

Short-bio

Franjo Pehar is assistant professor at the University of Zadar's Department of Information Sciences and head of the Laboratory for Interactive Systems and User Experience (UNIZD UX Lab). His research interests include history and theory of information science, scholarly communication, bibliometrics, information retrieval, human-computer interaction, usability, and user experience.

Biography

Franjo Pehar was born on October 29, 1975, in Basel, Switzerland. He is employed at the Department of Information Sciences of the University of Zadar as an assistant professor the field information and communication sciences.

In 1999, he earned his first master's degree in Sociology and Croatian studies at the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Croatian Studies. His master's thesis was titled: "Library of the Monastery of the Little Friars in Dubrovnik" (Public Defense: 1999. Mentor: Prof. Franjo Šanjek. Area: Social Sciences; Field: Sociology / Field: Interdisciplinary areas of sciences; Field: Croatian studies), and in 2000 he received his master's degree in Librarianship from the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb (Master thesis title: "Change management in public libraries". Defense: 2000. Mentor: Prof. Tatjana Aparac Jelušić. Area: Social Sciences; Field: Information and Communication Sciences).

In 2010, he defended his doctoral dissertation titled "Communication role of journals in the field of information sciences: a bibliometric analysis of journals Vjesnik bibliotekara Hrvatske and Informatologia" at the Department of Information Science, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb (Defense: 2010. Mentor: Associate Professor Jelka Petrak).

From 2001 until 2004, he worked in the National and University Library in Zagreb, as well as the University Library in Zadar. In 2005, he worked as a teaching and research assistant at the University of Zadar's Department of Information Sciences. From 2010 to 2012, he worked as a senior research and teaching assistant after completing his doctorate. He obtained his habilitation and associate professorship from the University of Zadar in 2012.

He served in the University of Zadar Senate for three terms (2013-2015; 2015-2017; 2017-2020). He was the deputy head of the Department from 2012 to 2015, the interim head of the Department from 2015 to 2016, and the head of the Department of Information Sciences at the University of Zadar from 2016 to 2019. He has been the deputy head of the Postgraduate Doctoral Study "Knowledge Society and Information Transfer" at the University of Zadar's Department of Information Sciences since 2019.

He founded the Laboratory for Interactive Systems and User Experience (UX Lab Zadar) with a group of colleagues from the Department of Information Sciences, and he is now in charge of it.

He has organized several scientific and professional conferences, as well as (doctoral) summer schools.

He is a member of The Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) and the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T). From 2008 to 2010, he served as secretary of the European Association of Library and Information Schools (EUCLID).