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5. The development of antitumor active ruthenium-sulfoxide complexes.
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10. From simple coordination compounds to "advanced" coordination chemistry.
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11. Ruthenium compounds and pyridyl-porphyrins as building blocks for self-assembling supramolecular arrays.
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13. Strategies toward the construction of supramolecular systems by self-assembly of building blocks: a set of coordination compounds with mono-coordinated bridging ligands.
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14. The development of ruthenium antitumor drugs.
Final COST D1 Meeting "Coordination Chemistry in the Context of Biological and Environmental Studies", Bergen (Norway), September 11-13 1997.
Plenary lecture
15. The role of coordination chemistry in the design and synthesis of supramolecular arrays of porphyrins
VII ESF Conference "Design of Functional Systems - Inorganic Environmental and Medicinal Challenges", San Feliu de Guixols (Spain), September 4 - 9 1998.
Invited lecture
16. Ruthenium compounds with antimetastatic properties.
5th International Symposium on Applied Bioinorganic Chemistry, Corfù (Greece), April 13-17 1999.
Invited session lecture
17. Novel supramolecular arrays of pyridylporphyrins and ruthenium coordination compounds.
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Oral communication

18. Metal-mediated supramolecular assemblies of porphyrins
Meeting of COST Working Group D11/0004/98, Bristol (UK), May 25-28 2000.,
Oral presentation
19. Recent developments in ruthenium-dimethylsulfoxide chemistry pertaining to antitumor agents.
International Conference on DNA conformation, modification and recognition in biomedicine, Brno (Czech Republic), July 2-5 2000.
Invited lecture
20. The development of ruthenium antitumor drugs.
Final Meeting of COST D8 "The chemistry of metals in medicine", Dublin (Ireland), March 29-31 2001.
Plenary lecture
21. Ruthenium anticancer drugs
6th FIGIPS Meeting in Inorganic Chemistry, Barcellona (Spain), July 15-20, 2001.
Invited session lecture
22. Ruthenium anticancer drugs
10th International Conference on Bioinorganic Chemistry (ICBIC X), Florence (Italy), August 26-31 2001.
Invited session lecture
23. From molecular squares of porphyrins to supramolecular assemblies of higher order.
5° Congresso Nazionale di Chimica Supramolecolare, Frascati (Roma), September 30 - October 3 2001.
Plenary lecture
24. Ruthenium anticancer drugs
1st Workshop on Pharmaco-bio-metallics, Certosa di Pontignano (Siena), November 23-25 2001.
Oral communication
25. Metallacycles of porphyrins as building blocks in the construction of higher order assemblies through axial coordination of bridging ligands: solid state characterization of molecular sandwiches and molecular wires.”
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Invited lecture.
26. Novel Ruthenium-Dimethyl sulfoxide Nitrosyls as Possible NO-Releasing Agents
35th International Conference on Coordination Chemistry (ICCC35), Heidelberg (Germany), July 21-26, 2002.
Invited session lecture

27. Metal-mediated supramolecular assemblies of porphyrins
Third International Conference on Porphyrins and Phthalocyanines, New Orleans (USA), July 11-16 2004.
Invited symposium lecture
28. Anticancer ruthenium complexes
7th European Biological Inorganic Chemistry Conference (EUROBIC7), Garmish-Partenkirchen (Germany), August 29 - September 2 2004.
Invited session lecture
29. Metal-mediated nanoscopic assemblies of chromophores for molecular electronics, light energy conversion, and molecular recognition.
Kick-off Meeting of COST Action D31 "Organizing non-covalent chemical systems with selected functions", Prague (Czech Republic), November 4-6 2004.
Oral presentation
30. Metal-mediated supramolecular assemblies of porphyrins.
1st Working Group Meeting of COST Action D31/003/04, Grado (Italy), May 20-22, 2005.
Oral presentation
31. Ruthenium and other non-platinum anticancer drugs
1st European Conference on Chemistry for Life Sciences, Rimini (Italy), October 4-8, 2005.
Invited lecture
32. Design of novel, innovative metal anticancer drugs
Final Meeting of COST Action D20, Brno (Czech Republic), July 15-18, 2006
Session lecture
33. The development of ruthenium anticancer compounds
38th Convention of the South African Chemical Institute, Durban (South Africa), December 3-8, 2006.
Plenary lecture
34. Metal-mediated nanoscopic assemblies of chromophores for molecular electronics, light energy conversion, and molecular recognition.
COST D31 Mid-term Meeting, Athens, March 28-30, 2007.
Session lecture
35. Ruthenium-dmsO anticancer complexes
Metal Containing Anticancer Agents, Jerusalem, April 14-17, 2007.
Invited lecture
36. Synthetic strategies and structural aspects of metal-mediated multi-porphyrin assembliesII
International Symposium on Macrocyclic and Supramolecular Chemistry, Salice Terme (Italy), June 24-28, 2007.
Invited lecture

