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Obrazovanje/Diplome/Ispiti:

- 2006. Doktorat znanosti u području imunologije ("Determinants Relevant for Development and Activation of T Cells"), Université René Descartes Paris 5, Pariz, Francuska; diploma *summa cum laude*.
- 1998. Državni ispit za doktore medicine, Zagreb.
- 1997. Doktor medicine, Medicinski Fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu (prosjeak 4.88)

Zaposlenja:

- 2014- Voditelj Laboratorija za molekularnu imunologiju, Odjel za biotehnologiju, Sveučilište u Rijeci.
- 2013- Docent na Odjelu za biotehnologiju, Sveučilište u Rijeci.
- 2009-2012 Gostujući znanstvenik, Laboratory of Immune Cell Biology, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health. Bethesda, SAD.
- 2005-2009 Gostujući znanstvenik, INSERM U591- Différenciation thymique et physiologie des lymphocytes T, Pariz, Francuska.
- 2000-2004 Gostujući znanstvenik, Laboratory of Immune Cell Biology, NCI, NIH, Bethesda, SAD.
- 1998-1999 Znanstveni novak, Zavod za Patofiziologiju, Medicinski Fakultet, Zagreb.
- 1997-1998 Obavezni liječnički staž, Bolnica Merkur, Zagreb.

Nagrade i stipendije:

- 2005-2007 Marie Curie Incoming Fellowship, EU.
- 2000-2004 Fogarty International Fellowship, SAD.
- 1995-1997 Rektorova nagrada Sveučilišta u Zagrebu.

Nastavna djelatnost:

- 2016- Neuroimunologija, Odjel za biotehnologiju, Sveučilište u Rijeci (voditelj kolegija).
- 2015- Imunologija, Odjel za biotehnologiju, Sveučilište u Rijeci (voditelj kolegija).
- 2014- Metodologija znanstveno-istraživačkog rada (za doktorski studij), Odjel za biotehnologiju, Sveučilište u Rijeci (voditelj obaveznog kolegija i

- Modula 3 doktorskog studija Medicinske kemije).
- 2014- Ljetna škola patofiziologije (engl. Capstone Course in Pathophysiology), Odjel za biotehnologiju, Sveučilište u Rijeci u suradnji s St. Cloud University, Minnesota (suradnik na kolegiju).
- 2013- Imunoterapija, Odjel za biotehnologiju, Sveučilište u Rijeci, (voditelj kolegija).
- 2013- Uvod u istraživački rad, Odjel za biotehnologiju, Sveučilište u Rijeci (voditelj kolegija).
- 1998-1999 Patofiziologija. Zavod za Patofiziologiju, Medicinski Fakultet, Zagreb (asistent).
- 1995- 1997 Demonstrator na Katedri za Patofiziologiju, Medicinski Fakultet, Sveučilište u Zagrebu.
- 1994- 1995 Demonstrator na Katedri za Kemiju i Biokemiju, Medicinski Fakultet, Sveučilište u Zagrebu.

Tečajevi:

- 2016 Trening za unaprjeđenje kompetencija nastavnika, Sveučilište u Rijeci.
- 2015 Advanced Operator Training for BD FACSARIA III, Erembodegem, Belgium.
- 2008 In Vivo Non-Linear Microscopy, Institute Curie, Pariz, Francuska.
- 2004 Vaccines 2004. Foundation of Advanced Education in Science course, Bethesda, SAD.
- 2002 Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms of Immunity-II. Foundation of Advanced Education in Science course. Bethesda, SAD.
- 2000 Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms of Immunity. Foundation of Advanced Education in Science course. Bethesda, SAD.
- 1998 Molecular Medicine (Summer School). Dubrovnik.

Članstva:

- 2015 Hrvatsko Društvo za Neuroznanost (HDN)
- 2014 American Association of Immunologists (AAI)
- 2014 Hrvatsko Društvo za Biokemiju i Molekularnu Biologiju (HDBMB)
- 2013 European Federation of Immunological Societies (EFIS)
- 2013 Hrvatsko imunološko društvo (HID)

Projekti:

- 2014-2017 Uspostavni istraživački projekt Hrvatske zaklade za znanost (HRZZ). Projekt: Elucidating the Role of Optineurin in Neuroprotection.
- 2014-2018 Financiranje doktoranda putem projekta: Projekt razvoja karijera mladih istraživača - izobrazba novih doktora znanosti.
- 2014-2017 Potpora Sveučilišta u Rijeci za projekt: Elucidating the Role of Optineurin in Neuroinflammation and Cytoprotection.
- 2016 Erasmus+ exchange program s Laval University, Quebec City, Canada.

