



Biography: Prof. Iva Dekaris is Medical Director of the University Eye Hospital “Svjetlost” (Zagreb), Vice-president of the Croatian Society for Cataract and Refractive Surgery and associate-member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. Internationally, she holds a position of the Vice-President of the European Eye Bank Association, surgeon-instructor for the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (ESCRS) and European School for Advanced Studies in Ophthalmology (ESASO) and European Committee expert for “replacement ocular tissues”. The areas of her surgical and research expertise are anterior segment procedures. She has overall experience of over 20000 surgeries mostly cataract, refractive surgery on the lens, corneal transplantation, amniotic membrane and stem-cell transplantations. She was the first surgeon in south-eastern Europe to start with endothelial lamellar corneal grafts (DSAEK and UT-DSAEK). Dr. Dekaris was co-founder of the first eye bank in Croatia in 1995; finished her Postdoctoral Cornea Research Fellowship at Harvard Medical School (1998) and served as President of the European Eye Bank Association (2010-2013). She had held dozens of invited lectures all over Europe, published 50 papers in CC journals (611 Scopus citation) and co-authored three international books. She is an Editorial board member of five scientific journals (Ophthalmology Research: An International Journal, Journal of Eye & Cataract Refractive Surgery, Journal of Clinical & Experimental Ophthalmology, Acta Medica Croatica and Medical Sciences Journal of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts); and a reviewer for IOVS, British Journal of Ophthalmology, Acta Ophthalmologica, Eye, Molecular Vision and others. She is currently mentoring eight ophthalmology residents working on their PhD thesis.