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WORK EXPERIENCE

23/03/2023 – CURRENT Zagreb, Croatia

FULL PROFESSOR UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB, FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

- teaching Food Safety courses
- Principal Investigator on research projects
- managing research and development projects
- overseeing operations in the food microbiology laboratory
- collaborating with Food Business Operators and Competent Authorities
- delivering training on Official Controls for Official Veterinarians

Department Department of Hygiene, Technology and Food Safety

17/02/2018 – 22/03/2023 Zagreb, Croatia

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB, FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

- teaching Food Safety courses
- Principal Investigator on research projects
- managing research and development projects
- overseeing operations in the food microbiology laboratory
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- delivering training on Official Controls for Official Veterinarians

Department Department of Hygiene, Technology and Food Safety

17/02/2014 – 17/02/2018 Zagreb, Croatia

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB, FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

- teaching Food Safety courses
- conducting research projects in Veterinary Public Health area
- overseeing operations in the food microbiology laboratory
- collaborating with Food Business Operators and Competent Authorities
- delivering training on Official Controls for Official Veterinarians

Department Department of Hygiene, Technology and Food Safety

01/07/2007 – 17/02/2014 Zagreb, Croatia

UNIVERSITY SENIOR ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB, FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

- teaching Food Safety courses
- laboratory work in food microbiology
- conducting research in Veterinary Public Health

Department Department of Hygiene, Technology and Food Safety

01/02/2002 – 01/07/2007 Zagreb, Croatia

UNIVERSITY ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB, FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

- administration
- teaching Food Safety
- laboratory work
- Early Career Investigator on EU Project INCO EU FP5 “Safety of traditional fermented sausages: research on protective cultures and bacteriocins (Contract No ICA4-CT-2002-10037)

Department Department of Hygiene, Technology and Food Safety

● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/06/2019 – CURRENT Gouda, Netherlands

RESIDENT AT EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH (SUBSP. FOOD SAFETY)

European College of Veterinary Public Health

Website <https://ecvph.org/>

13/06/2023 – 16/06/2023 Online

TRAINING SCHOOL: RISK BASED MEAT SAFETY ASSURANCE SYSTEMS FOCUSING ON RISK CATEGORISATION OF FARMS AND ABATTOIRS RIBMINS COST Action

Website <https://ribmins.com/>

13/06/2023 – 16/06/2023 Ohrid, North Macedonia

HACCP TRAINING NUTRICON 2023

Website <https://keyevent.org/haccp/>

13/06/2022 – 15/06/2022 Berlin, Germany

WORKSHOP ECVPH ON ECONOMICS APPLIED TO ANIMAL HEALTH Freie Universität Berlin, Institute for Veterinary Epidemiology and Biostatistics

20/06/2022 – 22/06/2022 online

TRAINING SCHOOL: FARM AND ABATTOIR INTERVENTIONS IN A RISK-BASED MEAT SAFETY ASSURANCE SYSTEM RIBMINS COST Action

Website <https://ribmins.com/>

05/09/2022 – 16/09/2022 Ghent, Belgium

10TH BASIC SUMMER COURSE ON VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGY Ghent University

Website <https://www.ugent.be/di/irp/en/education/summercoursevetepi.htm>

23/08/2022 – 27/08/2022 Berlin, Germany

9TH BFR-SUMMER ACADEMY ON RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK COMMUNICATION IN THE AREA OF FOOD SAFETY The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment

Website <https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/archive/2021/9th-bfr-summer-academy-lecture-series.html>

14/03/2022 – 16/03/2022 Online

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR SAFER FOOD - 4TH BVL/MRI COURSE ON FOOD SAFETY, FOOD AUTHENTICITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT BVL/MRI

Website https://www.bvl.bund.de/EN/Events/ITS-Food_2022/ITS-Food_node.html

03/03/2021 – 18/03/2021 Online

ANIMAL HEALTH ECONOMICS ONLINE COURSE University of Liverpool

Website <https://ecvph.org/meetings-events/animal-health-economics-online-course>

11/04/2018 – 13/04/2018 Zagreb, Croatia

APPLICATION OF STANDARD HRN EN ISO/IEC 17025:2017 European Centre for Laboratory Excellence

Website <https://www.ec4le.eu/>

15/10/2007 – 03/11/2007

COURSE «STRENGTHENING FOOD SAFETY SYSTEMS IN NEW AND CANDIDATE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND IN THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES» Wageningen international

Website <https://hrcak.srce.hr/clanak/33485>

01/04/2003 – 07/07/2007 Zagreb, Croatia

PHD IN VETERINARY MEDICINE (FOOD HYGIENE AND TECHNOLOGY) Faculty of veterinary medicine University of Zagreb