Aktivne kolaboracije:

1. Jonathan D. Ashwell (National Cancer Institute, NIH, Bethesda, SAD): uloga optineurina u autofagiji.
2. Jasna Križ (University Laval, Quebec, Kanada): aktivacija NF- κ B kao molekularna osnova amiotrofične lateralne skleroze.
3. Emanuele Buratti (ICGEB, Trst, Italija): uloga optineurina u agregaciji i funkcionalnom ispadu TDP-43 proteina.
4. Christopher Miller (King's College London, London, UK): uloga optineurina u interakciji ER-a i mitohondrija.
5. ENCALS centar Zagreb (voditelj: prof. Ervina Bilić): povezivanje bazičnih znanstvenika i kliničara koji rade na ALS-u u svrhu genotipizacije bolesnika, analize upalnih parametara u krvi i likvoru te uvođenja panela kognitivnih testova.

Pozvana predavanja:

- 2018 Cijepljenje: znanstveni pristup, predavanje u sklopu Dana filozofskog fakulteta, Sveučilište u Rijeci.
- 2018 Razvoj novih životinjskih modela za istraživanje amiotrofične lateralne skleroze, godišnja skuština Hrvatskog društva za znanost o laboratorijskim životinjama (CroLASA), Zagreb, Hrvatska.
- 2017 Characterization of the role of optineurin in neurodegeneration, 13th Symposium of the André-Delambre Foundation, Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 Elucidating the role of optineurin in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Laval University, CERVO Brain, Research Centre Quebec City, Canada.
- 2017 Animal Models of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Croatian National Academy of Sciences and Arts International symposium on Neurodegeneration, Rijeka, Croatia.
- 2017 Istraživanje uloge optineurina u neuroprotekciji, Predstavljanje uspješnih uspostavnih HRZZ projekata, Medicinski Fakultet, Sveučilište u Rijeci, Hrvatska.
- 2017 Molecular characterization of mouse optineurin insufficiency models, Regional meeting of clinicians and basic scientists that work on ALS, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 2016 Animal models for elucidating the role of adaptor protein optineurin during inflammation; simpozij Translation of Basic Immunology and Neuroscience Tools to Therapies: Where are We Now?, Croatian Academy for Sciences and Arts, Rijeka, and University of Rijeka, Croatia.
- 2016 Iskustva i izazovi istraživača u biomedicini, Filozofski fakultet, Sveučilište u Rijeci, Hrvatska.
- 2016 Immune system in the brain: more important than we thought, Open day of the Department of Biotechnology, University of Rijeka, Croatia.
- 2014 A Mouse Model of Optineurin Insufficiency, 10th Symposium of the André-Delambre Foundation, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: Causes and Therapeutic Perspectives, Montreal, Canada.
- 2014 Nove funkcije dendritičkih stanica, Tribina Hrvatske akademije znanosti i umjetnosti, "Novija postignuća u imunologiji i hematologiji", Rijeka, Hrvatska.

Organizacija simpozija i okruglih stolova:

- 2018 2nd Meeting Of Basic Researchers And Clinicians Working On ALS (SLO/HR), Department of Biotechnology, University of Rijeka
- 2016 International Symposium: Translation of Basic Immunology and Neuroscience Tools to Therapies: Where are We Now?; Croatian Academy for Sciences and Arts, Rijeka, and University of Rijeka, Croatia.
- 2016 Roundtable: Interdisciplinary approach to complex diseases, Department of Biotechnology, University of Rijeka, Croatia.
- 2016 International symposium for young neuroscience researchers: 20th Young Neuroscientists Meeting, Department of Biotechnology, University of Rijeka, Croatia.

Institucijske obaveze:

- 2018- organizacija Otvorenog dana Odjela za biotehnologiju, Sveučilišta u Rijeci.
- 2018- član Povjerenstva za nastavu Odjela za biotehnologiju, Sveučilišta u Rijeci.
- 2017- organizacija 1. Dana doktoranada doktorskog studija Medicinska kemija Odjela za biotehnologiju, Sveučilišta u Rijeci.
- 2017- organizacija Seminara Zavoda za molekularnu i sistemsku medicinu Odjela za biotehnologiju, Sveučilišta u Rijeci.
- 2016- član Povjerenstva za doktorske studije Odjela za biotehnologiju, Sveučilišta u Rijeci.

