

## EDITORIAL

### Meeting on “Contributions from Old Persian-Arabic Medicine and its Reflections in the Medieval Medical Heritage” in Rijeka, Croatia-17 Oct 2015

A scientific meeting entitled “Contributions from Old Persian-Arabic Medicine and its Reflections in the Medieval Medical Heritage” was held in Islamic center of Rijeka (Figure 1). This meeting was announced as introduction to celebration of Islam acknowledgement in Croatia centennial. General patron of the meeting was Meshihat of Islamic Community in Croatia, and its President Mufti Dr. Aziz ef. Hasanović. The scientific part was in collaboration with faculty of medicine, University of Rijeka and Research Office for the History of Persian Medicine, Shiraz University of medical sciences.



Figure 1. Islamic Center in Rijeka

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Besides approximately hundred people in audience, leading figures of Christian and other religious communities, and also representatives of local authorities attended the meeting (Figure 2).



*Figure 2. Guests and audience*

Besides hosts and sponsors, Dr. Arman Zargaran (Head of Research Office for the History of Persian Medicine) and Dr. Alireza Mehdizadeh (Vice chancellor for Research and education, Research office for the History of Persian Medicine) gave their greetings via video presentations from Iran.

Scientific part began with an excellent lecture of Prof. Ante Škrobonja (figure 3), the President of Croatian Scientific Society for the History of Health Culture and Editor in Chief of *Acta medico-historica Adriatica*, titled “Beginnings, Development and Significance of Arabian Medicine“.





Figure 3. Professor Ante Škrobonja, President of Croatian Scientific Society for the History of Health Culture and Editor in Chief of *Acta medico-historica Adriatica*

In the scientific meeting, Igor Eterović (PhD), Executive Editor, and Igor Salopek, (MD), Secretary of Editorial Board of *Acta medico-historica Adriatica* presented 10 scientific contributions published in an Special Issue of *Acta medico historica Adriatica* (2015, Supplement 2), titled “Contributions from Old Persian-Arabic Medicine and its Reflections in the Medieval Medical Heritage“ and published in cooperation with Research Office for the History of Persian Medicine (Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, Iran). As interesting novelty, a few authors exploited the possibility to present their contributions via short video clips. The entire issue will be available in PubMed, and printed version is finalised. Each author will receive a copy of the journal.

The round table with the following topic “Interconfessional Relations in Medical History, Present Situation and Guidelines for the Future“ was organised in the second part of the meeting (Figure 4). Representatives of Islamic, Catholic, Orthodox, Jewish and other religious communities participated. Retired Mufti Ševko Omerbašić, PhD (Zagreb, Croatia), Secretary of Meshihat of Islamic Community in Croatia Nermin Botonjić (Zagreb, Croatia) and Prof. Ajnija Omanić (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina) had very interesting presentations concerning the relations between Islam and medicine.







*Figure 4. Participants in round table “Interconfessional Relations in Medical History, Present Situation and Guidelines for the Future”*

