

EDITORIAL

To start with, I would like to repeat my argument from the editorial to volume 32: *For any journal, the continuity is one of the most important proofs of both its good name and its credibility.* It is therefore with great pleasure that I present to you RAD 33 (2009), the fourth volume of our journal, which has been continually published every year since 2006. I stress the word *continually*; however, in front of you is volume 33 / 504, which means that between 1867 and the present, 504 volumes have been published in the edition RAD (Monographs) of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. The Department of Medical Sciences itself has, following – though in discontinuity – the initial volume of 1951, published 33 volumes so far. In the last four years, our journal has managed to keep the continuity and to join the relevant international databases; this achievement makes us very proud.

This volume of RAD introduces papers from the symposium entitled *The Scientific Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment of Pain*, held on 20 March 2009 in Zagreb, preceded by the invited review *Medicine in the era of decivilisation*, for which we thank our scientist working at WHO in Geneva. Our sincere thanks go to Prof. Norman Sartorius, MD, PhD, president of Association for the Improvement of Mental Health Programmes (AMH) and corresponding member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

We would further like to cordially thank our guest editor Prof. Vida Demarin, MD, PhD, associate member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts and member of the RAD Editorial Board, for her great effort regarding the symposium papers.

For the next volume of our journal, we announce papers from the *First International Conference of Regenerative Orthopaedics*, which is to be held in summer 2010, at the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Zagreb.

We will continue enhancing the quality of the papers published in RAD and further endeavour to be included into the globally relevant databases.

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