Mentorstva doktorskih studenata:

- 2015- doktorandica Andrea Markovinović (HRZZ)
- 2017- doktorand Raffaello Cimbri (vanjski)
- 2017- doktorandica Tereza Ljutić

Mentorstva magistarskih i završnih radova:

- 2017- magistarski rad: Matea Rob
- 2017- magistarski rad: Nikolina Prtenjača
- 2015/6 magistarski rad: Tereza Ljutić
- 2014/5 magistarski rad: Mia Jakopović
- 2014/5 završni rad: Marina Rumora

Revizija za međunarodne časopise:

Journal of Neuroinflammation
Frontiers in Immunology
Immunity, Inflammation and Disease
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Frontotemporal Degeneration
Trends in Immunology
Neurological Sciences

Uredništvo u međunarodnom časopisu:

2017/8 gostujući urednik za časopis Frontiers in Immunology (zajedno s Dr. Andrew Smith i Prof. Folma Buss); tema: The Role of Optineurin in Immunity and Immune-Mediated Diseases.

<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/6554/the-role-of-optineurin-in-immunity-and-immune-mediated-diseases>

Revizija projektnih prijedloga:

2017- Program cjeloživotnog učenja, Sveučilište u Rijeci

2016- projekti Hrvatske zaklade za znanost (HRZZ)

Popularizacija znanosti i predstavljanje laboratorija za široku javnost:

2018. Igrokaz: Tko je jači: Imuni sustav ili virusi? Te Otvorena vrata laboratorija

2017. Igrokaz: Tko je jači: Imuni sustav ili virusi?

2016. Plenarno predavanje: Imuni nadzor mozga, te Otvorena vrata laboratorija

2015. Predavanje: Mikroglija i ALS, te demonstracija: Određivanje krvnih grupa

Glavna postignuća:

1. Dizajn i uspostavljanje novog genetskog modela kondicionalne insuficijencije optineurina, te karakterizacija uloge optineurina u perifernom imunom sustavu te imunim stanicama u mozgu.

2. Pronalazak važnosti endogenih glukokortikoida u prevenciji smrti prilikom sepse putem dva komplementarna mehanizma: imunosupresijom i eliminacijom CD8⁺ dendritičkih stanica. Taj rad naglašava da su i dendritičke stanice, a ne samo makrofagi kao što se prije mislilo, važan izvor proinflammatoryh citokina u ranoj fazi sepse, ponajviše IL-12, te da njihova nekontrolirana aktivacija (u odsutnosti glukokortikoidnog receptora u tim stanicama) dovodi do smrti od citokine oluje.

3. Objavljivanje niza otkrića na memorijskim CD8 T stanicama i njihovim prekursorima, uključujući ulogu kostimulacijske molekule CD70, neovisnosti ekspresije citotoksičnih gena o klonalnoj zastupljenosti, te razlike između primarnih i sekundarnih memorijskih stanica.

4. Identifikacija i karakterizacija nove vrste stanica urođenog imunološkog sustava, nazvanih T_{DC}. T_{DC} stanice su neobične jer imaju $\alpha\beta$ T stanični receptor i probrane su u timusu, no po svemu drugome, kao npr. prezentaciji antigena i kostimulaciji T stanica te ovisnosti o Flt3 faktoru rasta, su slične klasičnim dendritičkim stanicama.

5. Karakterizacija važnosti dinamične ekspresije IL-7R receptora u ranoj fazi razvoja timocita. Analizom IL-7R transgeničnih miševa uvideno je da ukoliko se IL-7R ekspresija ne ugasi u CD4⁺CD8⁺ stadiju, timus postaje hipocelularan zbog ograničenog pristupa CD4⁺CD8⁺ prekursorskih stanica trofičkom citokinu IL-7, što onemogućuje njihovu proliferaciju i razvoj.

