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## A biographical note ...

ŽELJKO ŠUMAN received his B.Sc. degree in Economics from the University of Zagreb (1975), his Master's degree from the University of Sarajevo (1984) and his Ph. D. in Economics from the University of Mostar (1989); currently Professor at the University of Mostar where he served as Vice-Rector for International Relations and Research from 2000 to 2007 and as Acting Rector from 2000 to 2001; Founding Head of the International Relations Office (1994-1998) and Rector's Delegate for International Relations (1998-2000), University of Mostar; former Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH); President of the BiH's National Steering Committee for the World Exposition EXPO 2000, Hannover, Germany, and concurrently Commissioner General of the BiH's Section at EXPO 2000; Deputy Head of the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Seattle WTO Ministerial Conference of 1999; member of the Council of Economic Advisers to the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2005-2007); Liaison Officer for BiH, European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE); member of the Economic Sciences Committee of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina; member of the Presidency of the Pan-European Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

His academic and teaching career included teaching and research positions/programmes at the Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna, Bocconi University (Milan), Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Vienna University of Economics and Business, International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies/IAMZ (Zaragoza), University of Sarajevo and University of Dubrovnik.

Prior to his academic career, he held executive positions at leading export-import and research companies/institutes in the agro-food sector.

*Fields of academic/research interest:* International Economics and International Business/Marketing; Agricultural Trade Issues and the World Trade Organization (WTO); EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP); Economic and Trade aspects of European Integration and the EU eastward enlargement; Globalization Issues, including Economic Globalization and Globalization/Internationalization of the university.

His numerous publications include *Neki problemi globalne trgovine poljoprivrednim proizvodima na pragu 21. stoljeća* (Some Problems of Global Agricultural Trade on the Threshold of the 21st Century, 1999), *WTO na milenijskoj prekretnici: Seattle i nakon njega* (The WTO at the Turn of the Millennium: Seattle and Beyond, 2001), *WTO i EU u procesu globalizacije: odabrane teme* (The WTO and the EU in the Process of Globalization: Selected Topics, 2005); and *Globalizacija, WTO i EU: izazovi i kontroverze* (Globalization, WTO and the EU: Challenges and Controversies, 2008).

He is a regular speaker at international conferences and has published papers in numerous books and academic journals both in Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad.

Dr. Šuman is fluent in English, Italian, French and has a working knowledge of Spanish and German.