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Citizenship

Croatian

Date of birth

6 / 16 / 1958

WORKING EXPERIENCE

• Dates (from – till)

2 / 1 / 1984 / – 4 / 1 / 1987 / Primary education, Karlovac
 4 / 1 / 1987 / Kindergarten "Matija Gubec", Zagreb
 2 / 1 / 1988 / Kindergarten "Stjepan Flajpan", Zagreb
 3 / 17 / 2000 / - 1 / 1 / 2006 / The Zagreb Community of Technical Culture, Zagreb
 10 / 1 / 1993 / Kindergarten ISKRICA, Zagreb
 3 / 1 / 2008 / Centre for Gifted Child Development "Bistrić", Zagreb

• Institutions of employment

Kindergarten ISKRICA, Zagreb, Professionally Developmental Center for the Education and Provision of Domain Specific Giftedness of Preschool Children according to official promotion of the Ministry of Science and Education (part time)

Centre for Gifted Child Development „Bistrić“, Zagreb, NGO, member of ETSN - European Talent Support Network (part time)

• Job title

Professional associate-psychologist

• Function

Professional associate-counsellor, Program coordinator

Official promotion in a title, from January 11, 2001. Resolution about re-election in a title from October 2, 2006. By Ministry of Science and Education.

• Area of expertise

Early gifted education; early gifted identification and provision in the institutional and non-institutional context (preschool, primary school)

EDUCATION

Date

8 / 22 / 1977 – 10 / 14 / 1982

Place

Belgrade

Institution

University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philosophy, Psychology department

Title	<i>Graduate psychologist</i>
Date	1998/ - 8/ 11/ 2000/
Place	Nijmegen, Netherlands
Institution	Radboud University Nijmegen, Faculty of Social Sciences
Title	<i>ECHA Specialist in Gifted Education</i>

February 2021.

Ljubljana, Slovenia, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Educational Sciences

Doctorate of science (scientific field - Teachers' Education)

**PERSONAL SKILLS AND
competences**

NATIVE LANGUAGE	Croatian
FOREIGN LANGUAGES	
language	English
speaking	yes
writing	yes
reading	yes

<u>SOCIAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES</u>	Excellent, expressed tendency for teamwork
<u>ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Organizing additional professional educations/in-service teacher's trainings in cooperation with public educational institutions, Teacher Training Agency, Ministry of Science & Education and City Office of Education (from 1995. till 2020. on an average of 10 to 15 educations per year). ○ Participating in EU projects (structural, IPA 4 human resource development) as an invited expert in the field of gifted education. ○ Organizing workshops for gifted elementary school students (extra-curricular enriched program) from 1995 till 2020, about 100 workshops per year with approx. 25 gifted children. ○ Organizing and leading humanitarian project for gifted children from socially deprived families supported by private donations. ○ Organizing and coordinating experimental programs and professionally applied programs and projects in educational institutions at all levels, from preschool to high school (10 big projects, co-financed by state and local institutions). ○ Organizing and leading the first specialized Summer School of Science for high schoolers gifted in natural sciences, in cooperation with scientific institutions and Educational Centre Višnjan (2000). ○ Organizing an international conference «<i>National Network for Gifted</i>», Rovinj 2000, in cooperation with the Open Society Institute Croatia, Office for Education and the Centre for the Study of Giftedness, Netherlands, within the implementation of East-East - Project for Croatia. ○ Starting the library <u>Gifted Child</u> in cooperation with the Publisher Alinea in Zagreb. ○ Promoting the importance of the gifted education through public appearances in the media and movies taken by Croatian television: documentary about Summer School of Science and film about the group of gifted children „Kids for 5“. ○ Organizing a round table with international participation on 22nd Conference of psychologists in Rovinj, 2015: guest - director of the European Talent Centre in Budapest.
<u>TEHNICAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES</u>	Good ICT skills and knowledge about computer programs, advanced usage of the Office tools and tools for the synchronous on-line communication.
<u>OTHER SKILLS AND COMPETENCES</u>	Skills in practical work with gifted children and pupils; lecture and organizational skills; the skills of group psychotherapy work.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group psychotherapy method Transactional analysis, completed the first stage 101: <i>Certificate</i> ○ Completed advanced course TA 202 (under the supervision of dr. Karlo Moisso): <i>Certificate</i> 	

SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES AND COMPETENCES

General: ***Early gifted identification and education; Creative - productive giftedness; In service teacher – trainings.***

More specific:

- Identification and provision of giftedness in a preschool and early school age
- Alternative assessment methods for preschool children
- Improving teachers' assessment skills & competencies in early identification
- Development questionnaires/assessment scales for the early identification of the creative – productive giftedness
- Development of the professionally–applied programs for gifted children in the institutional and non-institutional context
- In service teacher - trainings (preschool, primary school)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- *Professional counsellor and program coordinator in the kindergarten Iskrica, in Zagreb, Professionally Developmental Centre for the Education and Provision of Domain Specific Giftedness of Preschool Children*
- *Founder, Vice president, Program and project coordinator in the Centre for Gifted Child Development; manager of professional additional educations (in-service teacher trainings) licensed by Ministry of Science & Education*

