Child Centered Education in Primary school (Washington DC, USA)
2006 m.	Environment Rating Scales. (North Carolina University, Chapel Hill, USA)

Publications:

- Roma Children in Lithuania. Vilnius: Garnelis, 2001 (co-author).
- Equal possibilities towards tolerance. Vilnius: Elektroninès leidybos namai, 2002 (co-author).
- You are not allone. Vilnius: Garnelis, 2002 (co-author).
- Pre primary Education: Švietimo aprūpinimo centras, 2003 (co-author).
- Education for Tolerance in Primary school. Vilnius: Garnelis, 2004 (co-author).
- Social Inclusion. Vilnius Monthly. Vilnius, 2005.
- ISSA Pedagogical Standards for Preschool and Primary Grades. Hungary, 2005 (co-author) .

- How to Create Contemporary Environment for Children. Žvirblių takas Nr. 6, 2007.
- System of early education/care and professionalisation in Lithuania, Report commissioned by the State Institute of Early Childhood Research (IFP) Munich, Germany, 2007 (co-author).
- ISSA Pedagogical Standards and Lithuanian school. Žvirblių takas No.3, 2008.
- Competent Educators of the 21st Century, International Step by Step Association, Hungary, 2010 (co-author).
- Quality Early Childhood Education, Vilnius, 2009 (co-author).
- Putting Knowledge into Practice. A Guidebook for Educators on ISSA's Principles of Quality Pedagogy, International Step by Step Association, 2010 (co-author).
- Professional Development Tool for Improving Quality of Practices in Preschool, International Step by Step Association, 2010 (consultant).
- Professional Development Tool for Improving Quality of Practices in Primary, International Step by Step Association, 2010 (consultant).
- Competence requirements in Early Childhood Education and Care. A study for the European Commission Directorate General for Education and Culture, Brussels, 2011 (consultant).
- Key Data on Early Childhood Education and Care in Europe, Brussels, 2014 (consultant).

Presentations at International conferences

2004 m.	„A Decade of Change: Stepping into Future“. (Hungary, Budapest).
2005 m.	„Developing Strong Early education NGOs and Professional Networks“. (Armenija, Jerevan)
2006 m.	National Association for the Education of Young Children's 15th National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development. „Connecting with Standards“ (USA, San Antonio).
2006 m.	„Promoting diversity through education: Eliminating exclusion and challenging discrimination“. (Slovakija, Bratislava).
2007 m.	EECERA (European Early Childhood Education Research Association) 17th Annual conference "Exploring Vygotsky's Ideas. Crossing Borders" (Czech Republic, Prague)
2007 m.	World Forum on Early Care and Education (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
2008	„Active Citizenship: Democratic Practices in Education. From Socially Responsive Classrooms to Socially Responsible Societies“. (Hungary, Budapest)
2008	EECERA 18th Annual Conference - "Reconsidering the Basics in Early Childhood Education" (Norway, Stavanger)
2009	„Seeds of Change. Effective Investments in Early Childhood for Enduring Social Progress“. (Romania, Bucharest)
2010	"Embracing Inclusive Approaches for Children and Youth with Special Education Needs" (Ryga, Latvija)
2010	Yale, Harvard, NYUSteinhardt Universities workshop "Beyond Child Indicators: A Framework to Assess and Evaluate the Quality of Early Childhood Services and Programs in Global Contexts" (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates).
2011	Principles of Quality Pedagogy (Moscow Russia).
2012	Early Childhood Education/Preschool Education Conference "Increasing early learning opportunities for children in Bosnia and Herzegovina" (Sarajevo)

Participation in National and International Projects:

Data	Programs, projekts
Since 1995	International Step by Step project. (Project coordinator in Lithuania, trainer)

