

EDUCATION

1995 Bachelor's degree in psychology, University of Zagreb, Croatia (Thesis: „Self-image and adopted gender role“)

2007 Master's degree, University of Zagreb, Croatia (Thesis: "Self-esteem and Parenting Acceptance-Rejection Experience in Blind and Low vision Adolescents"), post gradual studies in „Children and adolescent psychiatry“

1996-1997 Basics of psychosocial trauma and recovery, seminar (200 h)

1996-1997 Workshops in gestalt therapy (self-awareness group for professionals)

1998-2000 CBT (Cognitive behaviour therapy) education

2008 education and licencing for application of personal inventory MMPI test for adults

2010 seminar on rehabilitation of VI (visually impaired) persons, Grave, Netherlands

2011 education and licencing for application of cognitive test WISC for children

2009-2010 education and licencing for providing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) programme

2010 Early interventions in visual impaired children

2012 Seminar in Active aging and visual impairment

2016-2018 workshops in NCV (non-violent communication)

WORKING EXPERIENCE

1994/1995 vice president of organizing committee on international project "Relations Between Sexes in Europe"; a research project on intercultural differences in relations between the sexes in 10 European countries, organized by "Faculty of Philosophy", Zagreb and European Psychology Students Association (Financed by Soros foundations)

1996-2016 Center and school for visually impaired students „Vinko Bek“, Zagreb working as a psychologist with children and adults in process of recovery from vision-loss trauma

1998-2004 psychological assessments as part of systematic health examinations of managers and employees of Ministry of foreign affaires

2000-2005 working in expertise team for Ministry of social Policy: assessment of physio-psychological health damage and it's influences on person's everyday functioning

2001-2010 Project: "Repeat together" lectures and workshops, renewing acquired knowledge & skills during the psychosocial rehabilitation of blind persons

2003 Project: Workshops for Blind Women: "Depression in visually impaired women"

2008 Project: "Support Network" workshops on "Communication Skills and Self-esteem in Adult Blind Persons"

2008/2009 Project: "How to better understand problems of visually impaired persons", systematic education of doctors and nurses about the difficulties of adult blind persons in Croatia

2009- 2010 Project: "Learning and Transmitting" workshops

2009 Project: "Stronger for Tomorrow" Project for Psychological Strengthening of Blind Women, Workshop „Problem-Solving Techniques"

2011 Project: "Equal Opportunities for Visually Impaired Women" workshops on "Communication Skills and Self-Advocacy"

2011 Project: "Sexuality and visually impaired students", workshops

2011-2015 mentoring applicants for membership in Croatian Psychological Chamber

2012 expert team member for Croatian Institute for public Health in process of composing a new law on Health Assessments

2013 author of the chapter "Sexual education of VI persons" in Croatian school curriculum

2015-2018 providing psychological counselling via Skype (pro bono)

2018 published scientific article: „Do education, volunteering, contacts and self-esteem relate with students' attitudes toward employed visually impaired persons?" which has been published in the scientific journal "Napredak" and on the Portal of Scientific Journals of Croatia – HRČAK

2019-2020 Self-employed as a counselling psychologist

2009-2016 Teaching university students:

- Lectures, seminars, exams to students at „Faculty for special education“, Zagreb; class: "Professional rehabilitation of visually impaired persons" (120h)
- Lectures "Psychological rehabilitation for visually impaired persons" to psychology students at the "Faculty of Philosophy", Zagreb (15 h)
- Lectures for the employees of Croatian employment agency "Independent life and work of visually impaired people"
- Lectures for ophthalmologists at the "Medical Faculty", Zagreb: "Rehabilitation process and independent life and work of adult blind persons"

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

1998 Annual Conference of Psychologists; presentation of the paper "Psychosocial Rehabilitation of Adult Blind Persons"

2003 Presentation: "The Specifics of Growth in Visual impaired Children", article published in Seminar proceedings

2008 Presentation in the Croatian Psychological Society: "Self-image and experience of parental acceptance and rejection in blind and low vision adolescent"

2009 EBU Conference in Wien, Austria (European Blind Association)

2010 ICEVI Balkan conference, presentation: "Self-concept of visually impaired adolescents"

2010 Conference on Social Aspects of Violence, "Faculty of Philosophy", Osijek, presentation: "Violence in the Everyday Life of Persons with impaired Vision" reviewed and published in Conference proceedings

2011 presentation in the Croatian Psychological Society: "Bulling in the everyday life of students with impaired vision"

2012 ECPVI Conference in Heidelberg, Germany, presentation: „Relationship between self-esteem of University students and their attitudes towards employment of VI persons “

2012 Conference on Social Aspects of Violence, “Faculty of Philosophy”, Osijek, presentation: „Discrimination of VI persons in work environment “, reviewed and published in Conference proceedings

2012 Conference on Research in Education and Rehabilitation Science, „Faculty for special education “, Zagreb, presentation: “Attitudes of students of helping and non-helping professions towards employed visually impaired persons”

2012 Conference “Aging of EU population”

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

1995-2015 member of Croatian Psychological Association

2004-2018 member of Croatian Psychological Chamber

2010-2018 ENPVI member (European Network of psychologist dealing with visually impaired persons)

2010-2012 reviewer of scientific journal JSER (Journal of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Macedonia)

LANGUAGES

English: full professional proficiency

Croatian: full professional proficiency

Slovakian: Professional working proficiency

French: B2.2