

EDITORIAL

Dear readers, it is with great pleasure that I present to you RAD 39 (2013), the tenth volume of our journal, which has been continually published annually or semi-annually since 2006. I proudly announce that these 10 volumes of RAD obtained more than 62,000 hits on the web page "hrcak.srce.hr".

In the present volume, there are three excellent review articles written by the members of our Editorial Board (Vida Demarin, Iva Dekaris and Ivana Čepelak), and I cordially thank our distinguished colleagues for their contributions.

The present volume, in addition to the three mentioned regular review articles, introduces papers from the symposium entitled "**Epidemiological and Clinical Aspects of the West Nile Virus Infection in Croatia and the Neighbouring Countries**". The Symposium was organized by the Department of Medical Sciences of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts and held on 25 October 2012 at the Academy Palace. It was dedicated to the review of the recent progress in research on the virology, epidemiological, ecological and clinical manifestations of WNV infection, involving mosquitoes, birds, humans and horses.

We thank our guest editor, Prof. Josip Madić, Fellow of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, for his great effort regarding the compiling of the symposium papers. It is of particular importance that in the work of the Symposium, distinguished researchers from Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Serbia and Slovenia gave presentations and stimulated the discussion about selected topics. Unfortunately, some colleagues did not prepare articles for publication, and this is the reason why we have published only abstracts of these communications.

This volume further brings a report on the symposium entitled "Corneal Transplantation and Eye Banking", held at our Academy in January 2012. The report was written by the Chair of the Symposium, Prof. Iva Dekaris, associate member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, to whom I am very thankful for the organization of this very successful international Symposium.

In your hands, dear readers, you are holding volume 39 of the journal RAD of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts – Medical Sciences. I am very happy that our journal has managed to keep the continuity and join the relevant international databases. On behalf of the Editorial Board, I can promise you that we will continue in this sense in the future.

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