2001 - 2002	Creating Inclusive Classrooms in Lithuania (Project coordinator, trainer)
2002 – 2005	Preprimary Education in Lithuania (Project coordinator, trainer)
2004 – 2006	International Project „ Improvement of co-operation between parents, schools and local educational authorities “ (funded by the Finnish Ministry of Education, jointly implemented by experts from Finland (Univeristy of Oulu/Kajaani University Consortium) and Russian Ministry of Education, Project coordinator in Lithuania, trainer)
2004 - 2008	International Project „ Quality Early Education Program. Teacher Certification process “ (Trainer in Estonia, Latvia, Russia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Ukraine, Armenija)
2005 – 2007	International Project “ Joining Efforts to Create Models of Inclusive Kindergartens in Russia “ (funded by the European Union’s Institutions Building Partnership Programme, jointly implemented by ISSA and the Russian Foundation for Education Development, Project coordinator in Lithuania, trainer)
2005 – 2006	“ The best practice: quality criteria for teachers’ performance in Baltic States ” (funded by the PHARE cross-border cooperation fund; in the partnership with Estonian and Latvian organizations, (Project coordinator in Lithuania, trainer)
2005 – 2007	Improvement of Primary Education in Lithuania (trainer)
2006 – 2008	“ Development of the competencies of Primary teachers and special education teachers to use innovative teaching methods and IT as a tool for ensuring the success of children in primary education ” (Project coordinator)
2006 - 2008	“ Educational policy regarding inclusive education ” (funded by the East-East Program of the Open Society Institute in the partnership with Ukrainian organization; participants of the project - representatives of the Ministries of Education from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Ukraine) (Project coordinator in Lithuania, trainer)
2006 - 2009	“ Systems of early education/ care and professionalization in Europe “ (funded by the German Federal Ministry of Family and Youth Affairs) (Project coordinator in Lithuania)
2007 - 2008	„ Global leaders “ World Forum fundation (Project coordinator in Lithuania, trainer)
2008	Preschool and Preprimary Education in Kazakhstan (trainer)
2009 - 2010	„ National Concept of Inclusive Education for Tajikistan “ (Consultant, trainer)
2009	“ Quality Education for children from 0 to 3 years old in Lithuania ” (Consultant, trainer)
2010	Training of Trainers (Trainer in Uzbekistan)
2010	International Project “ Beyond Child Indicators: A Framework to Assess and Evaluate the Quality of Early Childhood Services and Programs in Global Contexts ” (Consultant)
2011-2014	Improvement of Primary Education in Lithuania (Project coordinator)
2011	„ Competence requirements in Early Childhood Education and Care “. A study for the European Commission Directorate General for Education and Culture (Consultant)
2014-2015	„ "TALE - TUSCAN APPROACH FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD AND CARE" (Project coordinator in Lithuania)
2014-2015	"Inclusive Education for Children with Special Needs in Uzbekistan" (Consultant)

Professional Achievements and Activities:

1998-2014	The author of a great number of educational articles, methodological guidelines, training modules; normative documents; etc.
Since 1996	Trainer of Preschool and Primary teachers, school administration, local educational authorities in Lithuania.
1998-1999	Member of the expert's group at the Ministry of Education for Preschool's Accreditation.
Since 2003	Member of the ISSA Quality Early Education Initiative Task Force.
2003-2005	Member of the ISSA Disabilities Task Force.
2003	Member of the working group at the Ministry of Education for development of professional training programme for preschool and pre primary teachers.
2003 – 2004	Member of the working group at the Lithuanian Government for development of the regulations for the NGOs affairs committee.
2005	Member of the ISSA Standard 7 (Social Inclusion) Task Force.
2005 - 2007	Regional Anchor for the Northern and Eastern European Region (ISSA QEEI) responsible for the Quality Early Education Initiative in Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Armenia, Azerbaijan.
Since 2005	International trainer of Preschool and Primary teachers, school administration, local educational authorities in Estonia, Latvia, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan.
2005	Member of the working group at the Ministry of Education for testing of the new Primary Education Curriculum.
2006	Member of the working group at the Ministry of Education for revision of the Basic School (1-10 grades) Curriculum.
2006-2009	Member of the ISSA Pedagogical Standards Revisions Task Force.
2007-2009	Participant of the World Forum Global Leaders for Young Children Program.
Since 2008	Expert and member of the Coordinating Committee on ISSA's Quality Early Education Program to assist ISSA in helping NGOs to promote quality education and use ISSA Principles of Quality Pedagogy as an instrument for improving and recognizing such high quality and to act as being a liaison between ISSA and National NGOs on the professional issues on promoting quality education.
2008-2011	ISSA Board member, member of Coordinating Committee on ISSA's Quality Early Education Program, member of Interim Program Committee, member of Strategic Planning Committee.
2008	Co-author of the Concept on Inclusive Education in Lithuania.
2009-2010	Member of the working group at the Ministry of Education for revision of the normative base for the Primary Education in Lithuania.
2010-2011	Regional Anchor for <i>Central-Eastern Europe/new EU Members</i> (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia).
2013-2015	ISSA Board member, member of Coordinating Committee on ISSA's Quality Early Education Program.
2014	ISSA President Member of ISSA Birth to Three Initiative
Language skills:	Lithuanian – native Russian – fluent English – fluent Polish - good