

Prof. Dragan Primorac is a pediatrician, forensic expert and geneticist. Professor Primorac is the first recipient of the title "Global Penn State University Ambassador" since the University was established in 1855. Currently he serves as the Chair of the International Affairs Committee of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and as 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, Rijeka and Osijek 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. He authored close to two hundred scientific papers and abstracts in forensic genetics, clinical and molecular medicine, genetics, pediatrics, population genetics, genetic legacy of Homo sapiens and education, forensic science, science, and technology policy. Prof. Primorac is one of the pioneers in DNA identification of skeletal human remains found in mass graves. His additional interests are in the field of population genetics, metabolic bone, and cartilage disorders, sports medicine as well as in personalized and regenerative medicine. Prof. Primorac has invited speaker at more than 100 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 4500 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 was mentoring 11 PhD students and 2 students during their master's degree process. Prof. Primorac is co-founder and the President of The International Society of Applied Biological Sciences, one of the World's most influential organization in the field of forensic, clinical and anthropological genetics. Four Nobel Laureates participate in the work of this Society. In addition, he co-founded the Department of Forensic Sciences at the University of Split, Croatia and he was instrumental in establishing Regiomed Medical School in Bavaria, Germany. He is the Executive Committee member of the International Consortium for Personalized Medicine (IC PerMED) established by The European Commission; the president of State competitiveness cluster in personalized medicine, The Croatian Society for Human Genetics and The Croatian Society for (Precision) Personalized medicine and of the Croatian Thematic Innovative Council for Health and Life Quality. He is the head of the course "National safety, forensic sciences and globalization" at the PhD study course of the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Zagreb. He is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of St Catherine Specialty Hospital and Deputy of the Head of the Department of Forensic Sciences at the University of Split, as well as the Head of the Department for Safety and National Security of the Department of Forensic Sciences at the University of Split. Earlier in his career he gained his knowledge and experience working at The University of Connecticut, Health Center, Department of Pediatrics, Farmington, Connecticut; The University Hospital St. Christopher's, Allegheny University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), Rockville, Maryland; The Analytical Genetic Testing Center, Inc., Denver, Colorado; Roche Molecular Systems, Alameda, California and Connecticut State Police Forensic Science Laboratory, Meriden, Connecticut, all in the United States. Prof. Primorac received 21 domestic and international awards including: The Young Investigator Award of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research, The Michael Geisman Fellowship Award of the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, The Life Time Achievement Award by the Henry C. Lee's Institute of Forensic Science, The University of New Haven's International Award for Excellence, Presidential Award by the President of the International Association of Forensic Sciences, The Croatian State Science Award, Mary E. Cowan Outstanding Service Award by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences as well as decorations: The Order of Croatian Star with the Effigy of Ruđer Bošković" and "State decoration of the Order of Ante Starčević".