

## INTRODUCING A NEW MEMBER OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

### Professor ŽELJKO REINER, M.D., Ph.D.



Professor Željko Reiner was born in Zagreb in 1953. He graduated from the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, in 1976; he completed his residency at Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital and continued to work there at the Division of Endocrinology, Department of Medicine. He acquired his MS degree in 1978 and

Ph.D. degree in 1982 at the University of Zagreb. He completed his postdoctoral education in Hamburg, Germany (1980-1981), and in Oklahoma City, USA (1984-1985).

He was appointed assistant professor at the University of Zagreb in 1986, and full professor in 1988; in 1997, he was appointed professor of internal medicine (tenure). From 1986 till 1995, he was head of Clinical Research Unit, Rebro Department of Pathophysiology, Zagreb University Hospital Center; since 1995, he has been holding the position of head of the Rebro Department of Medicine, Zagreb University Hospital Center, and since 2000 chairman of Internal Medicine, Zagreb University School of Medicine.

He is chairman and professor at numerous postgraduate courses at the School of Medicine (Endocrinology, Diabetology, Cardiology, Clinical Pharmacology, Dermatology, Urology) and College of Science, University of Zagreb.

Professor Željko Reiner has published 236 scientific papers, often cited in Current Contents indexed journals.

He has written a number of chapters in books and textbooks in pathophysiology, internal medicine, cardiology, etc., and was editor of many books (e.g. Manual of Pharmacotherapy). As a guest professor, he held lectures at many universities all over the world. Since 1983, he has been program project director of several research projects on atherosclerosis risk factors and hormone receptors in malignant diseases. He has also been very active as invited lecturer, president and member of organizing and scientific committees of many international congresses.

He is editor-in-chief and member of editorial boards of many Croatian and international scientific journals (e.g., *Liječnički vjesnik*) as well as president and founder of several scientific journals (Croatian Atherosclerosis Society, Croatian Society of Hypertension, Croatian Society of Vascular Surgery, etc.) and member of many international scientific societies.

Besides his participation in organizing and lecturing at continuous medical education courses, Professor Željko Reiner has established and chaired the 'Croatian school of hyperlipidemia and atherosclerosis'. Since 1990, he is full member of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Croatia, and since 1992 an associate member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

In 1992-1993, he acted as secretary general of the Croatian Medical Association; from 1993 till 1998, he was deputy minister, and from 1998 till 2000 minister of health of the Republic of Croatia. Also, he was member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Executive Board (1995-1998), and during his turn he initiated important reforms at WHO as well as changes in WHO Constitution. Since 2000, he is chairman of the Committee for Tobacco-Free Europe.