

# Black Sea Medal Awards 2014

# Black Sea Medal Bulgaria



Ms. Violeta Roiatchka

**Ms. Violeta Roiatchka** has long experience of working for the protection of the Black Sea environment. Starting as a Member of the International Cooperation Dept. and later in the Water Management Directorate of the Ministry of Environment and Water, her work has continuously been she dedicated to the Black Sea.

Her activities combine both the national focus from the position of a member of the national environment administration with a wide range of international activities - bilateral and multilateral.

Her competence and experience make her a valuable partner in international teams particularly with respect to developing policy documents and promoting cooperation.

# Black Sea Medal Georgia



Ms. Maia Ochigava

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**Date of birth** 31st May 1973

**Education** 1990-1995 Tbilisi State Technical University, Georgia. MSc in Engineering of Industrial Ecology and Rational Use of Natural Resources

## Work Experience

2004 July-2014 September Project regional Coordinator , Project Assistant and Administrative associate for UNDP/Sida and UNDP/GEF Project: Reducing Transboundary Degradation of the Kura-Aras River basin in 2004-2007 years and projects Assist in phasing-out harmful substances that deplete the Ozone Layer in 2007-2011 years.

1996 April -2004 April Senior Specialist at the MoE of Georgia (Ministry of Environment of Georgia), Main Department of Black Sea Protection;

## Relevant Experiences

- Participation in the development of BS protection general policies/programs/regulations/emission standards
- Licensing of air emissions
- Communications with different stakeholders and international organizations

As an expert of the Ministry of Environment, I participate in different state or donor financed activities/projects. For example, as MoE expert I was involved in the NEAP follow-up pilot project financed by the WB entitled "Eco Audit of Rustavi and Kaspi Cement Plants"(1998) Position: Environmental Manager; "Development of Nutrient Action Plans within the Framework of Black Sea Environmental Program"(1999) Position: Environmental Expert; editing of Oil Spill Contingency Plan Position: Environmental Editor and etc. I also was a member of three expert groups: the Council of the Development of National Report on the State of Environment and the Sustainable Tourism Development Commission in Georgia, the Council of Forest Code.

In parallel I am working with the top environmental agency, I am an invited consultant at ORIGO Consulting, Georgian environmental consulting firm. My experience with Origo includes the project Technical assistant position (2002) for the pilot project "Integrated River Basin Planning-Alazani Watershed" under the USAID/DAI South Caucasus Water project. Main responsibilities were

- Environmental planning and management
- Team management
- Coordination of Small Projects
- Communication activities
- Communications with different stakeholders and international organizations

# Black Sea Medal Romania



Dr. Valeria Abaza

## **Dr. Valeria Abaza**

**Date of birth:** 10-th of December 1966

**Address:** National Institute for Marine Research and Development “Grigore Antipa” NIMRD, 300 Mamaia Bvd. RO-900581 Constanta 3, Romania

### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING:**

University “Al. I. Cuza” Iasi, Romania, Faculty of Biology; Biology, Applied Biology / Biotechnology; Biologist

Romanian Marine Research Institute, Constanta, Romania; Marine Biology

ASSEBUSS, Romanian-American Institute for Business & Public Administration; Project Management for Environmental Protection

University “Ovidius” Constanta, Romania; Ecology & Environmental Protection; PhD. Thesis

### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

**NIMRD “Grigore Antipa”, 300 Mamaia Bvd. RO-900581 Constanta 3 , Romania;**

**Marine research, Biologist, assistant researcher:** Evaluation of marine zoobenthos state from midlittoral zone, estimation of mussel stocks from the Romanian Black Sea shelf, molluscs’ productive potential in epibiotic systems, responsible for different parts of research contracts.

**Marine research, Biologist, scientist:** Ecological studies of marine zoobenthic communities from shallow waters of the Black Sea, biodiversity of coastal waters, type of habitats, marine biocoenosis modifications under anthropogenic influences, Red List of marine threatened species from the Romanian marine sector. National project leader “Biodiversity structure from the Romanian marine area”.

**Marine research, Biologist, Senior scientist:** Ecological studies of marine zoobenthic communities from shallow waters of the Black Sea, biodiversity of coastal waters, type of habitats, conservation of marine biodiversity, establishing of indicator core set to be used in marine biodiversity, elaboration of support documentation for national Red Data Book drafting. As CBD national focal point for Romanian, reporting responsibilities regarding the state of different components of marine biodiversity. Leader of biodiversity team assigned in 2004 with collection of biodiversity historical data for Black Sea Database .

**Permanent Secretariat of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution;  
Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer (2011-2014)**

# Black Sea Medal Russian Federation Mr. Eugene Belan





## Mr. Eugene Belan

- *Date of birth:* 9 October 1946
- *Location:* **Krasnodar, Russian Federation**
- *Education:* engineer – hydrologist, Leningrad Hydrometeorological Institute.
- *Practical contribution made to protecting the Black Sea at the:*

- *Local level:* Mr. Belan started activities on the protection of water resources in the basin of the Black and Azov Seas in 1975. He worked in local bodies of Russian of Federal Hydro Meteorological and Environment Monitoring Service and Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources of the USSR and was responsible for conducting monitoring of water courses/bodies in the basin of the Black and Azov Seas and the rational management of water resources.
- *National level:* In the 1992 - 2004 Mr. Belan worked at the State Committee for Environmental Protection of the Krasnodar Region, then in the Main Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation in Krasnodar Region. He was responsible for the control over the use and protection of water bodies against pollution of the Black and Azov seas, protection of fish stocks from depletion, monitoring the status of marine waters. He participated in the development of measures to prevent oil pollution of waters in ports of Novorossiysk, Tuapse, Yeisk, implementation of measures to eliminate oil spills. Mr. Belan was involved in the development of EIA projects relating to marine activities, participated in the ecological expertise of many projects, including the gas pipeline "Blue Stream", pipeline of the Caspian Pipeline Consortium, carried out environmental monitoring of these projects.

