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Honorary Member of ICOMOS International, Honorary President of ICOMOS Bulgaria, and Member of the ICOMOS Academy. A distinguished UNESCO and ICOMOS expert on World Heritage, he has conducted numerous expert assessments and participated in more than 30 evaluation and monitoring missions. He has also served as an expert for the Council of Europe and the European Union.

He is the author of urban planning projects for historic towns and cities, and a laureate of numerous national and international competitions. He led the rehabilitation project for the Ancient Stadium of Plovdiv, which received the Special Award and the People's Choice Award at the Building of the Year Awards (2014). He directed the international projects Conservation of Cultural Monuments in the Old Town of Plovdiv (1996–2003) and Cultural Routes of Southeast Europe, which received the King Baudouin Award (2000) and the European Commission's Grand Prize in Bulgaria (2002). His completed projects include the Beach Bridge in Burgas, selected by local residents as the Symbol of Burgas, as well as the National House of Culture (NHK) Cultural Centre in Burgas and the Youth Centre in Pazardzhik, all of which were included in the White Book of Bulgarian Architectural Modernism (2023). He also led the preparation of the Conservation and Management Plan for the Ancient Town of Nessebar (2012), adopted by the World Heritage Committee. He is the author of numerous scholarly publications in Bulgaria and abroad and founded the first postgraduate specialization in Architectural Heritage Conservation for architecture students at the University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy (UACEG) in 1980.

His distinctions include the Gold Medal of the World Biennale of Architecture (Sofia, 1980), the Gold Medal of the Union of Architects in Bulgaria (1980), the Honorary Certificate of the Ministry of Culture for his contribution to the development of Bulgarian culture (1997), the Gold Badge and Honorary Certificate of the Municipality of Nessebar for his contribution to the preservation of the Old Town (2006), and the title of Honorary Citizen of Plovdiv (2003). In 2018, he received the International Komech Award for Outstanding Civic Commitment to the Preservation of Russia's World Cultural Heritage. In 2022, he was honored with the Grand Prize of the Chamber of Architects in Bulgaria for Lifetime Achievement in the Field of Cultural Heritage.



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