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Education

Ph.D. - Faculty of Computer Science, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University, Iași 2023-present

- Thesis: *Hybrid methods based on Evolutionary Algorithms and ML techniques for solving scheduling problems*

Master of Science - Faculty of Computer Science, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University, Iași 2021-2023

Advanced Studies in Computer Science Research Master.

- GPA: 10. Research areas: Machine Learning, Nature Inspired Methods, NLP, Big Data Analytics, Semantic Web
- Master's Thesis: *Unsupervised text feature selection using NSGA II with Hill Climbing local search*. Grade: 10.

Bachelor of Science - Faculty of Computer Science, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University, Iași 2018-2021

- Valedictorian. GPA: 9.98.
- BSc Thesis: *An ontology and neural networks based platform for improving impact policy assessment*. Grade: 10.

“Grigore Moisil” Computer Science high school, Iași 2015-2018

- Valedictorian

Experience

Teaching Assistant - Faculty of Computer Science, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University

Responsibilities: coordinating class activity, creating lab resources, proposing and evaluating homework and projects

Data Mining (2 groups, 1st year MSc) Feb 2024 – June 2024

DBMS Practice (5 groups, 2nd year BSc) Feb 2024 – June 2024

Teaching Collaborator - Faculty of Computer Science, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University

Responsibilities: coordinating class activity, creating lab resources, proposing and evaluating homework and projects

Artificial Intelligence (5 groups, 3rd year BSc), Databases (3 groups, 2nd year BSc) Oct 2023 – Feb 2024

Algorithm Design (1st year BSc) – 3 groups Feb 2023 – June 2023

Artificial Intelligence (3rd year BSc) – 2 groups Oct 2022 – Feb 2023

Artificial Intelligence (3rd year BSc) – 2 groups Oct 2021 – Feb 2022

Private Sky internship - Faculty of Computer Science, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University summer 2020

Research internship focused on Semantic Web

Mentorship program – Amazon, Iași summer 2018

Mentorship focused on algorithms and data structures

Awards

International

ICPC South-East European Regional Contest: 11th place (2019-2020), 36th place (2018-2019)

National

Catalysts Coding Contest: 3rd place (2019-2020), 5th place (2018-2019)

RCPC (Romanian Collegiate Programming Contest): 12th place (2019-2020), 18th place (2018-2019)

Sapientia ECN Programming and Mathematics Contest: 1st place among high school teams (2017-2018)

InfoCup: 3rd place (2017-2018)

ITMarathon: 1st place (2017-2018), 2nd place (2016-2017)

Research interests

Machine Learning (with focus on Deep Learning), Evolutionary Algorithms, NLP, Semantic Web, Data Mining

Skills

- Technologies: ML & NLP (Hugging Face, TensorFlow, Scikit-Learn, Gensim, SpaCy, NLTK), Cloud Computing (Google & Microsoft Azure Cloud), Big Data Analytics (Spark, Hadoop), Semantic Web (Stardog, Protege).
- Programming languages: Python, Java, C/C++, Scala, Prolog, Clips
- Languages: Romanian (native), English (C1-C2), French (B2)
- Psycho-pedagogical module 1

Activities and affiliations

- Member of **ECODAM** (Evolutionary Computation and Data Mining) research group (2022-present). **ECODAM summer school** (volunteer - 2023).
- Member of **Romanian Association of Computational Linguistics** (2023 - present).
- Participant at:
 - ✓ **Winter School "Discovering the unknown: AI in healthcare"** (University of Pavia, Italy - December 2023)
 - ✓ **Cornell, Maryland, Max Planck Pre-doctoral Research School** (Max Plank research institute, Saarbrücken, Germany - August 2023)
- **Problem setter and part of contest committees in several algorithmic contests:** (IIOT) International Informatics Olympiad in Teams, National contest "ProSoft@NT", National contest "Urmaşii lui Moisi", OMI - local phase of Olympiad in Informatics, Infogim. (2019-2020)

Publications

- Laura Cornei, Doru Cornei, Cristian Foşalău - **An Ontology-Driven Solution for Capturing Spatial and Temporal Dynamics in Smart Agriculture**, *18th International Conference on Research Challenges in Information Science (RCIS)*, Portugal, Guimarães, 14-17 May, 2024
- Laura Cornei, Eugen Croitoru, Henri Luchian - **Unsupervised text feature selection using NSGA II with Hill Climbing local search**, *27th International Conference on Knowledge-Based and Intelligent Information & Engineering Systems (KES)*, G3 track, Greece, Athens, 6-8 September, 2023
- Sergiu Amihăesei, Laura Cornei, George Stoica - **Appeal for attention at SemEval-2023 Task 3: Data augmentation and extension strategies for detection of online news persuasion techniques**, *Proceedings of the 17th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval)*, Canada, Toronto, 13-14 July, 2023
- Laura Cornei, Diana Trandabăţ - **DBSpark: A system for natural language to SPARQL translation**, *17th International Conference on Research Challenges in Information Science (RCIS)*, Greece, Corfu, 23-26 May 2023
- Laura Cornei, Lenuţa Alboaiie - **An ontology and neural networks based platform for improving impact policy assessment**, *26th International Conference on Knowledge-Based and Intelligent Information & Engineering Systems (KES)*, Italy, Verona, 7-9 September, 2022