



Short Bio/CV

Nikolina Basic-Jukic was born in Gospic, Croatia, in 1971. After graduating from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Zagreb, in 1994, she finished BS in Experimental pharmacology in 1997 and gained a PhD in Genetics in 1998. Her first employment was at the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine from 1994 to 1998, followed by an internship in internal medicine at the Clinical hospital center in Zagreb. In 2002, she started subspecialization in nephrology. In 2008, she became head of the Department for peritoneal dialysis and, since 2012, has served as the head of the Department for kidney transplantation. Over the last ten years, she has represented Croatia in the Eurotransplant Kidney Advisory Committee.

In 2008, Nikolina Basic-Jukic was appointed a professor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Osijek, and in 2009 at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Zagreb.

She has authored more than 650 scientific papers cited more than 3700 times (https://scholar.google.hr/scholar?hl=hr&as_sdt=0%2C5&q=basic-jukic&oq=b); H-index 27). Additionally, she authored three university books, Kidney Transplantation, Peritoneal Dialysis, and Hemodialysis, and numerous chapters in other books. She has authored educational booklets for kidney patients: Renal nutrition, Kidney transplantation, Chronic kidney disease, Kidney disease in children.

In her professional life, prof. Basic-Jukic has introduced immunoabsorption in Croatia and participated in all steps required for successful establishment the Croatian transplant program as the leading transplant nephrologist in the country. Her interests include rare and genetic kidney diseases, renal nutrition, chronic kidney disease, acute kidney injury, dialysis, and transplantation. Her research has advanced understanding of these areas, leading to improved patient care and outcomes.

She has received ten national and international prizes for scientific and professional achievements. Among them is the prize for the best student of the Faculty of Medicine, the international award for achievements in genetics, the award for the best abstract at the ISN congress in Berlin in 2003, and the award for supporting the development of the transplant program in Montenegro.

Currently, she serves as the Croatian Renal Association (CRA) president. Under her leadership, the association is highly active, with more than 20 different activities throughout the year, including educational seminars, research symposiums, and patient support programs. She has initiated a 'Nephrology curriculum' with more than 800 recorded lectures available online (<https://kurikulum-nefrologije.hr>), covering all aspects of nephrology. These leadership roles demonstrate her commitment to advancing the field of nephrology and transplantation, instilling confidence in her abilities and expertise. Prof. Basic-Jukic has mentored numerous PhD students, medical school students, and nurses.

She is married and gave birth to two children.

Candidate's Statement

A motivation letter

Nikolina Basic-Jukic

I admire the commitment of ISN to progress in nephrology worldwide. It is highly inspiring and motivating. As an ISN Regional Board leader, I would like to continue and broaden the projects I have already initiated at the level of Balkan countries. Having led multiple successful projects as the Croatian Renal Association president, I'm excited about the opportunity to bring leadership skills and passion for innovation to ISN. I have already succeeded in uniting nephrologists and other specialists who care for kidney patients from surrounding countries (Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Montenegro, FYR Macedonia). Next year, we will organize an international congress for young nephrologists and medical students in the English language in Zagreb. ISN's dynamic atmosphere may broaden our contacts with other countries in the region.

My vision for the ISN Regional Board leader position is to broaden the idea of sharing the experience and knowledge among all participants caring for kidney patients. In this line, the importance of young people entering the field of medicine can not be overemphasized. Promoting nephrology among medical students and young doctors may attract the best candidates who will become our colleagues, excellent scientists, and skilled and empathic physicians.