Bibliografija:

- 2017 Markovinovic A, Cimbri R, Ljutić T, Kriz J, Rogelj B and Munitić I. Optineurin in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis: Multifunctional adaptor protein at the crossroads of different neuroprotective mechanisms. **Progress in Neurobiology**, **154**, 1-20.
- 2017 Malatesti N, Munitić I, and Jurak I. Porphyrin-based cationic amphiphilic photosensitisers as potential anticancer, antimicrobial and immunosuppressive agents. **Biophysical Reviews**, **9(2)**, 149-168.
- 2016 Pourcelot M, Zemirli N, Silva Da Costa L, Loyant R, Garcin D, Vitour D, Munitić I, Vazquez A, and Arnoult, D. The Golgi apparatus acts as a platform for TBK1 activation after viral RNA sensing. **BMC Biology**, **14**, 69.
- 2016 Meena NP, Zhu G, Mittelstadt PR, Giardino Torchia ML, Pourcelot M, Arnoult D, Ashwell JD and Munitić I. The TBK1-binding domain of optineurin promotes type I interferon responses. **FEBS Letters**, 590, 1498-1508.
- 2015 Li CC*, Munitić I*, Mittelstadt PR, Castro E, Ashwell, JD. Suppression of dendritic cell-derived IL-12 by endogenous glucocorticoids is protective in LPS-induced sepsis, **PLOS Biology**. 13, e1002269.
***jednak doprinos.**
- 2015 Giardino Torchia, ML, Munitić I, Castro E, Herz J, McGavern DB, Ashwell, JD. c-IAP ubiquitin protein ligase activity is required for 4-1BB signaling and CD8 memory T-cell survival, **European Journal of Immunology**, 45, 2672-82.
- 2013 Munitić I*, Giardino Torchia ML, Meena NP, Zhu G, Li CC, Ashwell, JD*. Optineurin Insufficiency Impairs IRF3 but not NF- κ B Activation in Immune Cells. **Journal of Immunology**, 191(12): 6231-40
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- 2013 Kuka M*, Munitić I*, Giardino Torchia ML, Ashwell JD. CD70 is downregulated by interaction with CD27. **Journal of Immunology**, 191(5): 2282-9.
***jednak doprinos.**
- 2013 Munitić I, Kuka M, Allam A, Scoville JP, Ashwell JD. CD70-deficiency impairs effector CD8 T cell generation and viral clearance but is dispensable for the recall response to LCMV. **Journal of Immunology**, 190(3): 1169-79.
- 2012 Kuka M, Munitić I, Ashwell JD. Identification and characterization of polyclonal $\alpha\beta$ -T cells with dendritic cell properties. **Nature Communications**, 2012: 3: 1223.
- 2010 Munitić I, Evaristo C, Sung HC, Rocha B. Transcriptional regulation during CD8 T-cell immune responses. **Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology**, 684:11-27.
- 2010 Decaluwe H, Taillardet M, Corcuff E, Munitić I, Law HK, Rocha B, Riviere Y, Di Santo JP. Gamma(c) deficiency precludes CD8+ T cell memory despite formation of potent T cell effectors. **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences**, 107(20): 9311-6.
- 2009 Munitić I*, Decaluwe H, Evaristo C, Lemos S, Wlodarczyk M, Worth A, Le Bon A, Selin LK, Riviere Y, Di Santo JP, Borrow P, Rocha B*. Epitope specificity and relative clonal abundance do not affect CD8 differentiation patterns during lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus infection. **Journal of Virology**, 83(22): 11795-807.
*** autor za korespondenciju.**
- 2009 Allam A, Conze DB, Giardino Torchia ML, Munitić I, Yagita H, Sowell RT, Marzo AL, Ashwell JD. The CD8+ memory T-cell state of readiness is actively maintained and reversible. **Blood**, 114(10): 2121-30.
- 2007 Peixoto A, Evaristo C, Munitić I, Monteiro M, Charbit A, Rocha B. Veiga-Fernandes H. CD8 single-cell gene co-expression reveals three different

- effector types present at distinct phases of the immune response. **Journal Experimental Medicine**, 204, 1193-205.
- 2005 Munitic I, Ryan PE and Ashwell, JD. T cells in G1 provide a memory-like response to secondary stimulation. **Journal of Immunology**, 174, 4010-8.
- 2004 Munitic I, Williams JA, Yang Y, Dong B, Lucas PJ, El Kassir N, Gress RE, and Ashwell JD. Dynamic regulation of IL-7 receptor expression is required for normal thymopoiesis. **Blood**, 104, 4165-72.
- 2002 Oro U*, Munitic I*, Chacko G, Karpova T, McNally J, Ashwell JD. Regulation of constitutive T cell receptor internalization by the ζ chain. **Journal of Immunology**, 169(11): 6269-78.
- * **jednak doprinos.**

Odabrana izlaganja i poster prezentacije na simpozijima:

