



PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Female | Date of birth 16/05/1954 | Nationality Slovene

JOB APPLIED FOR  
POSITION  
PREFERRED JOB  
STUDIES APPLIED FOR

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/STI/HEP & HAI surveillance and research

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 & Tropical Medicine, University of London, UK

- Research skills in epidemiology

1994

**Specialist in Epidemiology**

Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia

- Skills in epidemiology

1992

**Master of Science in Epidemiology**

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

- Research skills in epidemiology

- 1991 **Diploma in Social Medicine (postgraduate course)**  
 Medical School, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
  - Skills in social medicine
  
- 1998 **Diploma in Hospital Hygiene (postgraduate course)**  
 Medical School, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
  - Skills in hospital hygiene
  
- 1988 **Diploma in Principles of Epidemiology (self study course)**  
 Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Atlanta, Georgia, USA
  - Basic skills in epidemiology
  
- 1982 **Medical Doctor**  
 Medical School, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia
  - Medicine

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) / hepatitises & health care associated infections (HAI) and international collaboration with 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 principle investigator in several national surveys)
- mentoring (have been mentor to medical doctors specialising in epidemiology and public health, young researchers and 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

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Publications MEDLINE (6<sup>th</sup> April 2017): See Annex 1

Awards 1<sup>st</sup> prize 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

- Assoc. 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 (since 2012)

Memberships

- European Centre for Diseases Prevention and Control (ECDC) Advisory Forum member (2005 – ongoing)
- HIV Think Tank member for Slovenia, European Commission (2004 – ongoing)
- 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)

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**ANNEXES**

ANNEX 1 ▪ Publications referenced in MEDLINE as of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## ANNEX 1

Publications as referenced in MEDLINE as of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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