

CURRICULUM VITAE

FRANCI DEMŠAR

Date of birth: Feb 4th 1960

1982 BSc degree (Diploma), University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

1986 MSc in Biophysics, University of Zagreb, Croatia

1987 PhD in Physics, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Married, one daughter

Scientific–research activities

60 articles in scientific journals, scientific monograph, 400 citations

Organizing Committee Member of more than 10 scientific conferences

1990/91 President, Biophysical Society of Yugoslavia

1992/96 President, Biophysical Society of Slovenia

Since November 2002 member of International Engineering Academy

Scientific–research work abroad

1986/87 Urbana Champaign, University of Illinois, USA – 12 months

1994/95 University of California, San Francisco, USA – 12 months
(Research work in a leading laboratory for contrast agents' applications in magnetic resonance imaging – Professor Brasch, the inventor of a first contrast agent for MRI)

Work experience (Employment)

1982/1997 Senior Scientific Collaborator, Jozef Stefan Institute, Head of Centre for Magnetic Resonance Imaging

1995/1997 Clinical Centre Ljubljana, Institute for Radiology, Head of Research Activities

1997/1999 Ministry for Science and Technology, State Secretary
(Main completed projects: project and programme financing of science, implementation of Cobiss data system, project financing of ARNES which enabled application of new information technologies; these were key elements for change of trends in the financing of research in Slovenia).

1999/2000 Minister for Defence of the Republic of Slovenia
(Main completed projects: informatisation of the Ministry; preparation and implementation of 80 Rules of procedure, which are still today the majority of legal defence system; completion of key strategic documents of the Ministry; establishing of the system of strategic planning)

2001/2004 Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the Russian Federation, Republic Belarus, Kazakhstan, Republic of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan

(Main completed projects: in this period the Russian Federation became an important partner of Slovenia with more signed agreements with Slovenia than with any other country of the EU; more than ten visits in both directions on the highest levels yearly; in the period under consideration the economic trade almost doubled; some long-lasting projects were completed: clearing debt, Slavonic Culture Centre, cultural and scientific cooperation was intensified).

2004

First director of the Slovenian research agency: the whole finance and organisation system of slovenian science is transferred from ministry to agency principle.