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# IRC SEMINAR

**"Cytomegalovirus expressing NKG2D  
ligand Rae-1 gamma as a tumor  
vaccine vector"**

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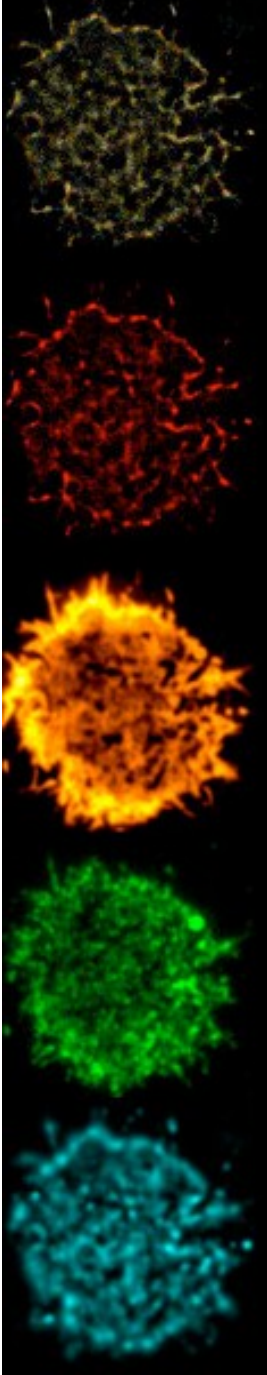
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## Biosketch

**Stipan Jonjic** is chair of the Department of Histology and Embryology at the Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka, Croatia. His research career in immunology started in the early 1980s at the Department of Physiology and Immunology of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka. In 1992 he joined the Federal Research Center for Virus Diseases in Tuebingen as a PhD student (group of Prof. Ulrich Koszinowski).



After returning back to Croatia he has completed his PhD studies and continued working as a postdoctoral researcher. In 1992 he was appointed as full professor. His lab was among the first labs in Croatia that established modern molecular biology research. Most of his research was focused on elucidating antiviral immune response and viral immunoevasion mechanisms. In 2006 he established the Center for Proteomics. He received numerous prizes and he was the first Croatian scientist that received an ERC Advanced grant (2012). For his lifelong research achievements he was elected as a member of Leopoldina, German National Academy of science.

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