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Professor of Research (field: Microbiology with Parasitology)

University of Belgrade (BU), Institute for Medical Research (IMR), Dept of Parasitology, Head

National Reference Laboratory for Toxoplasmosis, Head (2008 –)

Centre of Excellence in Biomedicine, Head (2010 -)

Education:

- 1990 Ph.D. (in Parasitology), School of Medicine, University of Belgrade
- 1988 M.Sc. (in Neonatology), School of Medicine, University of Belgrade
- 1980 M.D. (*honors*), School of Medicine, University of Belgrade

Employment:

- 1980 Medical Internship, Clinical Center *Dr Dragisa Misovic*, Belgrade
- 1981 – present Institute for Medical Research (IMR), Belgrade (1998 - Professor of Research)

International experience:

- 1991-1993 postdoc fellowship, Dept of Microbiology, Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, NH, USA
- 1998 study visit, Institut de Puériculture de Paris, and Faculte de Médecine, Université Paris V, France (2 months)
- 2007, 2010, 2011 study visit, Centre Nationale de Référence Toxoplasme, Université Champagne-Ardenne, Reims, France
- 2009 study visit, Community Reference Laboratory for Parasites, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy

Expertise:

- IMR, Chairman of the Scientific Committee (2006-current)
- Serbian Ministry of Science:
 - National Scientific Board for Medical Sciences, member (2007-current)
 - National Scientific Board for Biomedicine, vice-president (2010-current)
 - Project Evaluator (2001 – present)
- University of Belgrade, Medical Science Board, member (2007-2010)
- Member of Working group for the accreditation of medical laboratories of the Accrediting Body of Serbia (2007 - 2008)
- [Member of Programme Committee for Health for the EC FP7 programme \(Serbian expert representative appointed by Ministry of Science\) \(2008-2013\)](#)
- Editorial/Advisory Board member:
 - Open Virology Journal* since 2007, *Parasite* 2009 – 2013, *Scientia Parasitol* (Romania) since 2010, *Eur J Microbiol Immunol* since 2011
- Peer reviewer for > 20 international journals (incl. *the Lancet*, *J Antimicrob Chemother*, *Vet Parasitol*, *Am J Trop Med Hyg*, *Exp Parasitol*)
- President of the Serbian Society of Parasitologists (2012-)
- SouthEastern and Eastern European Parasitologists Association (SEEEP), Board member (2008-2012), vice-president (2012-)

Teaching experience:

- guest lecturer at the BU School of Biology, since 2006
- teacher, PhD level program “Physiological Sciences” at the BU School of Medicine, since 2009/10
- Supervised 4 doctoral and 4 master theses, currently supervising 4 PhD students, incl. one within the *co-tutelle* program with France (University of Belgrade and Université Paris VI)

Scientific project coordination:

- National (funded by Serbian or Federal Funding Bodies): 5
- International project coordination:
 - 2002-2004, 2004-2006 – Epidemiology of human and canine leishmaniasis in Serbia (coordinator), funded by the bilateral Greece-YU Program for joint research

- 2007-2009 – coordinator of FP6 project **Reinforcement of the Serbian Centre for Parasitic Zoonoses** (contract no. INCO-CT-2006-043702 - SERBPARTOON)
- 2010-2011 – Molecular diagnosis and genotypization of *Toxoplasma gondii* isolated from humans and animals in France and Serbia („Pavle Savic“ bilateral cooperation program)
- 2011-2012 – Molecular diagnosis and genotypization of human isolates of *Toxoplasma gondii* in Serbia and Hungary (bilateral cooperation program)
- 2009-2013 Member of Management Committee of COST Action FA 0805 (CAPARA)