- 2017 Andrea Markovinović, Tereza Ljutić, Milojević i Ivana Munitić: Characterization of the role of optineurin in neuroinflammation. Atypical dementias: from diagnosis to emerging therapies, Trst, Italija.
- 2017 Hrvoje Jakovac, Andrea Markovinovic and Ivana Munitic: Neurohistopathological characterization of an optineurin insufficiency mouse model. Congress of Croatian Physiological Society and Regional Congress of the Physiological Societies, Dubrovnik.
- 2017 Andrea Markovinović, Tereza Ljutić, Milojević i Ivana Munitić: Characterization of the role of optineurin in neurodegeneration, Young Neuroscientists Meeting (YMN), Zagreb.
- 2017 Hrvoje Jakovac, Andrea Markovinovic and Ivana Munitic: Characterization of neurodegeneration in an optineurin insufficiency mouse model. Annual Meeting Of The Croatian Immunological Society With EFIS On Tour, Zagreb.
- 2017 Andrea Markovinović, Tereza Ljutić i Ivana Munitić: Molecular characterization of mouse optineurin insufficiency models, European Network for the Cure for ALS (ENCALS) meeting, Ljubljana, Slovenija.
- 2017 Tereza Ljutić, Andrea Markovinović, Sai Sampath Thammisetty, Jasna Križ, Ivana Munitić. Characterization of the optineurin insufficiency mouse model. Scientific poster day of CERVO Institute, Quebec city, Canada.
- 2016 Munitic I, Markovinovic A, and Ashwell JD. An optineurin insufficiency model of ALS. ENCALs (European Network for the Cure of ALS) meeting in Milano, Italy. Selected Oral presentation.
- 2015 Munitic I, Li CC, Mittelstadt PR, Castro E, and Ashwell JD. Endogenous glucocorticoids suppress dendritic cell-derived IL-12 and prevent death in LPS-induced sepsis, 4th European Congress of Immunology, Vienna, Austria. Selected Oral presentation.
- 2015 Markovinović A, Barukčić A, Jakopović M, Šinkovec V, Jakovac H, Grabušić K, Ashwell JD, and Munitić I. An optineurin insufficiency model as a potential tool for elucidating the pathogenesis of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Croatian Society for Neuroscience, Split, Croatia.
- 2015 Munitic I, Giardino Torchia ML, and Ashwell JD. Optineurin is dispensable for LPS- and Salmonella typhimurium-induced autophagy. American Associations of Immunologists, New Orleans, USA.
- 2014 Munitic I, Giardino Torchia ML, Meena NP, and Ashwell JD. Optineurin is a Positive Regulator of IFN- γ . Annual meeting of the Croatian Immunological Society, Krk, Croatia. Selected Oral presentation.
- 2013 Munitic I, Giardino Torchia ML, Meena NP, and Ashwell JD. A Mouse Model of Optineurin Insufficiency Exhibits Impaired Signaling via IRF3 but not NF- κ B

- Activation Pathway. 4th Croatian Neuroscience Congress. Zagreb, Croatia.
- 2013 Munitic I, Giardino Torchia ML, Meena NP, and Ashwell JD. Optineurin is Indispensable for Signaling via IRF3 but not NF- κ B Activation Pathway. 2nd Meeting on Middle-European Societies for Immunology and Allergology. Opatija, Croatia.
- 2007 Munitic, I, Le Bon A and Rocha B. Evaluating CD8 differentiation during LCMV response by a multiparametric gene expression study of individual cells. Keystone Symposium on Immunological Memory. Santa Fe, NM, USA.
- 2006 Munitic, I, Le Bon A and Rocha B. Evaluating CD8 differentiation during LCMV response by a multiparametric gene expression study of individual cells. 16th European Congress of Immunology – ECI. Paris, France.
- 2006 Munitic, I, Le Bon A and Rocha B. Single-cell multiparametric gene expression analysis of CD8 differentiation during an immune response to LCMV. DC-Thera Graduate School in St. Moritz, Switzerland. Selected oral Presentation.
- 2004 Munitic, I, Ryan, P and Ashwell, JD. T Cells in G₁ provide a memory-like response to antigen rechallenge. National Institutes of Health-Immunology Interest Group Retreat. Warrenton, VA, USA. Selected Oral presentation.
- 2002 Munitic, I, D’Oro U, Chacko, G, Karpova, T, McNally, J, Ashwell, JD. Enhanced Rates of Constitutive TCR Cycling in α -deficient Cells. Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Meeting (FASEB). New Orleans, LA, USA.