



## **Dr. Vladimir Bozhilov – Astrophysicist and Science Communicator**

Dr. Vladimir Bozhilov holds a Ph.D. in Astronomy since 2014. He is currently Vice Dean for "Public Relations, Teachers and Students Activities" of the Faculty of Physics at Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski" and Associated Professor at the Department of Astronomy, Bulgaria.

Dr. Bozhilov's main scientific interests are active galactic nuclei (AGN) – quasars and blazars at high redshift, cosmology, exoplanets, astrobiology and habitability. Dr. Bozhilov is Senior Researcher (since March 2022) in the Bulgarian exoplanetary research group in the framework of the EXO-RESTART (EXOplanetary dynamics and stability: Reverse Engineering of STable multiplanetary ARchitecTures) project, funded by BNSF under "VIHREN-2021" National Science Programme.

Besides being an active scientist and a lecturer, Dr. Bozhilov is an active and well-known science communicator and frequent presenter in sci-comm events (like Sofia Science Festival, European Researchers Night, RACIO etc.). In 2024 Vladimir won the special "Pitagor" national prize of the Ministry of Education and Science of Bulgaria for science communication. He also won second prize in the FameLab 2010 competition for communicating popular science and first prize in Hall of FameLab International 2014 in London, UK. In September 2020-June 2021 and since January 2023 Dr. Bozhilov is a regular guest on the Bulgarian National Television morning show "100% Budni" ("100% Awake"), commenting news about space and astronomy in the special rubric "100% Space with Dr. Vladi Bozhilov".

Dr. Bozhilov is the author of over 80 articles in various Bulgarian popular science magazines and co-author of two popular book on exoplanets and habitability ("Life and Universe", 2010, and "The Unknown Universe", 2022). In 2015-2019 Dr. Bozhilov was Manager and Lecturer at Children's Science Center "Muzeiko", where currently he is involved as Science Expert. In 2012-2018 he was the Science Editor (2012-2014) and then the Editor-in-Chief (2014-2018) for "BBC Knowledge Bulgaria/BBC FOCUS/ScienceWorld" magazine.

Link to the list of science publications of Dr. Bozhilov: <http://bit.ly/1K8tkrs>