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**Professional experience:** 2000 - Expedition on the RV "Polarstern" in the Weddell Sea Antarctic, EASIZ III (collecting animals for collection of the Zoological Institute, distribution of bottom biocenosis); 1996 - Expedition on the RV "Polarstern" in the Weddell Sea Antarctic, EASIZ I (collecting animals for collection of the Zoological Institute, distribution of bottom biocenosis); 1988 - Expedition of the Zoological Institute to the Dalnie Zelentzy (Barents Sea)(distribution and ecology of benthos); 1986-87 - Expedition on the fishery RV "Evrika" to the Antarctic (collecting animals for collection of the Zoological Institute, distribution of bottom biocenosis); 1977 - Expedition to the White Sea (distribution and ecology of benthos); 1974 - Expedition on the fishery RV "Zund" to the Antarctic and Patagonian shelf (collecting animals for collections of the Zoological Institute and the Leningrad University).WOS ID-R 2792-2017; Scopus ID-358884;

**Key points of interest in research :** Systematic, faunistic and biogeography of Polar Ocean brittle-stars (Echinodermata, Ophiuroidea); Computer databases in systematics, faunistic, morphology and ecology of brittle-stars; Biological identification keys and computerized diagnostic systems for ophiuroids.