

## NEWS

Uredništvo *Arhiva za higijenu rada i toksikologiju* s ponosom objavljuje o velikom priznanju koje su našem počasnom uredniku akademiku Marku Šariću, doajenu hrvatske medicine rada, na međunarodnom simpoziju „Education in OSH, emerging trends and unmet needs“ održanom u Zagrebu 26.-28.10.2017. u organizaciji International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) i Hrvatskog zavoda za zaštitu zdravlja i sigurnost na radu te pod visokim pokroviteljstvom predsjednice Republike Hrvatske dodijelili Hrvatska akademija znanosti i umjetnosti i Scientific Committee on Education and Training in Occupational Health (Znanstveni odbor za edukaciju u medicini rada).

U Zahvalnici se navodi:

„Svojim radom i primjerom te iznimnom stručnošću podizao kvalitetu struke medicine rada. Generacije mladih specijalista medicine rada odgojio je na načelima neodvojivosti svakodnevnog rada od etičkih, moralnih i znanstvenih principa. Golema radna energija primjer je i uzor novim naraštajima. Njegov doprinos razvoju struke medicine rada u Hrvatskoj nemjerljiv je.“

Ovim putem akademiku Marku Šariću čestitamo na dodijeljenom priznanju, navodeći kako nam je posebna čast što je svojim iznimnim znanjem, stručnošću i autoritetom aktivno uključen u uređivanje našeg časopisa.

*Nevenka Kopjar*

The Editorial Board of the *Archives of Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology* is proud to inform about the tremendous recognition given to our Honorary Editor Marko Šarić, FCA. Prof Šarić received the recognition at the international symposium “Education in OSH, emerging trends and unmet needs” held in Zagreb 26-28 October 2017 and organised by the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) and the Croatian Institute for Health and Safety at Work under the high auspices of the President of the Republic of Croatia from the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts and the Scientific Committee on Education and Training in Occupational Health.

The awarded recognition states:

“Through his work and career as well as immense expertise, he has elevated the quality of the occupational medicine profession. Generations of young occupational medicine specialists have grown on his principle of never separating everyday work from ethical, moral, and scientific values. His enormous energy for work is an example and model for future generations. His contribution to the development of Croatian occupational medicine cannot be measured”.

We take this opportunity to congratulate our dear Professor on this recognition and express our sincerest pleasure to have had the benefit of his exceptional knowledge, expertise, and authority in our everyday work with the journal.

*Nevenka Kopjar*

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**10<sup>th</sup> Congress of Toxicology in Developing Countries  
Hotel Metropol, 18-21 April 2018, Belgrade, Serbia**

On behalf of the Serbian Society of Toxicology (SETOX) and the International Union of Toxicology (IUTOX), it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Congress of Toxicology in Developing Countries and 12<sup>th</sup> Serbian Congress of Toxicology to be held in Belgrade, Serbia from 18 to 21 April 2018.

Held every three years, the CTDC is organized by IUTOX and member Societies. The first CTDC congress (at the time not an IUTOX official meeting) was organized in Argentina by Dr José Alberto Castro with the aim to provide a forum for discussing toxicological problems facing developing countries and exchanging knowledge with toxicologists from all over the world, especially from developing countries and regions. Other CTDCs were then organized worldwide in developing countries in Asia, South Africa, and Europe.

This is a unique opportunity for attendees to update knowledge in all fields of toxicology and related sciences with special emphasis given to issues in developing

countries and an opportunity to network with both national and international potential collaborators as well as to discuss recent scientific results.

The Congress will be organized through symposia, workshops, continuing education courses, exhibitors-hosted sections, posters, and oral presentations from 18 to 21 April 2018. The exhibition hall will be designed as a comprehensive marketplace for product information and cutting-edge technology.

In addition to an excellent scientific programme, we also offer an attractive social program and a chance to experience the unique charming and exciting sights and flavours of Belgrade.

With your energy and enthusiasm, we will make this event a meeting to remember.

For all additional information regarding the programme, registration, abstract submission, sponsorship, exhibition, as well as deadlines please consult the web address <http://www.ctdc10.rs> or write to us at [ctdc10@pharmacy.bg.ac.rs](mailto:ctdc10@pharmacy.bg.ac.rs).

