

CURRICULUM VITAE – Katarina Kruhonja

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Retired medical doctor, peace activist, currently coordinating the Award for the Promotion of Peacebuilding, Nonviolence and Human Rights "Krunoslav Sukić" and the programme "Peace School".

She was born in Osijek where she completed the primary and secondary school. She received faculty diploma as a medical practitioner from the Faculty of Medicine in Zagreb in 1974. In 1980, she specialised in nuclear medicine and got her Master's degree at the same Faculty (1983). From 1992 until 1996 she worked as a senior specialist at the Department of Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Protection and Pathophysiology at the Clinical Hospital in Osijek.

She was one of the co-founders of the *Centre for Peace, Nonviolence and Human Rights – Osijek* in 1992, as well as of the *Croatian Helsinki Assembly for Human Rights* in 1993.

In 1996, she quit her work in the clinic to join the post-war peacebuilding efforts in war-torn areas of Eastern Slavonia. She coordinated multi-ethnic peace teams which were supporting a processes of peaceful integration during and after the UNTAES mandate in ten communities in Eastern Croatia that had been destroyed during the war.

For almost a decade (2004 – 2010) she was involved in the national and regional cooperation on dealing with the past processes, particularly on monitoring war crime trials.

As an editor and author she worked on publishing numerous manuals related to the peace building: editor of the magazine *Culture of Peace*, published by the Centre for Peace, Nonviolence and Human Rights – Osijek.

She has been actively involved in the initiative and operations of several peace organisations and NGO networks, such as - member of Executive Board of the *Pax Christi*; member of Advisory Board during the establishing of the *Vukovar Institute for Peace Education and Research*, member of Executive Board of the *National Foundation for Development of Civil Society* in the Republic of Croatia; member of Executive Board of *Documenta – Centre for Dealing with the Past*, coordination of the Forum „*Peace School*“.

She received the Right Livelihood Award (alternative Nobel Award for Peace) in 1998 for her peace work, together with Ms. Vesna Teršelić.

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PERSONAL DATA

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EDUCATION

1988 – 1992 High school in Osijek
Secondary school
19 – 1974 Faculty of Medicine, Zagreb – Medical Doctor
Faculty
1980 – 1983 Faculty of Medicine Zagreb – Specialization in nuclear medicine
Post-graduate study in nuclear medicine, Zagreb 1983. Master's degree

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Human rights and religion, Columbia University 1995.
Trainings for trainers in following areas: Participatory Designing and Planning; Listening Programme; Community Mediation; Training Methodology; Peacebuilding and Community Development; Nonviolent Communication and Conflict Resolution, Trauma and Self-Help, Conflict resolution and mediation, Centre for Peace Osijek.

WORK EXPERIENCE

1975 – 1996 - Clinical hospital Osijek, Department for physiology and nuclear medicine, from 1992 as a head of department.

1996 – 2001 Leader of the postwar peacebuilding project Building Democratic Society based on the Culture of Nonviolence - Peace Teams program

2001 - 2004 – Centre for Peace, Nonviolence and Human Rights, program manager

2004 – 2010 Leader of national war crime trials monitoring team

2009 – Award for Promotion Peacebuilding, Nonviolence and Human Right “Krunoslav Sukić”, Executive board leader

2015 – Recognition and program PEACEBUILDING SCHOOL, program leader

2015 – coordination of working group for arranging and describing the archive of the Centre for Peace

Abstract from the list of provided trainings:

- Leader of training Empowerment for Peace Service, 1998, 10 weeks training for peace workers in Peace Teams
- Listening Program, 2001, for community volunteers
- Community Mediation, 2003, for citizens in war-affected areas
- Conflict Resolution, 2002/2003 for citizens and NGOs from the war-affected area
- Multi-ethnic Tolerance and Identities, 2002, for citizens in 10 communities in the war-affected areas of Eastern Croatia, peace-workers, NGO members
- Participatory Planning and Community Development, 2002/2003 for local authorities, for citizens, for civil initiatives, NGOs etc.
- Mediation and Conflict Resolution, 2003/4/5/6/8, for judges, police and Union activists, Pax Christi members
- Training for monitoring war crime trials 2005/8
- Strategic planning processes 2015

AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS

1997 - The prize European Circle Award,
1998 - The Right Livelihood Award, an “alternative Nobel prize”,
2000 - The Seal of the City of Osijek, recognition for promotion of peace, democracy and human rights.

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in: «Government-NGO Relations in Preventing Violence, Transforming Conflict and Building Peace. Report from a Conference in Mariefred, Sweden. September 4-6, 1997.» Peace Team Forum, Sweden. Stockholm 1998
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in: van Tongeren, Paul, Hans van de Veen and Juliette Verhoeven (editors): «Searching for Peace in Europe and Eurasia. An Overview of Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Activities», Boulder / London 2002
www.euconflict.org/euconflict/guides/draftseurope/croatia.htm
8. Kruhonja, Katarina, 2002: «A view from the Balkans», Lederach, John Paul and Janice Moowmaw Jenner (editors): «A Handbook of International Peacebuilding: Into the Eye of the Storm» (Part III: «So are You Coming to Help Us? Advice from the Ground»), San Francisco 2002.
9. Editor of magazine «Culture of Peace» published by the Centre for Peace – Osijek, published since 2001, 12 issues.
10. Author of the web page of the Centre for Peace, Nonviolence and Human Rights - Osijek (www.centar-za-mir.hr) until 2008.
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