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Nationality Polish

Relevant professional experience & appointments

- 2018- Fellowship (through distinction)
Faculty of Public Health, United Kingdom
- 2013- Director
Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER)
- membership network (doubled number of members: 150+ from 40+ countries)
- head of operations and strategic development (working w/9-person board)
- fund-raise and partnerships (incl. global network for academic public health)
- 2017-2018 Consultant, WHO Regional Office for Europe (WHO/EURO)
European Action Plan for Strengthening Public Health Services and Capacities
- 2008-2013 Office Manager
Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER)
- setting up and organisation of the Association's office in Brussels, Belgium
- 2003-2007 PhD candidate
School of Health and Related Research (SchARR)
University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
- 2005-2006 WUM Visiting Scholar
Centre for Enforcement of European Law (CEEL)
Department of Law, Utrecht University, The Netherlands
- 2000-2002 Project Manager / Co-founder
MCG – Medical Consulting Group, Krakow, Poland
- 1999-2000 Trainee
Department of Health System Organisation, Ministry of Health, Warsaw, Poland
- 1998-1999 Trainee
Public Health Foundation – PHC Consulting, Krakow, Poland
Municipal Office – Department of Health, Krakow, Poland

Education

2003-2005	Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PCHE) University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
2000-2002	MSc (Public Health) / MPH Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland Erasmus exchange (2002) University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
1997-2001	BBA (Business Administration) (Hons) Polish Open University, Warsaw, Poland
1997-2000	BSc (Public Health) (Hons) Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Additional training

2017	Using Law and Policy effectively in Public Health Swiss School of Public Health+, Switzerland
2014	Public Health Leadership Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Selected academic awards

2005	Worldwide University Network (WUM) Award School of Health and Related Research (ScHARR) University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
2001	Dean's Award: 2 nd best among 2001 graduates Polish Open University, Warsaw, Poland
2000	Stanislaw Estrreicher Scholarship Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Volunteering

2004-2005	Head Coach Crosspool Juniors U9-10 FC Sheffield, United Kingdom
2003-2005	Representative to the SU Union of Students School of Health and Related Research (ScHARR) University of Sheffield, United Kingdom

Other information

Languages	Polish (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (basic), Russian (basic)
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Publications

1. Wong BLH, Marine Delgrange M, Nathan NL, Diaz C, Martin-Moreno JM, **Otok R**, Tulchinsky TH, Middleton J. *The Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) Statement on the Erosion of Public Health Systems*. Public Health Reviews 2021 (in press)
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11. **Otok R**, Czabanowska K, Foldspang A. *Public health educational comprehensiveness: The strategic rationale in establishing networks among schools of public health*. Scand J Public Health. 2017 Nov;45(7):720-722. doi: 10.1177/1403494817738498.
12. Bjegovic-Mikanovic V, **Otok R**. *Preparation of European Public Health Professionals in the Twenty-first Century*. Front Public Health. 2017 Feb 15;5:18. doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2017.00018. eCollection 2017.
13. **Otok R**, Foldspang A. *Main competences and skills to perform Essential Public Health Operations, offered by Schools of Public Health in four European countries: a short pilot report*. International Journal of Public Health, 2016.

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