

Associate Prof. Frane Grubišić, MD, PhD

Biography

I was born in 1973 in Zagreb, where I attended both elementary and high school. In 1998, I graduated from the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb. After mandatory internship from 1998 to 2000 and successfully obtaining the medical license for independent work as an MD, I started residency in physical and rehabilitation medicine in 2001 until 2005 at the Department of Rheumatology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, University Hospital Center Sestre Milosrdnice in Zagreb, Croatia. From 2006 to 2008, I attended and completed the subspecialty training in rheumatology at the same department. I successfully defended my research theses, MSc in 2009 and PhD in 2016, and received the corresponding academic titles.

My clinical and research work and interests include the following areas: biomechanics, rheumatoid arthritis and spondyloarthritis (epidemiology, clinical aspects, outcome measures, pharmacological treatment), quality of life of patients with musculoskeletal conditions and rehabilitation of musculoskeletal diseases. I was Editor-in-Chief of the research journal *Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation* (official journal of the Croatian Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine from 2013-2021) and was member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Reumatizam (Rheumatism)*; official journal of the Croatian Society for Rheumatology). In addition to that, I have been an active peer reviewer in various international research journals from the area of rheumatology and physical and rehabilitation medicine (e.g., *Clinical Rheumatology*, *Rheumatology International*, *American Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine*, *Frontiers in Rehabilitation Sciences*, *International Journal of Therapy and Rehabilitation* etc.).

Currently, I am Head of the Department of Rheumatology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, School of Medicine, University Hospital Center Sestre Milosrdnice in Zagreb, Croatia. My other professional roles include the following:

- President of the Croatian Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, Croatian Medical Association from 2021-2025
- Reelected as the President of the Croatian Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, Croatian Medical Association for period 2025-2029
- member of the Executive Committee, Croatian Society for Rheumatology, Croatian Medical Association since 2023,
- member of the Executive Committee and General Secretary, European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ESPRM) since 2023,
- national delegate of the Croatian Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine to ESPRM since 2014

- national delegate to the UEMS PRM Section and national manager to the UEMS PRM Board since 2021
- Vice President of the Mediterranean Forum of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (2023-2025).

In addition to that, I have also been a member of both organizing and scientific committees of various national and international conferences.

As for academic promotion, I was appointed as research associate in 2017, and in 2023 as senior research associate.

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