

## NEWS

### University Department of Rheumatology, Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center, Zagreb, Croatia, Receives Accreditation as the European Training Center in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine

University Department of Rheumatology, Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, acting as the Referral Center for Spondyloarthropathies of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Croatia, has received another recognition. For decades, the Department has been viewed as an outstanding training institution in physical and rehabilitation medicine and since January 2011 it has been certified as the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) PRM Board Training Center in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. The Department has fulfilled strict criteria which, among other requirements, included two specialists having attained the European standard for the Fellowship in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine and management by a doctor who is also a Trainer recognized by the UEMS PRM Board. Apart from possessing facilities to perform diagnostic assessments, functional investigation and measurement, as well as treatments relevant to the discipline of PRM and maintaining a network of contacts among clinical colleagues and professionals allied to medicine, training activities have also been shown through organizing case presentations, symposia, etc., by trainee participation in research activities of the unit, and

availability of the requisite educational tools, particularly a library sufficiently supplied with PRM texts and works, audiovisual aids for teaching, etc. The visit of Professor Črt Marinček (Ljubljana, Slovenia), Chairperson of Board Certification, and Dr Saša Moslavac, Croatian UEMS PRM Board National Manager, took place on December 8, 2010. They were welcomed at the Hospital Center Head Office by Professor Boris Ružić, Hospital Assistant Manager. It was followed by visit to the University Department of Rheumatology, Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. After meticulous revision, it was concluded that the Department had fulfilled the criteria to become the European Training Center in PRM. The accreditation subsequently issued by the European Board of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine states that the University Department for Rheumatology, Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center, headed by Professor Simeon Grazio, is proclaimed a Training Center in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. It may accept European trainees for training in PRM. The certificate is valid for the next five years.

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