*Prof Dr Vesna Matović  
CTDC10 President*

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**The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference INNOVATIONS IN CANCER RESEARCH AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE**

Vietnam University of Science, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 10-13 September 2017

Cancer Research and Regenerative Medicine (CRRM) is the international conference co-organized by the Vietnam University of Science (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam), Vietnam National University (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam), University of California (Los Angeles, USA), and the MD Anderson Cancer Center, University of Texas (Houston, USA). As such, the CRRM conference became an international forum for all scientists, researchers, doctors, and students engaged in the fields of cancer research and regenerative medicine.

After the success of the first two CRRM conferences held in 2013 and 2015 also in Vietnam, the 3<sup>rd</sup> CRRM conference gained wide interest in the scientific community gathering more than 100 speakers and more than 600 attendees from 22 countries all over the world. This year's CRRM conference welcomed scientists from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, India, Italy,

Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russia, Taiwan, Ukraine, USA, and Vietnam as well as from Croatia. The 3<sup>rd</sup> CRRM conference was co-chaired by Prof Thuoc Linh Tran (Vietnam), Prof Fuyu Tamanoi (USA), Prof Mong Hong Lee (USA), and Associate Prof Phuc Van Pham (Vietnam).

The conference was divided into several scientific sessions, namely Stem Cells Biology & Engineering, Stem Cells in Trials, Molecular Cancer Biology, Nanobiotechnology, Drug Screening, Tissue Engineering, Immunotherapy for Cancer, Advances in Cancer Research, Advances in Cancer Treatment as well as the Young Investigators & Students session intended for students and early career researchers. The pre-conference included a workshop entitled "How to Become a Biomedical Scientist?" followed by a symposium entitled "New Technologies in Biomedical Science". Besides lectures, workshops, and symposiums, the conference also included a poster section divided into several sessions, namely Cancer, Tissue Engineering, Assisted Reproduction, Stem Cell, and Clinical Trials & Biology. Besides the scientific



**Figure 1** A scene from everyday life in Vietnam

part, the conference also included two innovation showcases presented by Merck and Becton Dickinson (BD) entitled “Merck Innovation for Young Research – Flow Cytometry for Stem Cell & Cancer Research, and Truly Easy Cell Sorting – BD FACSMelody™”.

During the conference’s oral sessions, there was a large number of lectures and oral presentation that ran in parallel sessions. They were given by plenary speakers, invited speakers, and speakers selected for oral presentation. Plenary lectures included oral presentations regarding the most recent advances in the field of cancer research and were given by some of the top scientist in the field, namely Prof Brad Nelson (Canada), Prof Fuyu Tamanoi (USA), Prof Hsing-Wen Sung (Taiwan), Prof Mong-Hong Lee (USA), Prof Niranjana Bhattacharya (India), Dr Peilin Chen (Taiwan), Prof Phuc Van Pham (Vietnam), and Prof Ta Thanh Van (Vietnam). The invited speakers, as well as other speakers included scientists and researchers from all over the world as well as from Vietnam.

Scientists from Croatia (Goran Gajski, Marko Gerić, and Vera Garaj-Vrhovac) also presented their work at this year’s CRRM conference. They participated with two abstracts entitled “Anticancer effects of natural products from animal and plant origin” and “Potential cancer predictive biomarkers: a case of papillary thyroid cancer” presented as posters within the frame of the Cancer session and Clinical Trials & Biology session, respectively.

All of the registered abstracts of the 3<sup>rd</sup> CRRM conference were published in a Supplement of the

*Biomedical Research & Therapy* journal (published by BioMedPress) indexed in Web of Science, EMBASE, DOAJ, Index Copernicus, and several other databases. This international peer-reviewed journal is a major forum for basic and translational research that publishes high quality open access research articles with special emphasis on basic, translational, and clinical research into molecular therapeutics and cellular therapies, including animal models and clinical trials. This special issue can be found at the web page <http://www.bmrat.org/>. Moreover, some of the full texts of the studies presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> CRRM conference have been or will be published in *Advances in Experimental Medicine & Biology* and can be found at the webpage <http://www.springer.com/series/5584>.

Several prizes were also granted to PhD candidates at the 3<sup>rd</sup> CRRM conference and they included Best Abstract Award, Best Poster Presentation Award as well as the Best Oral Presentation Award. The awards consisted of a certificate and money prize. Duet to the great interest and success of the previous CRRM conferences, the next 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference Cancer Research and Regenerative Medicine will be held in September 2019 once more in Vietnam. For more information about previous and future CRRM conferences please visit the webpage <http://www.crrmconference.com/>.

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