

EXCITING NEWS FROM EDITORIAL BOARD

Starting with this issue, Acta Clinica Croatica has a new Editor-in-Chief, Professor Krešimir Rotim, MD, PhD, eminent neurosurgeon and director of Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center. Professor Zvonimir Kusić, MD, PhD, who has served as Editor-in-Chief since 1995, has been recently elected president of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. Due to his new appointment connected with numerous new obligations, Professor Zvonimir Kusić has considered that he will not be able to serve as Editor-in-Chief of Acta Clinica Croatica anymore and therefore he announced he would step down.

Medical journals are of paramount importance, as the medical science would not exist without them. They are needed because one of the strictures of the scientific ethos is that a discovery does not exist until it is safely reviewed and published. Therefore, medical journals are the interface between the researchers and the clinicians. Medical journals could be viewed as open universities dedicated to spread the knowledge and communicate it in ways that practicing physicians can use effectively in their daily routine.

The success of a journal depends on the actions and interactions of many individual players, linked together dynamically in circles of causality, which is often called reinforcing feedback loops. However, all those individual players must have one leader who can successfully coordinate all of them. Professor Kusić understood and promoted these principles. He always strived to improve the quality of Acta Clinica Cro-

atica. During his leadership, the journal changed its cover and design, and many eminent medical scientists and professionals from various parts of the world have become members of the Editorial Board. Understanding the importance of electronic edition of the journal, Professor Kusić organized the web page of Acta Clinica Croatica with free access to all contents of the journal since 2000, making our journal much more visible. The quality of the journal significantly improved as the result of efforts invested by Professor Kusić. His continuous efforts were not in vane, and they were internationally recognized; since 2008, Acta Clinica Croatica is fully indexed in Medline/PubMed and in Science Citation Index Expanded, and for 2009 Acta Clinica Croatica gained its impact factor for the first time. Therefore, members of the Editorial Board, the authors, reviewers and readers of Acta Clinica Croatica express gratitude to Professor Kusić for his achievements as Editor-in-Chief of Acta Clinica Croatica. With his enormous energy and enthusiasm, he designated a path for continuing improvement of the quality of our journal.

Professor Krešimir Rotim has been very successful as a director, and under his leadership our hospital has become University Hospital Center. Therefore, we are sure that Professor Krešimir Rotim as new Editor-in-Chief of Acta Clinica Croatica will continue the path set up by his predecessor and that he will proceed with continuous improvement of the quality of Acta Clinica Croatica making it ever more respectable journal.



Zvonko Kusić



Krešimir Rotim

