



BORIS LABAR – CIBMTR 2013 Distinguished Service Award Recipient

On behalf of CIBMTR (Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research) International Studies Committee, Boris Labar has been chosen as the CIBMTR 2013 Distinguished Service Award Recipient. The Distinguished Service Award honoring Boris Labar for his service and commitment to CIBMTR, his dedication to advancing the field of hematopoietic stem cell research, and his leadership in promoting stem cell transplantation in old Yugoslavia, presently Croatia, and in Eastern Europe.

The award (Fig. 1) was presented at the 2013 BMT Tandem Meeting in Salt Lake City Utah during the CIBMTR Awards and Assembly Meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 6:15 pm. (Fig. 2.)

Boris Labar was born in Zadar. He finished Medical School at Zagreb University in June 1970. After he passed the board examination in internal medicine in 1976, Dr. Labar has been elected as a teacher at School of Medicine, University of Zagreb. In 1982 he defended his



Figure 2. Dr. Mary Horowitz scientific CIBMTR director, dr Boris Labar, and Dr. John O'Shea, President of CIBMTR Advisory Bord.

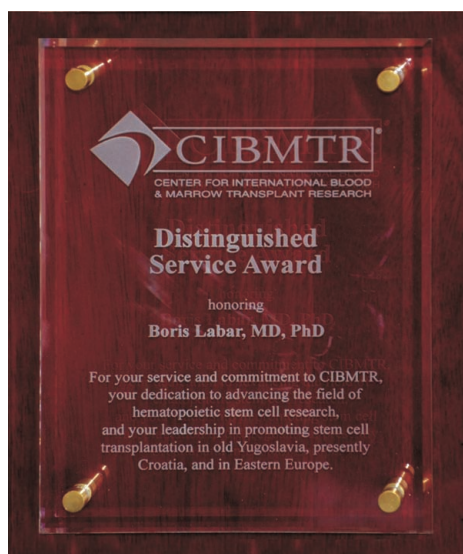


Figure 1.

PhD thesis under the title: "Pyruvate kinase in acute leukemia". In 1982 and 1985 he had been elected on the chief position of Bone marrow transplant unit and head position of Division of hematology, Department of medicine, University hospital center, Rebro, Zagreb respectively. Dr Labar has been principal investigator of many research projects dealing with stem cell transplantation and leukemia. He coordinated Postgraduate course in Hematology at School of Medicine University of Zagreb from 1986 till 1989. Dr Labar co-chaired many scientific meetings mostly dealing with hematological malignancies. It has to be stressed that he organized scientific meeting with European School of Oncology from Milan from 1987 till 2004 (7 times) under the title: "New Trends in the Treatment of Acute Leukemia". Together with MD Anderson Cancer Research Center from Houston, USA he organized the Meeting in 2007 and 2011 under the title "Leukemia and Lymphoma".

From 1994 till 1998 he was the President of Croatian Association of Hematology and Transfusiology. From 2000 Dr Labar was president of National Croatian Group for

Hematological Disorders. In 2009 the group was renamed to become Croatian Cooperative group for Hematological Disorders. Dr Labar coordinated activity of the group till 2012. From 2010 till 2013 he was the president of Central and Eastern European Leukemia Group (CELG). Dr Labar was founding member of European hematology Association and active member of European Blood and Marrow Transplant Group (EBMTG), Leukemia group of European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC). He was invited lecturer in many recognized hematological centers. He received the Hono-

rary Member award of EBMT group, as well as from National Society of Hungary, Poland and Slovenia.

Until 1974, Dr. Labar published more than 405 scientific and professional papers; more than 100 scientific papers published in Journals cited in CC index; the number of citations are 2022 (October 2012.).

Boris Labar is a big water polo fun. He was a medical doctor of Croatian national team and team of HAVK Mladost, Zagreb. From 1996 till now he is a head of Medical Committee of Croatian Olympic Committee.