

EDITORIAL

The Iranian National Collaboration for the History and Philosophy of Medicine

History of medicine in Iran dates back to the thousands years ago. Persian medicine, as the medical doctrine of Iranians has a deep 10000 years history.¹ Later, the early medieval Persian works like *Canon of Medicine* (written by *Avicenna* - 11th century AD) and *Liber continent* (written by *Rhazes* - 10th century AD) became as the main medical text books until 17th century AD, worldwide.² There is a great contribution for the Persians in the history of medicine, but there were no such enough investigations and activities on the Persian medicine history. *Research Office for the history of Persian medicine* in Shiraz University of Medical sciences was as the first pioneer structures systematically started to investigate on the history of Persian medicine. Now, there are many published papers, a scientific journal, meetings, etc are organized by this office.³ Last year (2015), an agreement between research office for the history of Persian medicine and Academy of medical sciences of Iran was created for collaboration in holding scientific meetings on history of Persian medicine and philosophy in the academy. The first joint meeting on the history of Persian medicine in ancient era was held last year.⁴ Then, the collaboration was extended by jointing the general office for traditional medicine in ministry of Health of Iran and also department of history of medicine in Tehran University of medical sciences. The joint meeting on the translation era (first centuries in Islamic era-early medieval time) was the result of this collaboration in August 2016. Now, AJA University of medical sciences and the group of Philosophy and Hikmat in Imam Sadegh University are joined to the collaboration and a

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great scientific meeting is going to be held on the subject of philosophy of Persian medicine at Oct. 27th, 2016. It seems that this scientific movement on the history of Persian medicine is going to be a national program by collaboration of main scientific structures in Iran. Many professors, faculty members, researchers and students are involved in these activities all around the country and many scientific projects were started as long as this collaboration was formed.

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