

EDITORIAL

150 YEARS OF THE ACADEMY AND 60 YEARS OF THE JOURNAL RAD – MEDICAL SCIENCES

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It is a true pleasure for me to be able to present to you the 36th issue of the journal RAD (Monographs) of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts – Medical Sciences; even more so since this year, the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts celebrates its 150th anniversary (it was founded in 1861). In this same 2011, we celebrate 60 years since the publication of the first issue of the journal RAD – Medical Sciences (prepared by the Academy Department of Medical Sciences) in 1951.

In front of you, dear readers, there is volume 36/509; this means that between 1867 (when the initial issue of the journal RAD of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts was published) and the present day, 509 volumes have been published in this Academy edition. The Department of Medical Sciences itself has so far – though in discontinuity – published 36 volumes since its first volume of 1951. In the last six years, our journal has managed to keep the continuity and join the relevant international databases. This achievement makes us very proud. The present volume 36/509 introduces papers from the symposium entitled *Chronic Heart Failure and Mechanical Circulatory Support*, which was held in Zagreb on 26 March 2010, in co-operation between the Academy Department of Medical Sciences and the Department of Cardiac Surgery, Dubrava University Hospital, Zagreb.

We cordially thank our guest editor, Prof. Željko Sutlić, MD, PhD, associate member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, for his great effort regarding the compiling of the symposium papers.

In conclusion, I would like to repeat my argument from one of the previous editorials: *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 36 (2011), the seventh volume of our journal, which has been continually published annually or semi-annually since 2006. On behalf of the Editorial Board, I can promise you that we will continue enhancing the quality of the papers published in RAD of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts – Medical Sciences.