- Lecture and other activities

- Lecturer at the Department of Psychology of Croatian Studies University of Zagreb for five years, elective course Psychology of the gifted and Methods and techniques for identification of giftedness (Graduate study) based on resolution about election in lectureship nr.716/05-08-OP
- Guest lecturer at postgraduate specialist study „Art therapy: Methods of helping with an art of an outstandingly gifted“ in Faculty of Education in Ljubljana
- Guest lecturer on different courses in Teacher's Faculty, Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation and Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics of University of Zagreb.
- Member of the examination committee for the professional exams for preschool psychologist from 2010 – 2014.
- Member of the Expert working group for preparing National document “Framework for stimulating the teaching experiences and assessment of achievements for gifted children and pupils” – February 2016. Within the curricular reform of the educational system in Croatia.
- Expert coordinator for 12 professionally applied projects co-financed by public educational institutions.
- Associate of Teacher Training Agency for in-service teacher-training in the field of developmental psychology and gifted education.
- Manager for the expert trainings for psychologist accepted by Croatian Chamber of Psychology in the field of extra-curriculum enriched program for gifted pupils.
- Lecturer on the District expert counsels for the elementary school teachers and professors on topic working with gifted students.
- Invited expert in a project „*Improving the quality of the system of professional teacher trainings*“ conducted within the framework IPA 4 – *Development of human potentials, EU Program for Croatia, in preparing e-learning program Individualization in the gifted education*
- Manager of the project *Preparing Enriched Materials for Gifted Pupils in the Elementary School Education*, co-financed by Ministry of Science and Education 2014/15. for NGO.
- Partner in the project PANDA, Project teaching for the gifted pupils, with NGO BIOTEKA, 2016/17.
Consultant and invited educator for parts of the EU project - structural funds (gifted) *LUMEN* (Krapina –Zagorje County); 1,2,3 *Turning on the Light* (Međimurje County); *Knowledge as a Gift* (Koprivnica – Križevci County) and Center of Excellence, Split

SPECIALIZATION AND ACTIVITIES**ABROAD**

- Gifted education teacher-training, UK, The British Council, County Services Group and Dr. David George – ***Certificate 1995***.
- Professional seminar for Trauma prevention and treatment, Israel, Carmel Institute for Social Studies, dr. Ofra Ajalon, dr. Mooly Lahad i dr. Reuven Gall – ***Certificate, 1994***.
- Supervision, Training and Coaching, The Netherlands, Nijmegen, **Centre for the Study of Giftedness**, Academic Centre for Social Sciences, Radboud Universiteit, dr. Willy Peters, ***Letter of recommendation, 2005***.
- Presentations at the international conferences of European Counsel for High Abilities (ECHA): *Wiena 1995, Debrecin 2000, Rhodes 2003, Ljubljana 2014 – Certificates of attendance*.
- Presentation at the International conference: *Ways Towards Quality in Education*, Brdo kod Kranja, Slovenia.
- Associate of Teacher Training Agency, Slovenia, on in-service teacher trainings in the field of identification and provision of giftedness and use of the ITC in teaching– ***Certificates 1999, 2000, 2001***.
- Plenary lecture on the International expert panel, ***Centre for the Research and Promotion of the Giftedness (CRSN)***, Faculty of Education, University of Ljubljana „Encouraging Learning Environment for Gifted Children in Preschool and Elementary School Age “- ***Acknowledgment***
- Presentation on the VII Vocational International Conference: Competences of the Preschool Teachers-Challenges, Experiences, Comprehension, in Ljubljana 2014., MIB - ***Certificate***
- Invited lecturer on the 14th International ECHA conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia, RE: Thinking giftedness: giftedness in the digital age - ***Certificate of attendance***
- Invited representative from Croatia at an International conference: Toward European Talent Support Network and 3rd European talent Day (www.conference2014.talentday.eu), Budapest, Hungary.
- Partnership in Erasmus plus project: European best practices to support children with high potential and to access training for gifted children with disabilities - GIFTED (FOR) YOU.
- Presentation at an international workshop in Budapest, Hungary, 2015, as invited representative from Croatia: Workshop on International Cooperation in the field of Talent Support
- Invited lecturer at an international expert panel in the ***Centre for the Research and Promoting of the Giftedness (CRSN)*** Faculty of Education, University in Ljubljana, Slovenia, Identification of the Gifted and Working with Them in the Kindergarten and in the School, August, 2015.
- Lecture and workshop at an International conference: Excellence, Innovation and Creativity in Basic – Higher education, Extra – Curricular enriched program for Gifted Students: Individual Projects in Informatics and Robotics; Rijeka, May, 2015.

AWARDS AND
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- ***Holder of the Scholarship of the University of Belgrade for graduate studies***
- ***Holder of the Scholarship of the Slovenian Ministry of Science and Education for doctoral studies***
- ***Chamber of Economy Award for the best diploma paper in the University of Belgrade in 1982.***
- ***Award for special contribution in applied psychology "Marko Marulić" from the Croatian Association of Psychology, in the 2003.***
- ***European Talent Point Certificate – Centre for Gifted Child Development is part of the European Talent Support Network (ETSN) from 2016.***

ADDITIONAL DATA

- ECHA national correspondent from Croatia from 2000 to 2014.
- First ECHA Specialist in Gifted Education in Croatia
- Author and co-author of the three scientific papers
- Author and co-author of 6 handbooks
- Author of 27 professionally applied papers in the field of gifted education
- Editor of 6 brochures and the conference proceedings from the international conference «National Networks for the Gifted»
- Member of the Croatian Chamber for Psychology, licensed psychologist, license number 0313
- Member of the Expert work group for preparing the National document "Framework for Encouraging Learning Experience and the Assessment of the Gifted Pupils Achievements".
- Tuition holder for the doctoral study from the Slovenian Ministry of Science and Education.