

EDITORIAL

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It is with honor and delight to announce our new EDITOR EMERITUS. Our longstanding editor in chief professor Marko Pećina, after number of years of successful leading of our journal, has been elected to the new position EDITOR EMERITUS.

During many years under professor Pećina's leadership, our journal has developed to a highly respectable journal, offering to estimated readers as well as to authors, a vivid, international scientific platform for interchange of ideas and research results, and for its clinical translation. Professor Pećina, at his new position, will continue his inspiring work further on, giving us, with his knowledge and experience, wisdom and strength for the future. With sincere respect and gratitude we are looking forward to our tight, future collaboration.

In this volume of RAD there are again a number of interesting papers, case-reports and interviews, as well as presentations of scientific activities organized by members of our Department for Medical Sciences.

The Prevalence of prediabetes and risk factors in the general adult population of Croatia- EH-UH 2 study is the first study in which the prevalence of prediabetes and its association with risk factors were determined in a representative randomized sample of the general adult population of Croatia. While further research is needed, the results of this study show that in the presence of multiple risk factors for prediabetes, the focus should be on age, systolic blood pressure and albuminuria as the main predictive factors of prediabetes, especially in individuals with visceral obesity. Professor Bojan Jelakovic and members of his team should be congratulated for this excellent, innovative clinical research. Colleagues from Sarajevo, led by professor Edin Medvedjedić and his team presented their interesting results as "Analysis of improving business processes by implementing the lean concept at the level of tertiary healthcare", showing that implementation of the *lean* concept would reduce medical waste, which would positively affect the quality of health care services. Colleagues from Pula Frederic-Ivan Silconi and his colleagues presented their results on the posterior circulation ischaemic

stroke in a retrospective analysis from a General Hospital in Pula, pointing out the need for comprehensive clinical evaluation. Anja Mandarić and her colleagues presented their results on the use of intrathecal morphine in total hip arthroplasty and they suggest introducing it as a standard procedure in the treatment of orthopedic patients.

The number of review articles starts by an interesting review on current role of functional magnetic stimulation (FMS) in patients with urinary incontinence after radical prostatectomy written by Tvrtko Hudolin and his colleagues.

Ivana Kolčić wrote a review on Lifestyle medicine – a new promise for shifting the tide of non-communicable diseases. It is followed by Ataxia as an initial presentation of Sporadic Creutzfeldt – Jakob disease : an atypical case report and literature review written by Slaven Lasić and his colleagues. Recovery of Recurrent Transient Neurogenic Stuttering due to Functional Neuroplasticity is presented by

Marina Roje Bedeković and Lara Pilepić. A case report on Seizure freedom with vagus nerve stimulation in neurofibromatosis type 1 is presented by Asja Hodžić and her colleagues. Matea Prenc and colleagues described a rare case of multiple unruptured intracerebral aneurysms. A case on repeated intravenous thrombolytic therapy with rt-PA alteplase in the treatment of early recurrent ischemic stroke is presented by Josip Sekovanić and colleagues. A case report on secondary central nervous system involvement in systemic ALK+ anaplastic large cell lymphoma is described by Žana Besser Silconi and her colleagues.

There are also two interesting letters: "Long waiting lists cause a "Vertigo Issue" many health care systems – sight from Croatian perspective" written by Filip Đerke and colleagues and another letter on "Diagnosing Functional Neurological Disorder in Croatia. What can be changed?" by Slaven Lasić and colleagues.

The section NEWS & EDUCATION starts with the presentation of the book authored by Željko Cvetnić, full member of Department of Medical Sciences of CASA "Povijest tuberkuloze s osvrtom na asanaciju i tuberkulozu u Mračlinu. Then, there are

presentations on scientific events organized by members of our Department of Medical Sciences, followed by ESSAYS with two interviews.

Dear colleagues, we do hope that you will enjoy reading the content of this volume and finding interesting information, what could possible inspire you to prepare your own contribution to be published in the next issue of our journal.