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Born on 1951 in Posušje (Bosnia and Hercegovina). He finished School of Medicine at the University of Zagreb in 1976 and passed his residency exam in the field of psychiatry in 1982. He gained the title of Primarius in 1993. In the year 2002 he attained the title of subspecialist in forensic psychiatry and then in 2007 in social psychiatry. Professional interests include his fields of subspecialty as well as psychotrauma, psychopharmacology and organization of psychiatric services. From 1978 to 1986 he worked at the Neuropsychiatric Hospital „Dr. Ivan Barbot” in Popovača, and then at the Clinic for Psychiatry of the University Clinical Centre Rebro Zagreb (1986-1994). From 1994 he is an employee of the Psychiatric Hospital Vrapče Zagreb (now the University Psychiatric Hospital Vrapče). During last 23 years at the Hospital he has been the hospital's director. From 1990 he is employed at the University of Zagreb, School of Medicine. He now holds the title of permanent professor. He is also a professor of Psychiatry at the School of Medicine, University of Mostar and at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb. At the Department of Social Work he teaches Social psychiatry and addiction, at the Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Zagreb and at the Faculty of Croatian Studies he teaches Forensic Psychiatry. He has published over 250 professional and scientific research papers. He has published two books and is coauthor and editor of 13 more. Under his mentorship eleven candidates have completed their PhD dissertations. His professional and scientific works have been presented during many national and international meetings. He has organized over 30 professional meetings including conferences, symposiums and round tables.

He is a member of many international professional associations. He is President of the Croatian Psychiatric Association. He has in the past and still obtains many other duties and functions (President of the Association for Forensic Psychiatry, President of the Zagreb Office of the Croatian Physicians Association, President of the Croatian Association for Psychiatry and Law). He is a member of a number of professional committees. His frequent appearance in the media have helped to popularize psychiatry and destigmatize mentally ill patients and Psychiatry as a profession. As a President of the Croatian Psychiatric Association and director of the largest psychiatric hospital in Croatia he has fought especially hard for the rights of mentally ill patients (thanks to his initiative the Croatian Parliament pronounced June 6th as the Day for the Rights of Persons with Mental Disorders in Croatia). He has fought intensely to improve the status of psychiatry within the healthcare system and institutions, not only financially but also in the social aspect. For his work he has gained much recognition and many awards (Medal from The Order of Danica Hrvatska, with the figure of Katarina Zrinski, City of Zagreb Award in 2008, Croatian Physicians Association awards).