

CURRICULUM VITAE

Prof. Andrej Kirbiš, DVM, PhD

Profile

Veterinary public health and food safety specialist with more than 25 years of experience in academia, official controls, laboratory systems and food safety governance. Former Dean of the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Ljubljana (2013–2021), currently Head of the Institute for Food Safety, Feed and Environment. Extensive experience in leadership, quality assurance, veterinary education, food safety policy, national reference laboratories and international cooperation.

Personal Information

Nationality: Slovenian

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Affiliation: University of Ljubljana, Veterinary Faculty, Slovenia

Current Positions

Full Professor of Veterinary Public Health and Food Safety University of Ljubljana, Veterinary Faculty (2018–present)

Head of the Institute for Food Safety, Feed and Environment (IVHKO) University of Ljubljana, Veterinary Faculty (2021–present)

Head of the National Reference Laboratory for Marine Biotoxins Republic of Slovenia (2004–present)

National Specialist in Veterinary Public Health and Food Safety Republic of Slovenia (2014–present)

Forensic Expert in Veterinary Public Health and Food Safety Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Slovenia (2018–present)

Previous Leadership Positions

Dean University of Ljubljana, Veterinary Faculty (2013–2021)

As Dean, responsible for strategic development, governance, financial management, quality assurance, internationalisation, infrastructure development and stakeholder engagement.

Vice-Dean University of Ljubljana, Veterinary Faculty (2021–2025)

Deputy Head of the Institute for Food Hygiene and Bromatology University of Ljubljana, Veterinary Faculty (2007–2013)

Education

Full Professor (2018)

Associate Professor of Hygiene and Control of Food of Animal Origin (2013)

PhD in Veterinary Science University of Ljubljana, Veterinary Faculty (2006)

MSc Studies in Veterinary Medicine University of Ljubljana, Veterinary Faculty (1996–2002)

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) University of Ljubljana, Veterinary Faculty (1990–1996)

European and International Activities

Member of the Management Board European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) (2026–present)

Member of the Day-One Competences Working Group (D1Cs) European Coordinating Committee on Veterinary Training (ECCVT) (2026–present)

ESEVT Expert for Food Safety and Quality European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) (2021–present)

Representative of Slovenia in the Union of European Veterinary Hygienists (UEVH) Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)

President of the Section for Education, Research, Diagnostic Laboratories and Industry (SVIRDI) Slovenian Veterinary Chamber (2025–present)

External Examiner in Veterinary Public Health Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, University of Edinburgh (2020–2024)

Senior Non-Key Expert (Laboratory Networks) ADEWB II – Capacity Building of Veterinary and Plant Health Services in the Western Balkans (2024–2025)

National Reference Laboratory Activities

Head of the National Reference Laboratory for Marine Biotoxins (2004–present)

Head of the National Reference Laboratory for Bacterial and Viral Contamination of Shellfish (2004–2015)

Areas of Expertise

- Veterinary Public Health
- Food Safety and Food Hygiene
- Official Controls under EU Food Law
- Food Chain Inspection and Risk-Based Controls
- Foodborne Hazards and Risk Management
- National Reference Laboratories
- Food Safety Governance
- One Health
- Animal Health and Welfare
- Veterinary Education and Accreditation

Academic Activities

Teaching responsibilities at undergraduate and postgraduate level include:

- Food Safety
- Official Food Control
- Veterinary Public Health
- Veterinary Sanitary Inspection of Animals for Slaughter and Meat
- Food Technology and Safety

Author and co-author of numerous scientific publications in the fields of food safety, veterinary public health, foodborne hazards, official controls and animal health.

Professional Memberships

- Union of European Veterinary Hygienists (UEVH)
- Veterinary Public Health Association (VPHA, United Kingdom)
- European Veterinary Food Safety Teachers (EVFST)
- Slovenian Veterinary Chamber
- Slovenian Society for Microbiology
- Food Safety Council of the Republic of Slovenia
- Editorial Board Member of international veterinary and food safety journals

Languages

- Slovenian (native)
- English (fluent)
- Croatian (working knowledge)
- Serbian (working knowledge)
- German (working knowledge)