

## WHAT WE INTENDED AND MANAGED TO ACCOMPLISH?

Acta Dermatovenerologica Croatica (ADC) as a scientific publication has rapidly attained an international profile. I took over the position of Editor-in-Chief in 1997, having now served it for 13 years, when ADC has been Medline and SCIE indexed, while the number of manuscripts submitted has increased manifold. We have now moved from the paper based system to the e-version journal. Before e-system, Dr. Branka Marinović, Correspondent Editor, Mrs. Gordana Dučkić, Managing Editor, and I spent many tedious days working on sending out copy manuscripts to reviewers, then returning them to the authors for revision before repeating the whole process again prior to paper acceptance. Electronic system helped us in this matter very much. The number of very good manuscripts has increased in our reviewing process. Once the paper has been accepted and the proofs approved by the authors, it appears in on-line form very rapidly for reference.

The quality and scientific credibility of submitted manuscripts have improved and they are received from a growing number of European and other countries. Perhaps a considerable number of papers from multinational clinical studies will appear in the future, reflecting the true success of the journal. We have also recorded an increase in the impact factor, which has become a marker for the authors to decide to submit their best works. However, it is important to maintain a balance in the editorial policy to ensure that the journal

contents have fair access to publication. It was a pleasure for me to read so many excellent manuscripts and to work with many of the authors to ensure high quality of the papers to be published.

ADC is the official journal of the Croatian Dermatovenerological Society (CDS). Therefore, I would like to have one issue dedicated to the Harmony in Dermatology and Venereology – 7<sup>th</sup> EADV Spring Symposium, which will take place in Cavtat, May 13-16, 2010. Many interesting topics will be tackled there, so the Editorial Board will set the topics to be included: Bullous Diseases, Connective Tissue Diseases, STIs, Dermato-Oncology, Psoriasis and Environmental Changes in Ecosystems. Scientific program of the 7<sup>th</sup> EADV Spring Symposium will bring together the profound and complex influence of skin health on all aspects of life and the perspective of dermatology and venereology. Let us enjoy the Croatian Spring together; we look forward to meeting you in Cavtat.

Accordingly, ADC is expected to promote the meetings, clinical studies and publications on the impact of climate changes on dermatologic disorders. We call your attention to our proposal that ADC should focus on the increasingly important complex issues related to climate changes as they affect people everywhere. This is an important issue for us to address.

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