

# The Future of FEAMC: *Proposals and Policies* (2025–2029)



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# My Professional Background: Experiences and Competencies

## Curriculum Vitae (1)

- Born on the **feast of St. Luke** in 1966 in Šibenik, Croatia, where I completed elementary and secondary school
- Graduated medicine from the **University of Zagreb School of Medicine**, where I also completed a postgraduate course in infectious diseases, a postgraduate course in dialysis, and a doctoral study in biomedicine
- Since 1997, I work at **Dr. Fran Mihaljević University Hospital for Infectious Diseases** in Zagreb; I assume you all know that Saint Roch is the patron saint of infectious diseases
- Since 2017, I am head of the Department of Respiratory Infections
- Since 2010, employed at the University of Zagreb School of Medicine as **a professor of infectious diseases**
- In addition to my specialization in infectious diseases, the Ministry of Health acknowledged my status as a **specialist in pediatric infectious diseases** and a **subspecialist in intensive care medicine**
- I am member of **the National Hospital Infection Control Advisory Committee** of the Ministry of Health since 2004
  
- I am married to Marta, have three daughters, one son-in-law, two grandsons... do not have a dog...

# My Professional Background: Experiences and Competencies

## Curriculum Vitae (2)

- Throughout my life, I have been **active in the local Church**, up to the age of 19 in the Šibenik Diocese where I was born, and since the beginning of my university studies and moving to Zagreb in the Archdiocese of Zagreb.
- I am a **member of the Croatian Catholic Medical Society (HKLD)** since 1994 (over 30 years!) where I began my first activities in **the Youth Section** and then in **the Education and Training Section**
- I served two terms as a member of the national **Executive Committee** and, with the establishment of the Zagreb branch in 2007, became the **vice president of the Zagreb branch**, later serving as its **president** (2011–2015).
- From 2015 to 2019, I was the first **vice president of the Croatian Catholic Medical Society**, and from 2019 to 2025, I am serving as its **president** (2nd term).
- Since 2020, I have represented the Croatian Catholic Medical Society in the **Executive Committee of the FEAMC**, and since 2023, I have been the representative of FEAMC on the **Executive Committee of the FIAMC**.

# My Professional Background: Experiences and Competencies

## Curriculum Vitae (2)

- In my other activities within **the Croatian Catholic Medical Society**, I have **led the Finance Committee** and the **Committee for the organization of our new office** for several years.
- I am a co-founder and editor of the ***Signa cordis* edition** of the HKLD, where the works of members of the Croatian Catholic Medical Society are published
- Initiator of organizing special **artistic exhibitions** (Christmas and Easter) and **art colonies** that have been held in our Society since 2009.
- I have organized several **courses** in the HKLD, the most significant being "Knowledge Against the Ten Leading Diseases in Croatia" and the course "Basics of Health Care for Missionaries in Tropical Regions."
- This year I initiated a **Summer School of Ethics for Youth Section** (Dubrovnik, 2025).
- In 2018, with my wife Marta, also a member of the Croatian Catholic Medical Society, I spent two weeks on a **mission in Benin**, where I participated in health care for the local community and humanitarian work in a children's orphanage.
- Member of the **Oratory Choir *Cantores Sancti Marci***, that enriches liturgy at St. Mark's Church in Zagreb.

## 1) FEAMC: Promoting Ethical Standards in Medicine

- To work tirelessly to ensure that the principles of Catholic doctrine are incorporated into the sound professional foundations of the evidence-based medical profession.
- By encouraging discussions and workshops on medical ethics, we can equip our members to better navigate the complex moral landscape they face in their daily practice.

## 2) FEAMC: Supporting Healthcare Professionals

- We should recognize the challenges faced by HCWs in today's world.
- Important to advocate the continuing education, mental health support, and spiritual formation programs (especially for young members) to ensure that members of the FEAMC are not only skilled but also nourished in their vocation as caregivers.



### Understanding Code Lavender

In the fast-paced world of healthcare, emotional well-being is essential



Code Lavender offers immediate support during emotional crises, ensuring the well-being of staff, patients, and families.

- ✓ Support team includes chaplains, holistic nurses, and social workers
- ✓ Rapid response for emotional distress
- ✓ Provides emotional support, spiritual care, and therapies



### 3) FEAMC: Advocating for Healthcare Justice

- Addressing disparities in access to healthcare remains a priority.
- To champion initiatives that promote equitable access to medical services, particularly for marginalized communities, embodying the Church's call to serve "the least among us."



***"Whatever you did for one of the least  
of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for  
me"***

**Matthew 25:40**

## 4) FEAMC: Strengthening Inter-Association Collaboration

- By enhancing our partnerships with various medical and religious organizations, we can share resources, knowledge, and best practices that raise the standard of care across Europe, while reaffirming our commitment to Christian values.



## 5) FEAMC: Engaging Medical Students and Young Professionals

- The future of our Federation lies in the hands of the next generation of medical professionals, not only doctors but also dentists, pharmacists, nurses and other healthcare professionals.
- To create platforms for engagement, leadership, and mentorship opportunities, ensuring that the youth's voice is heard and valued.



## The future of FEAMC...

- The role of the FEAMC Presidency is not just about leadership; it is about serving our European community of Catholic physicians and other healthcare professionals with integrity, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to our mission.
- I am excited about the opportunity of working collaboratively with each of you to strengthen the impact and legacy of the FEAMC.
- I respectfully ask for your support in this endeavor.
- Together, we can ensure that the FEAMC remains a powerful advocate for the integration of faith and medicine, championing the dignity of every human person in our healthcare systems.



***Msgr. dr. Valentin Pozaić***

*(September 15, 1945 – May 15, 2023)*

**Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Zagreb**

**(2005 – 2017)**

**Ecclesiastical Assistant of the Croatian Catholic Medical Society**

**(1991 – 2018)**

**and the European Federation of Catholic Medical Associations**

**(1996 – 2018)**



***Msgr. dr. Jacques Suaudeau***

*(June 20, 1941 – July 28, 2022)*

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