Website <https://www.vef.unizg.hr/en/>

01/10/1996 – 01/10/2002 Zagreb, Croatia

DVM Faculty of veterinary medicine University of Zagreb

● LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **CROATIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office | Social Media | Microsoft Excel | Microsoft Powerpoint | | Microsoft Word | Zoom | Outlook | Instagram | Google Drive | Internet user | Skype | Good listener and communicator | Organizational and planning skills

● ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROJECTS

05/12/2025 – 04/12/2028

sleepYE – Induction and Persistence of VBNC Yersinia enterocolitica 4/O:3 in pork – Croatian Science Foundation – Principal Investigator

Link <https://www.croris.hr/projekti/projekt/15856?lang=en>

01/01/2020 – 01/01/2023

VETFARM – improving student practice in farm animals and horses - ESF EU Member of project team, WP Slaughterhouse student practice

Link <https://www.vef.unizg.hr/en/news-release/news/the-completed-project-to-improve-farm-animal-professional-practice-vetfarm/>

08/06/2020 – 31/12/2023

Center of competence 3LJ - ERDF EU CEKOM 3LJ creates a common space for the scientific and industrial sector, connecting their knowledge and experience, connecting higher education institutions and institutes with the economy, primarily with small and medium-sized enterprises. The project developed new cheese varieties with local aromatic herbs and their supercritical CO2 extracts.

Link <https://www.croris.hr/projekti/projekt/5306>

20/12/2019 – 20/12/2023

Potential of microencapsulation in cheese production - ERDF EU The project developed new microencapsulated forms of natural rennet and autochthonous starter culture *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* used in hard cheese production.

Link <https://www.croris.hr/projekti/projekt/4817>

04/03/2019 – 03/09/2023

Risk based meat inspection and meat safety assurance RIBMINS CA 18105 Main aim was to combine and strengthen European-wide research efforts on modern meat safety control systems. Furthermore, the aim is to create a platform for training of relevant participants in the new meat safety system and thus help its operability, as well as to inform relevant stakeholders about the requirements, benefits and consequences of the new system.

Link <https://ribmins.com/>

21/01/2022-31/05/2022

Support to harmonization of Moldova's veterinary certification system with EU best practices – subcontractor – World Bank International Finance Corporation; Comparative analysis of Moldova's vs the EU system for veterinary and food safety certification and development a concept for a revision of the Moldovan system for veterinary and food safety certification

01/09/2009 – 30/11/2013

BASELINE Selection and improving fit-for-purpose sampling procedures for specific foods and risk - EU FP7 The major output of the project is to generate new knowledge on sampling schemes for risk assessment by using a mathematical approach for different groups of food products as seafood, eggs and egg products, fresh meats, milk and dairy products and plant products. The project results will be translated in clear recommendations to the EC and end users and they will have a significant impact on protecting human and veterinary health.

Link <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/222738>

01/12/2002 – 30/11/2005

Safety of traditional fermented sausages: research on protective cultures and bacteriocins (Contract No ICA4-CT-2002-10037) The development of protective cultures, having the ability to optimise the fermentation and ripening processes and also to improve the safety and traditional 'sensory type', is the main aim of the project.

Link <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/ICA4-CT-2002-10037>

PUBLICATIONS

List of publications: <https://www.croris.hr/osobe/profil/215>

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

Head of Department Served as Head of the Department of Hygiene, Technology and Food Safety at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zagreb, from March 2018 to March 2024.

Project leader Principal Investigator and Project Leader of two European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) projects and one nationally funded research project.

Course leader - official controls Developing and delivering continuing professional development courses for veterinarians in Croatia in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625, including:

1. Ante mortem and post mortem examination of bovine, pigs, sheep, goats and horses
2. Ante mortem and post mortem examination of poultry and lagomorphs
3. Official controls in dairy production
4. Official controls in meat processing
5. Official controls in shellfish and fishery products
6. Animal welfare at slaughter
7. Official controls in game meat establishments
8. Food microbiology in official controls
9. Prerequisite programs and HACCP in food of animal origin facilities

MEMBER

European Food Safety Authority – Management Board member

Croatian Food Safety Agency (EFSA focal point)– Panel on Biological Hazards in Food and Feed – president (2023-today)

The Agency for Science and Higher Education, Republic of Croatia – member of Scientific Field Committee Veterinary Medicine (2024-2028)

Member of Board on Veterinary Public Health, Croatian Veterinary Chamber

Faculty Council (member) and Faculty Committees (member and president)

Ministry of Agriculture – member of Codex Alimentarius Committee

Croatian Chamber of Economy – president and member of Committees of Croatian Quality food product mark