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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Dates (from – to)	1981-2011
Name and address of employer	School of Medicine, University of Zagreb (until 1981-1997) and University of Split (1997-2011)
Type of business or sector	Academic Institution, Full professor of Histology and Embryology
Occupation or position held	Head of the Department of Anatomy, Histology and Embryology
Main activities and responsibilities	Research and teaching

**EDUCATION**

Date	1974-1979
Place of education	Zagreb
Name and type of organization providing education	School of Medicine, University of Zagreb
Title or qualification awarded	Medical doctor

Date	1981-1983
Place of education	Zagreb, Croatia
Name and type of organization providing education	Postgraduate study in Biomedicine, Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Zagreb
Title or qualification awarded	Master of science (1984)

Date	1989
Place of education	Zagreb, Croatia
Name and type of organization providing education	School of Medicine, University of Zagreb
Title or qualification awarded	Doctor of Philosophy

**TRAINING**

Year	1983, 1984
Place of training	Tübingen, Germany
Name and type of organization providing training	Department of Electron Microscopy, Max-Planck Institute

Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered	Training in electron microscopy
Year	1988, 1991
Place of training	Helsinki, Finland
Name and type of organization providing training	Department of Electron Microscopy and Department of Pathology, University of Helsinki
Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered	Training in electron microscopy and immunohistochemistry
Year	1993
Place of training	Gottingen, Germany
Name and type of organization providing training	Department of Molecular Cell Biology, Max-Planck Institute of Biophysical Chemistry
Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered	Training of "in situ" hybridization technique
Year	2000
Place of training	Helsinki, Finland
Name and type of organization providing training	Department of Electron Microscopy, Institute of Biotechnology
Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered	Training in electron microscopy
<b>PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES</b>	
Mother tongue(s)	Croatian
Other language(s)	
Language	English
Speaking	Excellent
Writing	Excellent
Understanding (listening and reading)	Excellent
<b>MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Croatian Association of Anatomists, Histologists and Embryologists</li> <li>- Croatian Association of Medical Doctors</li> <li>- Croatian Association of Medical Education</li> <li>- International Society of Developmental Biologists</li> <li>- European Cell Biology Organization</li> <li>- The Finnish Society for Cell and Developmental Biology</li> </ul>	
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES</b>	
<p>2007- 2009. Vice Dean for Finances, School of Medicine, University of Split, Croatia        2003 – 2007. Vice Dean for Science, School of Medicine, University of Mostar; BiH        2001 – 2013. Head of the Department of Anatomy, Histology and Embryology, School of Medicine University of Split</p>	
<b>TEACHING ACTIVITIES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Graduate education in Histology and Embryology</li> <li>- Elective courses "Development and congenital kidney diseases", "Fertilization"</li> <li>- e-teaching: Elective course " Development and anomalies of the head and neck"</li> <li>- Postgraduate teaching- Postgraduate study, School of Medicine in Split, Croatia</li> <li>- Postgraduate teaching – Postgraduate study, School of Medicine in Mostar, BiH</li> <li>- Visiting professor - Postgraduate study in Biomedicine, School of Medicine in Rijeka, Croatia</li> <li>- Visiting professor – School of Medicine in Mostar, BiH</li> <li>- Teacher at Courses of Permanent Medical Education</li> </ul>	

<b>RESEARCH EXPERIENCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Investigations in the field of normal and abnormal human development with special emphasis on the formation of axial structures (notochord, vertebral column, brain and spinal cord)</li> <li>-Ultrastructural and immunohistochemical investigations of basic processes during development of human organs: cell proliferation and cell death, differentiation, growth-factors, BMP-s, intermediate filament proteins.</li> <li>-Spatial and temporal expression of genes and their products in human tissues. Expression of highly conserved genes (PAX) in human development.</li> <li>-Investigation on ultrastructural, histochemical and immunohistochemical characteristics on the axial organs of Amphioxus.</li> <li>- Investigations on the role of primary cilia in kidney development and pathology (cistogenesis)</li> <li>- Investigation on the role of different developmental factors (apoptotic, anti-apoptotic growth factors, transcriptional factors) in human jaw and tooth formation</li> </ul>
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<b>COMPUTER SOFTWARE</b>	Saraga-Babić M, Sapunar D "Atlas of Human Embryology", Chronolab, Chrono Educa, 1996 Sapunar D., Saraga-Babić M "Atlas of Histology", School of Medicine, University of Split, 2008
<b>EDUCATIONAL TEXTS</b>	Saraga-Babić M., Švajger A., Sapunar D., Pintarić I., Anđelinović Š., Saraga M.:Development and congenital kidney diseases", University of Zagreb, Medical School-Split Branch, 1992 Banović I, Peruzović M., Saraga-Babić M., Sapunar D.: Fertilization, University of Zagreb, Medical School-Split Branch, 1992 Saraga-Babić M: Respiratory system. In Junqueira LC, Carneiro J. and Kelly RO. Basic Histology (Croatian edition), pp.338-358 (7 <sup>th</sup> edition), Školska knjiga, Zagreb, 1995 Saraga-Babić M.: Adrenals, Islets of Langerhans, Thyroid, the Parathyroid glands, the Pineal body. In Junqueira LC, Carneiro J. and Kelly RO. Basic Histology (Croatian edition), pp.305-424 (7 <sup>th</sup> edition), Školska knjiga, Zagreb, 1995. Saraga-Babić M: With game through anatomy 5 Embryology, Sobotta: Atlas of Anatomy- cards for learning. (Croatian edition), Naklada Slap, Jastrebarsko, 2002.
<b>BOOK REVIEWS</b>	Sobotta "Atlas of Histology" (Croatian edition), Naklada Slap, Jastrebarsko, 2004

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