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Graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Rijeka (Croatia) in 1997, with a degree in Environmental and Occupational Health. Holds the scientific Master's (2007) and PhD (2011) degree in Food Science and Food Chemistry, respectively, both obtained from the Faculty of Food Technology and Biotechnology of the University of Zagreb (CROATIA).

Currently, he holds the position of Associate Professor at the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Studies, both at the University of Rijeka (Croatia). He is the Head of the University study program Clinical Nutrition, as well as the leader of several courses related to food safety, food origin, and organic food production. During his scientific career he has published over 30 papers cited by the international SCOPUS scientific database.

His scientific interests are mainly encompassed within the field of Health Ecology, as well as the authenticity and the use of beehive products. He has years of experience in ensuring the safety, quality, and authenticity of Croatian honeys.

He is a member of various national committees under the Ministry of Agriculture, focusing on establishing a legal framework for the origin and quality of honey. He is an active sensory analyst of honey, registered also in the Italian National Register of Honey Sensory Analysis Experts.

Presently he is the President of the Croatian Association of Honey Sensory Analysts (HUSAM) and the President of the International Honey Commission (IHC).

His particular point of scientific attention is focused on the quality, characterization and authentication of different Croatian honeys as well as the characterization and the physiological effects of Croatian propolis.

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