



Prof. dr. sci. Daniel Rukavina

Born: February 22, 1937, Sarajevo; 1962. MD, 1971. PhD (Univ. Zagreb); 1972–1973, Fulbright scholarship (Southwest. Med. School, Dallas, Tx, USA); Since 1962 at the Medical Faculty, University of Rijeka: 1981 – Professor of Physiology and Immunology, 1977–2003 Chairman, Dept. Physiology and Immunology, 1983–1987 Dean. 1989–1997 Adjunct Prof. Clinical Pathology, Univ. Pittsburgh; 1990 Full member – Cro. Acad. Med. Sci.; 1999–2003 President – Croatian Physiological Society; 2000 Full member – Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts; 2000 – 2009 Rector, Univ. of Rijeka; 2001–2002 and 2007–2008 President-Rectors Assembly of Croatian Universities; 2002–2003 Member, Council Europ. Univ. Assoc.; 2003–2004 President, Science Found. Rijeka Univ.; 2009 Prof. Emeritus. During his Rectors mandate a new University Campus was built and scientific potential of University increased for 50 percent. 2013 Chairman – Dept. Clinical and Transplantation Immunology and Molecular Medicine in Rijeka, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

From 1975 – Principal investigator-Grants of Croatian Scientific Foundations; Principal investigator (Croatian group) of international research programs: 1994–1997 Dept. Immunol., Univ. Liverpool, UK (ALIS Program); 1995–1999 Dept. Microbiol. Immunol., Univ. Miami, USA (NIH Program); 2004–2008 EU 6th Framework Programme – Network of Excellence "The control of embryo implantation" – EMBIC. Very successful and productive research collaboration was developed with 14 groups in USA, Europe and Japan, through which numerous fellowships for young coworkers were realized.

Mentor and supervisor at 60 Master and PhD theses. From this group of his students are 35 University Professors, 18 Chairmen of Departments and Clinics, Vice-Deans, Deans and Rectors, some of them most cited Croatian scientists in the field of biomedical sciences.

International Societies: 1994–1997 President – Alps Adria Soc. Immunol. Reprod., President d'Honneur (1997); 1999–2001 President – Europ. Fed. Immunol. Reprod. (EFIR), 2012. Honorary member; 2004.–2007 President – Int. Soc. Immunol. Reprod. (ISIR), 2007 President d'Honneur.

Scientific opus consists of 345 publications: Original scientific papers – 245 (167 in CC journals). Editor in books and CC journals (guest editor)–12. Citations in: Google scholar 2003, h-index 25, i 10-index 51; Web of Knowledge 1645.

Invited Plenary speaker at 7 world congresses, 3 European congresses, 34 international and 11 national congresses. Invited lectures (26) at the Universities in USA, Europe and Japan.

Organizer and the President of the: First Yugoslav Immunology Congress (Opatija, 2005); 8th and 10th World Congress of Reproductive Immunology (ISIR) in Opatija (July 2–6, 2001 and June, 10–14, 2007); five international immunology meetings in Opatija with a special focus on Mechanisms in local immunity (1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998-contributions were published in Am. J. Reprod. Immunol.).

Awards: Recipient over 70 national and international awards, medals and recognitions: 1985 – "Ruđer Bošković"; 1987 – City of Rijeka; 1998 – Cro. Acad. Sci. Arts; 2000 "Ante Serce" Acad. Med. Sci.; 2006 Deserving visiting professor, Univ. Maribor, Slovenia; 2007 – Professor honoris causa, Univ. "St. Cyril and Methodius", Skopje, Macedonia; 2008 Blackwell Munksgaard Award – Am. Soc. Reprod. Immunol. for outstanding scientific global contribution to the field (published in: Am. J. Reprod. Immunol, 60: 379–382, 2008.).

Awards for lifetime achievements: 2004 The Republic of Croatia; 2009 – Golden Kuna Croatian Chamber of Commerce; 2010 – Primorsko-goranska county; 2012 City of Rijeka;

State awards: 1980 "Orden zasluga za narod sa srebrnom zvijezdom" (Presidency of Yugoslavia); 2007 "Red Danice Hrvatske s likom Ruđera Boškovića" (President of the Republic of Croatia).

Married to Ida Rukavina, prof. since 1972, son Milan (1973), granddaughter Lucija (2002).

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