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Year/Place of Birth: 1965; Osijek, Croatia

Education: 1972-1979, Elementary School, Osijek
1980-1984, Secondary School, Osijek
1985-1990, Faculty of Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia
1990, June, MD degree
1990-1993, Postgraduate Study in Clinical Immunology and Allergology, University of Zagreb, Croatia
1993, defended MSci thesis "Typing of hantaviruses using polymerase chain reaction", University of Zagreb, Croatia
1995, defended PhD thesis "The role of human papillomaviruses in the etiopathogenesis of benign and malignant tumors of the larynx and esophagus", University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
1998, finished specialisation in Clinical Microbiology

Present Position: Full Professor at Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana and
Head of Laboratory for Molecular Microbiology and
Slovenian HIV/AIDS Reference Centre
Institute of Microbiology and Immunology,
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- Research interests:
- development of novel molecular diagnostic methods/assays
 - improvement and evaluation of commercial virological methods/assays
 - isolation of DNA from archival and complicated clinical specimens (e.g. paraffin-embedded tissue, Papanicolaou-stained smears, Giemsa - smears)
 - role of HPV in the pathogenesis of different benign and malignant tumours
 - etiopathogenesis of head and neck carcinomas and benign tumours
 - etiopathogenesis of pediatric *Helicobacter pylori* infection
 - intrahospital and unusual transmission of blood-borne microorganisms
 - genetic heterogeneity of HIV, HCV, HBV, *H. pylori* and *M. tuberculosis*

- Bibliography:
- 310 original research or review articles published in PubMed-cited journals
more on: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=poljak+m>
 - 253 articles published in Science Citation Index (SCI)-cited journals
 - 118 research or review articles in non-SCI-cited journals
 - 31 book chapters
 - 309 invited lectures at different international/national scientific conferences
 - 147 published full-text lectures from different scientific conferences
 - app. 890 abstracts from different scientific conferences

- Citations:
- app. 7,680 times in Google Scholar (Hirsch index h=43; index i10=183)
more on: <http://scholar.google.si/citations?user=2KbJ54gAAAJ&hl=sl&oi=ao>
 - app. 5,505 times in WoS/Scopus-indexed journals

Editor, Editorial Board Member or peer reviewer for scientific journals:

Editor: Acta Dermatovenerologica APA (2005-present)

Associate Editor: Journal of Clinical Virology (2014-present)

Editorial Board Member: Journal of Clinical Microbiology (2017-present); AIDS Reviews (2014-present); Papillomavirus Research-The Journal of HPV and other Small DNA Tumor Viruses (2015-present); Advances in Microbiology, Infectious Diseases and Public Health (2015-present); Journal of Clinical Virology (2010-2014)

Peer reviewer: Journal of Clinical Microbiology; Journal of Infectious Diseases, Clinical Infectious Diseases, Lancet Infectious Diseases, Journal of Medical Virology; Journal of Virological Methods; Journal of Clinical Virology; Virology; International Journal of Cancer; BioTechniques; Gastroenterology; Nephron; Digestive Diseases and Sciences; PLoS One; Journal of Pediatric Infectious Diseases; Medical Science Monitor; Archives of Gynecology and Obstetrics; Expert Opinion on Molecular Diagnostics; Transplant International; Therapeutic Apheresis and Dialysis; Infection, Genetics and Evolution; Journal of Medical Sciences; Applied Microbiology; Journal of International Medical Research; Scandinavian Journal of Infectious Diseases; Scandinavian Journal of Clinical & Laboratory Investigation; AIDS Research and Human Retroviruses; Collegium Antropologicum; Eurosurveillance; Future Virology; HIV Medicine; Cancer Epidemiol; Croatian Medical Journal; Journal of Clinical Laboratory Analysis, etc.

Direct mentorship, scientific guidance and supervision:

Ph. D. Thesis

(completed: 15 x supervisor; 11 x co-supervisor; presently 8 candidates)

M. Sci. Thesis

(completed: 4 x supervisor; 8 x co-supervisor; presently 2 candidates)

Graduation Thesis

(completed: 31 x supervisor; 3 x co-supervisor; presently 3 candidates)

Student Research Thesis

(completed: 3 x supervisor; 1 x co-supervisor)

Clinical Microbiology Fellows

(8 x Main supervisor - 5 years each, presently 1 candidate)

Young Research Fellows

(7 x Main supervisor - 4.5 years each, presently 1 candidate)

Professional recognition/responsibilities:

European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID): President (2016-present); Executive Committee Member (2012-present); Professional Affairs Officer for Clinical Microbiology (2012-2014); Parity Commission-ESCMID Advocate for Geographic Balance (2010-2012); European Council Member (2005-present)

European Society for Clinical Virology (ESCV): European Council Member (2000-2010)

European Society for translational Antiviral Research (ESAR): Board Member (2010-2015)

Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA): IDWeek Program Committee (2018-2020)

European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), Section of Medical Biopathology: Secretary General (2003-2005); European Board Member (1997-2005); European Board for Accreditation of CME in Clinical Microbiology-Member (2004-2005)

Slovenian Society for Clinical Microbiology and Hospital Infections: President (2003-2007); Vice-President (2007-2011)

Slovenian Medical Academy: Regular member (2017-present)

Slovenian National Coordinator for Specialisation in Clinical Microbiology (2003-2015)

Professional Society Member:

- European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases - ESCMID (1997-present)
- American Society of Microbiology - ASM (1997-present)
- European Society for Clinical Virology - ESCV (1995-present)
- Pan American Society for Clinical Virology - PASCV (2004-present)
- European Society for translational Antiviral Resistance - ESAR (2011-present)
- International Papillomavirus Society - IPV (2002-present)
- International AIDS Society – IAS (2017-present)
- Slovensko zdravniško društvo (1991-present)

List of selected publications 2018-1993

(status: February 24, 2018)

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Polman N, Oštrbenk A, Xu L, Snijders P, Meijer CJLM, **Poljak M**, Heideman DAM, Arbyn M. Evaluation of the clinical performance of the HPV-Risk assay using the VALGENT-3 panel. *J Clin Microbiol* 2017; **55**: 3544-3551.

Kocjan BJ, Hošnjak L, Račnik J, Zadavec M, Bakovnik N, Cigler B, Ummelen M, Hopman AHN, Gale N, Švara T, Gombač M, **Poljak M**. Molecular characterization, prevalence and clinical relevance of *Phodopus sungorus papillomavirus* type 1 (PsuPV1) naturally infecting Siberian hamsters (*Phodopus sungorus*). *J Gen Virol* 2017; **98**: 2799-2809.

Maver JP, **Poljak M**. Progress in prophylactic human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination in 2016: a literature review. *Vaccine* 2017; **in press**.

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