

## **Curriculum Vitae**

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### **Education**

- Medical faculty, Ljubljana (1984)
- Specialisation at Medical faculty, Ljubljana: Haematology and transfusiology (1988)
- PhD candidate at Faculty of medicine, Ljubljana, (2001)

### **Additional training**

- Studies about the implementation of bone marrow transplantation activities to University Clinical Center, Ljubljana, Slovenia:  
1986 - Colonge-Germany,  
1987 - Milwaukee, USA,  
1988 - Amsterdam, Netherlands,  
1989 - London, United Kingdom;
- Holistic studies on complementary medicine:  
from 1990-1994 - Kiental, Switzerland, Pittsburg, USA,
- Professional courses on communication :  
1995 – London, UK
- Psychological and spiritual support in the end of life care: “Gentle Passage”,  
Kiental, Switzerland and Munich, Germany;
- International professional courses on palliative care:  
2000- Budapest, Hungary; and Bled, Slovenia;
- Study visits of hospices and palliative care departments from 1999 to 2002:
  - Nursing home, and Hospice, Washington D.C., USA,
  - Virginia Hospice, USA
  - Beth Israel Hospice, and Beth Israel Palliative Care Unit in New York, USA
  - Nashville Hospice, USA
  - St. Luke’s Hospice, Sheffield, UK
  - Palliative Care Department at Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, UK

- Trent Palliative Care Centre Study Group, Sheffield, UK
- Stockholms Sjukhem: Palliative care department, Stockholm, Sweden.

### **Working experiences:**

- 2000 – : Palliative Care Development Institute, Ljubljana; professional director; Medical University Ljubljana, faculty; Central European University, Budapest, Public Health Policy Studies, fellow;
- 1998 – 1999: Slovene Hospice Association, Ljubljana; home care and education manager;
- 1994 – 1997: Holistic Institute for Complementary Medicine, Kiental, Switzerland: therapist and education manager;
- 1986 – 1994: Institute for the Transfusion Medicine, University Clinical Center, Ljubljana: bone marrow transplantation team;
- 1984 – 1986: General practice: Military office, Ljubljana; medical doctor;

### **Activities and achievements:**

- Planning and implementing bone marrow transplantation services at University Clinical Center, Ljubljana and organising a bank for the non-relative donors (1986- 1994);
- Implementing education for health care professionals and volunteers at the Slovene Hospice Association (1999);
- Initiator for the funding and establishing of Palliative Care Development Institute, Ljubljana (2000);
- Planning of professional program and strategy at the Palliative Care Development Institute (2000 – 2003);
- Leadership in the project at the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Science: “Changing of communication in health care” Sept. 2001 – Sept. 2003;
- Innovations in postgraduate education for health care professionals in the field of palliative care and communication;
- Establishment of a system of supervision for health care professionals;
- Founder and president of the National Committee for Palliative Care Plan 2004-2008, appointed by the Ministry of health;
- Appointed as an Assistant Professor at the Medical faculty, Public Health Department. Responsible for the education of palliative care and communication in health care, in public health in medical undergraduate studies (Feb 2003);
- Member of a Working Group at the Ministry of Health in preparations of the Law for Unconventional Medicine in Health Care System;
- Member of the European Association for Palliative Care, Forum for Research, Advisory Board;
- Member of a working group at the European Association of Palliative Care, East Centre in reviewing and analysing the world-wide standards and national plans in palliative care.
- Member of Albert Schweitzer Institute faculties in international educational activities in public health;

- Member of the European General Practice Research Network – EGPRN, Netherlands School of Primary Care Research, Maastricht University;
- Expert reviewer at the World Health Organisation for two documents: "Palliative Care – The Solid Facts" and "Better Palliative Care for Older People" - to stimulate the development of a public health approach to palliative care policy in European countries;
- Expert reviewer at the EURAG gerontology organisation, "Recommendations for care for elderly in EU";

## **Researches**

- A qualitative research project: "Evaluation and proposal for better Communication in Health Care System, with focus on Palliative Care", funded by Ministry of Health and Ministry of Science and Education, Sept, 2001-Sept 1003.
- Innovative approaches to teaching models of communication skills in health care, with co-operation of trained simulated patients, role play, video- and/or audio- taping and interactive feedback; Supervisors: Prof. dr. Ann Faulkner, Sheffield and Prof. dr. Igor Svab, Family Medicine, Medical Faculty, Ljubljana. Funded by Ministry of Health.
- A qualitative research: "Evaluation of burn-out syndrome among health care professionals from different settings".
- International project at the EAPC East Center, Stockholm: "A Review and Analyses of standards on Palliative Care", funded by a fellowship from Karolinska Institute, Stockholm;
- Policy strategies and preparations of policy papers in the field of public health;

## **Memberships**

- Society of Slovene Physicians
- Chamber of Slovene Physicians
- European Association of Palliative Care
- Advisory Board of EAPC – Research Forum
- European General Practitioners Research Network
- East and Central Europe Palliative Care Association

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