37. Recent advances in anticancer ruthenium compounds.
13th International Conference on Biological Inorganic Chemistry (ICBIC XIII), Vienna (Austria), July 15-20, 2007
Session lecture
38. Ruthenium anticancer compounds: challenges and expectations.
9th European Biological Inorganic Chemistry Conference (EUROBI9), Wroclaw (Poland), September 2-6, 2008.
Keynote lecture
39. Sorting out metal anticancer compounds with a focus on ruthenium.
COST Action D39, Meeting of Working Group 006, Leiden (The Netherlands), November 25-26, 2008.
Invited lecture
40. Chemical strategies for metal anticancer drugs
COST D39 Working Group meeting, Trieste, May 22-23, 2009.
Invited lecture
41. Metal-mediated nanoscopic assemblies of chromophores for molecular electronics, light energy conversion, and molecular recognition.
COST D31 Final Action Meeting, Warsaw (Poland), May 28-29, 2009.
Oral report presentation
42. A categorization of metal anticancer compounds based on their mode of action.
COST D39 Action Meeting, Debrecen (Hungary), September 24-25, 2009.
Keynote lecture
43. Ruthenium-porphyrin conjugates for anticancer activity.
10th European Biological Inorganic Chemistry Conference (Eurobic10), Thessaloniki (Greece), June 22 – 26, 2010.
Keynote lecture
44. Ruthenium anticancer drugs
49th Meeting of the Serbian Chemical Society, Kragujevac (Serbia), May 13-14, 2011.
Plenary lecture
45. Pyridyl- and bpy-substituted Porphyrins as Ligands in Supramolecular and Medicinal Chemistry
5th EuCheMS Conference on Nitrogen Ligands, Granada (Spain), September 4-8, 2011.
Plenary lecture
46. What did we learn from 30 years of 'promising' ruthenium anticancer compounds?
Gordon Research Conference on Metals in Medicine, Andover (New Hampshire, USA), June 24-29, 2012.

Invited lecture

47. $^{99m}\text{Tc(I)}/\text{Re(I)}$ -porphyrin conjugates for multimodal molecular imaging
First Whole Action Meeting of COST CM1105, Granada (Spain), September 17 – 18, 2012.
Oral presentation
48. Porphyrin-metal conjugates for solar energy conversion, ion transport and medicinal chemistry.
Italian Meeting on Porphyrins and Phthalocyanines-1, Roma, 1-3 Luglio 2013.
Oral presentation
49. New water-soluble Re(I) -porphyrin conjugates for PDT and nuclear medicine applications.
1st Symposium on functional metal complexes that bind to biomolecules, Barcelona (Spain),
September 9-10, 2013.
Oral presentation
50. Inorganic Chemistry in a Biological Context
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Univeristy of Lousanne (CH), May 29, 2006.
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13. Metal-mediated assemblies of porphyrins for photophysical applications
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14. Metal-mediated assemblies of chromophores for photophysical applications
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15. Metal-mediated assemblies of porphyrins for photophysical applications
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19. A categorization of metal anticancer compounds based on their mode of action.
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20. Platinum and ruthenium anticancer drugs
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