



# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DELL'AQUILA

**Prof. Ionela Poenita Birloaga**

## **Curriculum scientifico**

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### **Education and training**

2018- present Research associate professor in Chemical Engineering at University of L'Aquila, Department of Industrial and Information Engineering and Economics

2016-2018 Assistant professor at University of L'Aquila, Department of Industrial and Information Engineering and Economics

2012 - 2015 PhD of the Doctoral Course "Chemical and Biotechnological Innovative Processes", University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila, Italy.

### **Research interests and skills**

- Recovery of precious and base metals from WEEE, spent batteries and Industrial wastes
- Recovery of Rare Earths from WEEE and industrial wastes
- Industrial Waste Waters Treatment

### **International Projects:**

- HydroWEEE demo (Final Report Summary - HYDROWEEE DEMO (Innovative

Hydrometallurgical Processes to recover Metals from WEEE including lamps and batteries -

Demonstration) | FP7 | CORDIS | European Commission (europa.eu))

- FENIX (Project FENIX - Future business models for the Efficient recovery of Natural and Industrial secondary resources in eXtended supply chains contexts (fenix-project.eu))

- PEACOC (PEACOC Project (peacoc-h2020.eu))

- NEW-RE Project ? EIT RAW MATERIALS

### **EU patentes**

- Gold-REC1 - PROCESS FOR THE HYDROMETALLURGICAL TREATMENT OF ELECTRONIC BOARDS (

- Gold-REC2 - HYDROMETALLURGICAL METHOD FOR THE RECOVERY OF BASE METALS AND PRECIOUS METALS FROM A WASTE MATERIAL

- Hydro-Nd - HYDROMETALLURGICAL METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF PERMANENT MAGNETS

### **Bibliometric data**

Source Scopus (03/01/2023): N° of Publication International Journals: 21; Hindex (2013-2023) 9; Citations: 592

List of the last 10 relevant publications:

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3. Birloaga, I., Ippolito, N.M., Vegliò, F. A Mobile Pilot Plant for the Recovery of Precious and Critical Raw Materials (2021) *SpringerBriefs in Applied Sciences and Technology*, pp. 49-63. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-74886-9\_5

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5. Birloaga I., Vegliò F., Overview on hydrometallurgical procedures for silver recovery from various wastes, *Journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering*, Volume 6, Issue 2, April 2018, p. 2932-2938.

6. Birloaga I., Vegliò F. (2018). Simulation and economic analysis of a hydrometallurgical approach developed for the treatment of waste printed circuit boards (WPCB). *GLOBAL NEST JOURNAL*, vol. 20, p. 695 699, ISSN: 1790-7632, doi: 10.30955/GNJ.002545

7. Vegliò, F., Birloaga, I., Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Recycling: Aqueous Recovery Methods, book 1st edition by Woodhead Publishing Series (an imprint of Elsevier) in Electronic and Optical Materials, p. 426, May 2018
8. I. Birloaga, F. Vegliò, Study of multi-step hydrometallurgical methods to extract the valuable content of gold, silver and copper from waste printed circuit boards, Journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering, 4(1), 2016, pp. 20-29
9. I., Birloaga, V., Coman, B., Kopacek, F., Vegliò, An advanced study on the hydrometallurgical processing of waste computer printed circuit boards to extract their valuable content of metals, Waste Management, December 2014, Volume 34, Issue 12, pp. 2581-2586
10. I. Birloaga, I. DeMichelis, F. Ferella, M. Buzatu, F. Vegliò, Study on the influence of various factors in the hydrometallurgical processing of waste printed circuit boards for copper and gold recovery?, Waste Management, April 2013, Volume 33, Issue 4, pp. 935- 941