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He is the Head of the National Center for the Treatment of Drug Addiction in Ljubljana and president of Coordination of Centers for the Prevention and Treatment of Drug Addiction at the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia. He is a teacher for Addiction, Psychiatry and Mental Health at University of Ljubljana. He earned his medical degree from the University of Ljubljana in 1981, with a specialization in psychiatry in 1989. His PhD research was on comparing effectiveness of opioid agonist treatment with four medications: methadone, buprenorphine, buprenorphine/naloxone and sr-morphine. He works as a consultant/expert specially for developing addiction treatment programs in communities and custodial setting for UNAIDS, UNODC, WHO, EU, Council of Europe – Pompidou Group, OSCE, Global Found. He has been involved as a consultant and/or principal trainer in developing treatment and harm reduction programs in Armenia, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Ukraine, Tajikistan, Taiwan, Turkey and some Caribbean countries. He has served as guest editor of *European Addiction Research on Buprenorphine: Current Perspectives*, as well as editor-in-chief of *SEEA Addictions*, a Slovenian magazine titled *Reflection*, and a series of books titled *Drugs Amongst Us* and as a member of the editorial board of *European Addiction Research* and *Heroin Addiction and Related Clinical Problems*. He is the author of more than 300 books and articles on drug addiction and WHO guidelines for treating drug users in custodial settings specially with OAT and several manuals and leaflets for drug users and on prevention of drug use. Dr Kastelic has organized, been president or chaired more than 50 international conferences including Global Addiction Conferences, World Conference on Opiate Addiction, International Harm Reduction Association Conference, EUROPAD and European Association of Addiction Therapists Conference, 15 SEEA-net Conferences and Symposia, Vanguard Conferences and many others and has participated in more than 300 international conferences and has offered more than 1000 lectures from this field.

He is the President of Global Addiction Association and serves as Secretary General of the European Opiate Addiction Treatment Association (EUROPAD), is a founding member of the World Federation for the Treatment of Opiate Dependence (WFO), President of the South Eastern European and Adriatic Society, President of the SEE Adriatic Addiction Treatment Network (SEEA net) and Board Member of World Association on Dual Disorders. He has received Dole – Nyswander Award in 2001 by American Association for Treatment of Opiate Dependence (AATOD) Gold Reflection Award in 2002, Slovene Ministry of Justice Award 2005 and EUROPAD “Chimera” Award in 2008.