Since 2004, Mr. Belan works in the Kuban Basin Water Directorate of the Federal Agency of Water Resources. His is responsible for the management of water resources use in the basin of the Black and Azov Seas. During the period of preparation to the Winter Olympic Games "Sochi-2014" Mr. Belan was responsible for the monitoring of activities that have negative impact on water resources and the development of instruments such as:

- monitoring program of water bodies located in the area of Olympic facilities construction;
- an integrated plan for the restoration the river Mzymta in the post-Olympic period;

Together with UNEP experts Mr. Belan participated in the development of the Action Plan for the restoration of the hydrological regime, ecosystems and landscapes of river Mzimta valley. He was also involved in the research carried out by the State Hydrological Institute, aimed at understanding the processes of formation of flooding in river Mzimta and development activities to minimize their impact.

- *Regional level:* Within the framework of Black Sea Environmental Program Mr. Belan took part in implementation of the EU projects, being one of the authors of «Guidelines on Sustainable Development of Black and Azov coastal zones» (National Coastal Code of Conduct) - 1999, "Methodology of Spatial Planning for Coastal Zones" – 2000 ("Water resources" part in both).

Within the UNDP-GEF Black Sea Ecosystem Recovery Project Mr. Belan prepared report "Pollution of Russian Federation Black Sea Coastal Waters with Livestock Biogenic and Organic Substances" (2005).

Mr. Belan took part in BSC ICZM AG meetings as member of the Russian delegation.

On all areas of his work Mr. Belan proved himself as a competent expert with extensive experience and knowledge in the field of protection and use of water resources. For high professionalism and many years of hard work he was awarded the title "Honorary Worker of Water Resources."

# Black Sea Medal Turkey



Prof. Erdoğan Okuř

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(01.06.1962 - 09.04.2006)

Istanbul

(Istanbul University, Marine Science and Management Institute )

## Main Scientific Research focusing on Black Sea

- Qualitative and quantitative assessment of phytoplankton
- Primary Production, nutrients and impacts on the ecology
- Assessment and impact of petroleum pollution on sea
- Comparison between Black Sea and Marmara anchovy based on length, weight, and age
- Phytoplankton distribution in Black Sea and Marmara Sea mouth of Istanbul Strait.
- Petroleum pollution in Black Sea, Istanbul Strait and Marmara Sea during 1996-1997
- Analysing of time series of integration between Marmara sea and Black Sea Marmara (1997-1998)

## Important Black Sea Projects

- Designation of potential areas for trolling in Black Sea
- Distribution of egg and larvae of pelagic species
- Analysing of integration between Marmara sea and Black Sea Marmara based on time series
- Determination of transport characteristics and monitoring of pollution through Istanbul Strait
- Black Sea Monitoring Project

# Black Sea Medal Ukraine



Mr. Yevgen Patlatiuk

## Mr. Yevgen Patlatiuk

**Date of Birth:** 19 August 1949

**Education:** Engineer; biologist-chemist, State Mechnikov University in Odessa, graduated in 1971

### **Work experience:**

1966-1971 – student of Mechnikov State University in Odessa

1972-1977 - chemist (chromatography) of toxicological laboratory of Odessa branch of Sanitary and Epidemiologic Station

1977-1981 – biologist-toxicologist of the laboratory of protection of grain resources of the State Agricultural Inspection ;

1981-1987 – inspector of marine department of the Inspection for Protection of Dniester and Danube Rivers River Basin

1987-1989 - head of radiological department of the Inspection for Protection of Dniester and Danube Rivers River Basin

1989-1995 – chief inspector of specialized Inspection on Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution

1995-2004 – head of department of analytical control of the State Ecological Inspection for Protection of the Black Sea

2004-2011 - head of department of state analytical control and environmental monitoring in the State Ecological Inspection for Environmental Protection of the North-western part of the Black Sea, total period of work – 40 years

2011 - 2012 – advisor to the Minister of Environmental Protection of Ukraine

Yevgen Patlatiuk for many years worked in the field of environmental protection of the Black Sea in Ukraine, has a vast experience in environmental monitoring and analytical control and metrology of the marine environment. He supervised compliance monitoring of the land-based sources, ballast waters, dumping activities, worked with a vast variety of issues from analytical control, metrology to data management, from professional training of personnel to participation in preparation of legislation, including the Rules of Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution and Littering of Ukraine and international legislation.

Since 2002 Mr. Patlatiuk is a Member of the Advisory Group of Land-based Pollution Sources and a member of the Advisory Group of Environmental Safety Aspects of Shipping.

Open minded and highly professional Mr. Patlatiuk is a sincere, cheerful, bright person and belongs to pool of those Black Sea experts that constitute the indispensable value of the BSC institutional network.