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Ivan Đikić is a leading expert in the fields of ubiquitin and autophagy biology. He is professor at Goethe University Frankfurt and a fellow of Max Planck Society. He maintains active research lab that enables multidisciplinary teams of scientists to study ubiquitin and autophagy pathways and discovering pathological alterations that lead to development of human diseases such as cancer, neurodegeneration and infection.

For his scientific work Ivan received numerous awards, including the Jung Prize for Medicine and the Leibniz Prize, the highest scientific honour in Germany. He is an elected member of EMBO, the German Academy Leopoldina, and most recently the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Ivan Đikić is committed to education of the next generations of scientists globally. His efforts to popularize science in his native home land Croatia were recognized by the highest civilian state honors, The Order of Duke Branimir, bestowed by the President of Croatia.