

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Irena Klavs

## WORK EXPERIENCE

1986 – 2013 (ongoing)

**Medical Doctor, Epidemiologist**

National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ)

Trubarjeva 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

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- Coordination of national HIV, STIs & hepatitis surveillance and research
- Coordination of national healthcare-associated infections (HAI) surveillance and research
- Coordinator of national severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) surveillance within COVID-19 surveillance

Business or sector Public Health

1985-1986

**Medical Doctor**

Primary Health Care Centre Ljubljana

- General Practitioner

Business or sector Health Care

1984

**Medical Doctor**

University Medical Centre Ljubljana

- Assistant to the Chair of the University Medical Centre Research Committee

Business or sector Health Research

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2003

**Philosophy Doctor**

London School of Hygiene &amp; Tropical Medicine, University of London, UK

1994

**Specialist in Epidemiology**

Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia

1992

**Master of Science in Epidemiology**

London School of Hygiene &amp; Tropical Medicine, University of London, UK

1991

**Diploma in Social Medicine (postgraduate course)**

Medical School, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

1998

**Diploma in Hospital Hygiene (postgraduate course)**

Medical School, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

1988

**Diploma in Principles of Epidemiology (self study course)**

Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Atlanta, Georgia, USA

1982

**Medical Doctor**

Medical School, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

## PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Slovenian

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C1	C1	C2
Croatian	C2	C2	B2	B2	B2

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

**Communication skills** Good communication skills gained through experience as a coordinator of the Slovenian national surveillance and research in the area of HIV / sexually transmitted infections (STI) / hepatitis & health care associated infections (HAI) and international collaboration with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), the European Commission and national institutes of public health in other EU member states.

**Organisational / managerial skills**

- leadership (currently responsible for coordinating national HIV/STI/HEP & HAI surveillance and research)
- coordinating research (have been the principle investigator for several national surveys)
- mentoring (have been mentor to medical doctors specialising in epidemiology and public health, young researchers funded by the Slovenian Research Agency and European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology training (EPIET) fellows)
- supervision (currently principle supervisor of the EPIET training site in Slovenia)

**Job-related skills**

- External evaluation (have been external evaluator for Health and Consumers Protection DG, Directorate C in 2005 and 2006)

**Computer skills** Good command of Microsoft Office™ tools, Novel Group wise, STATA, SPSS.

**Driving licence** B

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Publications** See MEDLINE - Klavs I

**Awards** 1<sup>st</sup> price in the category of oral presentations: "Feasibility of testing for *Chlamydia trachomatis* in a general population sexual behaviour survey in Slovenia"; Sexually Transmitted Diseases in a Changing Europe, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, April 13 – 15, 2000

**Teaching titles**

- Prof. of Public Health, Medical School, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia (since 2012)
- Honorary Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Epidemiology & Population Health, Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, University of London, London, UK (2012-2018)

**Memberships**

- European Centre for Diseases Prevention and Control (ECDC) Advisory Forum member (2005 – ongoing)
- HIV Think Tank member for Slovenia, European Commission (2004 – 2019)
- National AIDS Committee at the Ministry of Health, Slovenia member (1993 – ongoing)
- National Committee for Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections at the Ministry of Health, Slovenia member (2003 – ongoing)
- EuroHIV Steering Committee, Institute de Veile Sanitaire, France member (2001-2007)
- ESSTI Steering Group member, Health Protection Agency, UK (2006-2008)