

## Dr. Darijo Kriz

Darijo Kriz was born and raised in the southern Swedish city of Malmö. His parents emigrated in 1965 from Slovenia to Sweden. After completing high-school studies at the Malmö School of Latin, he continued to pursue his education, receiving a doctorate in biochemistry and completing preclinical medicine at the University of Lund. Today Dr. Darijo Kriz is an associate professor at Lund University, CEO of two publicly traded biotech companies and is an Honorary Consul for Slovenia in Sweden.

Darijo Kriz is a dedicated and results-driven team leader with a highly successful background within in international business development, entrepreneurship and innovation. For more than 20 years he has been building and developing businesses, as well as, establishing international contacts and public relation networks for strategic development. As an executive he is a driven, accountable and an engaged manager with strong ethical principles. He enjoys being part of a well- managed and productive team and thrives in an atmosphere where high quality plays an importance within every level of the organization. His passion for science and medicine has always been strong and the ability to combine this knowledge with innovation to help provide technologies that have profound impact on the world has been an underlying driving force behind many of his inventions and projects. Dario Kriz is the inventor of 14 international patents covering different technologies within biotechnology and medical technology and he has published more than 30 scientific peer-reviewed articles throughout his career.

Dr. Kriz is also committed to improving the welfare of animals. This is why he is especially proud to have successfully introduced worldwide a new innovative blood tests for animals including dogs, cats and horses in order to diagnose, monitor and treat inflammation. He firmly believes that accurate monitoring of inflammation in animals can also reduce the overuse of antibiotics in animal health care. He is an advocate for better understanding of ourselves and the world we live in through mutual respect and empathy for living things. For many years Dr. Kriz has been engaged in projects that promote and support education for children and young adults within schools and the community.

As the head of the Slovenian Consulate in Lund, he is encouraging and facilitating the development and cooperation within the fields of business, culture and education between the Republic of Slovenia and Sweden. He is proud to represent Slovenia abroad and he is happy to give back to the Slovene community in Sweden, where he grew up.

