Biographical data

Name and first name: Definis-Gojanović, Marija, MD, PhD, Professor

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Working languages: English; all languages at the territory of former Yugoslavia

Professional background:

Marija Definis-Gojanović is a specialist of forensic medicine at University Hospital Center Split, Croatia, and a professor of forensic medicine and medical ethics at University of Split, Croatia, as well as at University of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina. She has an extensive experience in monitoring protection of human rights of people deprived of their liberty being a member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) (2002-2013), member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT) (2007-2012) and member of Croatian National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) (since 2012). She participated in number of regular and ad-hoc visits to places of deprivation of liberty in many countries of Europe, South America, Asia and Africa. In addition, she participated in different events as a member of SPT/CPT/NPM or invited independent expert/consultant/trainer.

Educational background:

Zagreb University School of Medicine, Zagreb, Croatia (1978-1984); Postgraduate study in biology-biomedicine, Zagreb University School of Natural Science and Mathematics, Zagreb, Croatia (1984-1986); PhD in forensic medicine, Zagreb University School of Medicine, Croatia (1998); Specialization of forensic medicine, Department of Forensic Medicine and Criminalistics, Zagreb University School of Medicine, Zagreb, Croatia (1989-1993).

Current position function:

Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine, University of Split, Croatia, and University of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (**SPT**)

Permanent court appointed expert and coroner/medical examiner for Split-Dalmatia County

Main professional activities:

Lecturer at under- and post-graduate study of forensic medicine and medical humanities at Medical School, Law School and university study "Forensics", University of Split, and at Medical School and Law School, University of Mostar

Active participant in seminars, conferences, workshops, round-tables and training on monitoring of places of detention, on prevention of torture, on implementation of OPCAT and establishing NPMs, on prison health care, medical screening and documenting/reporting ill-treatment.

List of most recent publication in the field relevant to the SPT:

- Co-author of text-book "Text-book on the use of DNA analysis in forensic medical practice", Redak, Split, 2015.
- Co-author of book "The basic of forensic toxicology", Redak, Split, 2011.
- Co-author of book "Analysis of DNA in Forensic Medicine and Law", Medicinska naklada, Zagreb, 2008.