

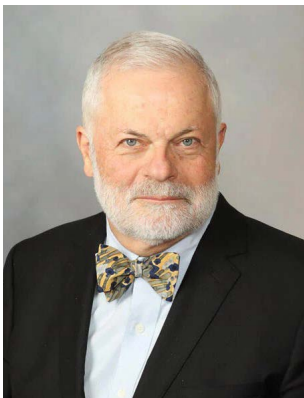
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**Dragan Primorac, M.D., Ph.D.**, is a pediatrician, forensic expert and geneticist. He is the first recipient of the title “Global Penn State University Ambassador” and currently he serves as the Chair of the International Affairs Committee of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. He is professor at Eberly College of Science, The Pennsylvania State University, and Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, University of New Haven, in the United States and as professor at Medical Schools in Split, Osijek and Rijeka as well as at Department of Biotechnology, University of Rijeka, in Croatia. In October of 2016. he was appointed as a visiting professor at the College of Medicine and Forensics, Xi'an Jiaotong University, People's Republic of China. Dr. Primorac is one of the pioneers in DNA identification of skeletal human remains from mass graves.

Currently, he has particular interest in metabolic bone and cartilage disorders, pain treatment, sports medicine as well as in personalized and regenerative medicine. Dr. Primorac was invited speaker at more than 150 conferences all around the world. His work was published in most cited journals including Science and Nature and his papers have been cited more than 4300 times (Google Scholar) while h-index is 29. Currently, he is a team leader of the Croatian partner in the international consortium within EU FP7 project entitled “Multi-dimensional OMICS approach to stratification of patients with low back pain”, worth 7.6 million euros. He is the cofounder and the President of the International Society of Applied Biological Sciences ([www.isabs.hr](http://www.isabs.hr)). In 2017. he was elected president of The Croatian Society for Human Genetics. Dr. Primorac received 21 domestic and international awards. From 2003 to 2009 he served as Minister of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia.



**Stanimir Vuk-Pavlović, Ph.D.**, is Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science, as well as Director Emeritus of the Stem Cell Laboratory, Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center in Rochester, Minnesota. He is a native of Zagreb where he graduated from the School of Science, University of Zagreb. He obtained his Ph.D. in biophysics from the same University and received his postdoctoral training at the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel. After a stint at the Institute of Immunology in Zagreb, he joined the Mayo Clinic, where he has remained for the rest of his career. For his contribution to the Croatian war of independence, he was awarded two presidential medals. Prof. Vuk-Pavlović is the corresponding (foreign) member of the Croatian Academy of Science and Arts. He has been

involved with ISABS from the very beginning, joining Dragan Primorac and the late Moses Schanfield in organizing ISABS conferences. He initiated the collaboration of ISABS with the Mayo Clinic and has served as program director for several past conferences, including the current one.