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Milen holds several grants from the National Science Fund of Bulgaria and framework programs of European Union (*incl.* H2020 – PlantaSYST project, well-funded with €15M). At present, he coordinates the project SusMAPWaste @ USAMV in Bucharest (Romania).

In 2011 and 2015 he was awarded by the Bulgarian Government with Pythagoras award for outstanding scientist, besides Marin Drinov award of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (2009).

Milen serves as an Associate Editor of *Phytomedicine* and *Food and Chemical Toxicology* (both published by Elsevier), and on the Editorial boards of *Biotechnology Letters* (Springer) and *Chinese Medicine* (Springer Nature), also prepared 10 Guest Editorials for major journals on biotechnology and natural products fields. Serving as a chairman he established the International Conference on Natural Products Utilization: from Plants to Pharmacy Shelf (ICNPU), which had three issues so far. The latest ICNPU edition was well-attended with 350+ participants from 60 different countries (www.icnpu.com/2017).

His current research focuses on the biosynthesis of fine molecules and the development of biotechnological tools for their sustainable mass production along with the application of emerging platforms for comprehensive metabolite profiling (*i.e.* NMR-based metabolomics) and biochemometrics (chemometrics in tandem with antineoplastic, anti-inflammatory and immunoregulatory assays).