

BOOK REVIEW



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RAZVOJ REUMATOLOGIJE TIJEKOM DVA TISUĆLJEĆA (hrvatsko izdanje)

THE DEVELOPMENT OF RHEUMATOLOGY THROUGH TWO MILLENNIA
(English edition)

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A book entitled *Razvoj reumatologije tijekom dva tisućljeća* (Croatian edition) and *The Development of Rheumatology through Two Millennia* (English edition), dedicated to rheumatology from the initial concepts of rheuma in ancient Greece through its development as a field of medicine and accumulation of knowledge in the

field of rheumatology to the year 2000, bringing an overview of this medical profession over two millennia, was published by Birotisak in 2008.

Ivo Jajić and Zrinka Jajić, the authors of the book, in collaboration with national and university libraries from Europe and the USA, and with renowned experts from all over the world, true lovers of the profession, having whole-heartedly taken part in the material and information collection, have designed this book as a unique work of the type in the world, consisting of a number of sections dedicated to the global development of rheumatology.

The part of the book on historical events provides an overview of historical events in international rheumatology from ancient times and the Greek word *rheuma* meaning flux, introducing the terms rheumatology and rheumatologist, development of residency in rheumatology, establishment of national societies of rheumatology in Europe and the USA, through the first professional medical conference on rheumatic diseases, held in 1932 in New Orleans, congresses of rheumatologists in particular countries and international meetings. Foundation of the International League Against Rheumatism including four regional leagues, i.e. European (EULAR), American (PANLAR), Asian-Australian (APLAR) and African (AFLAR), and all major events and activities related to particular leagues are given due emphasis. Publications in the field of rheumatology are presented through an overview of the most important international rheumatology journals from their launching. This historical overview brings a chronologic survey of classifications and nomenclature of rheumatologic diseases, diagnostic criteria for rheumatic diseases, first professors of rheumatology at international universities and Nobel Prize winners in medicine relevant for rheumatology.

The second, most extensive section of the book is dedicated to the authors worldwide that have contributed most to the development of rheumatology. On 372 pages with more than 1000 illustrations, this section

presents 2343 authors, in alphabetical order, not only rheumatologists but also epidemiologists, pathologists, immunologists, biochemists, ophthalmologists, dermatologists, medical historians, pediatricians, nuclear medicine specialists, gastroenterologists, radiologists and other specialists engaged in rheumatology. They all are presented by their biographic data, special field of work (specialty), brief presentation of respective publications with original literature data, and a photo (most of them).

The third section entitled From the History of Croatian Rheumatology brings a short survey of histori-

cal events in the development of rheumatology in Croatia. At the end of the book, the reader will find the Index of Authors and Index of Terms.

The book was reviewed by Academician Zvonko Kusić and Academician Dragan Dekaris.

This originally designed work in Croatian and international literature is strongly recommended to rheumatologists as well as to other related specialists and medical historians, as they will certainly find many interesting data and stimulation for further development of the profession in Croatia and worldwide.

Frane Grubišić

NEWS

61st American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington, USA

For more than six decades now, the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) has provided top education programming and a wealth of scientific information to attendees looking for the latest developments in scientific research. The AAN Annual Meeting brings together more than 10,000 neuroscience professionals for one of the world's largest neurology gatherings.

The AAN 61st Annual Meeting was held in Seattle, Washington from April 25 to May 2, 2009 at Seattle State Convention and Trade Center. The AAN Annual Meeting in Seattle was a great opportunity to meet Academy leaders, network with best and brightest in the field of neurology, and explore the fabulous "Emerald City" of the Pacific Northwest.

The AAN 2009 Annual Meeting Education Program promoted directors and faculty who are leaders in their fields in more than 20 general and specialty topics. More than 180 programs provided an array of programming options: full-day and half-day courses; breakfast, luncheon, dinner, and after-dinner seminars; workshops; and kick-off, case-study, therapy programs, and new coding lunches.

The AAN 61st Annual Meeting Scientific Program featured more than 1,600 scientific poster and platform sessions on over 20 topics in clinical and basic science research and five premier Plenary Sessions featuring lectures by esteemed investigators discussing critical advances in neuroscience. To help build careers in neurology, the AAN 61st Annual Meeting offers a variety of opportunities to students, residents, and fellows including scientific platform and poster sessions, Plenary Sessions, Colloquia, Awards Luncheon, Celebration for Research, and Exhibits.

American Academy of Neurology & American Academy of Neurology Foundation Awards Luncheon program recognizes some of the top accomplishments in neuroscience research by AAN leaders as they honor the recipients of the 2009 AAN Awards, from enterprising high school students to world renowned researchers. The 2009 Public Leadership in Neurology Award was granted to Microsoft Co-Founder and well-known philanthropist Paul G. Allen for his strong commitment to brain research and founding of the Allen Institute for Brain Science in his hometown of Seattle.

The AAN and AAN Foundation Awards reflect commonly held support for scientific developments in neurology and celebrate outstanding individuals and their achievements, curiosity, compassion and commitment that mark their profession. On behalf of the American Academy of Neurology Membership Committee and International Scholarship Awards Subcommittee, Marijana Lisak, MD, PhD and Resident in Neurology has been selected to receive the 2009 AAN International Scholarship Award, as one of 13 candidates from nine countries. Marijana Lisak, MD, PhD was recommended by Professor Vida Demarin, her mentor and supervisor and Chair of the University Department of Neurology, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital, Zagreb, Croatia.

In summary, the 2009 AAN Annual Meeting in Seattle offered an impressive combination of quality and value and provided the most comprehensive, current and educational programming and discussion on the most important advances in the field of neurology in one week. The next 2010 AAN Annual Meeting will be held in Toronto, Canada. Look forward to seeing you there!

Marijana Lisak

American Academy of Neurology and American Academy of Neurology Foundation Awards honored 2009 Award recipients at the 61st AAN Annual Meeting in Seattle



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AAN & AAN Foundation International Scholarship Award Winner

American Academy of Neurology & American Academy of Neurology Foundation Awards Program recognizes some of the top accomplishments in neuroscience research by AAN leaders as they honor the recipients of the 2009 AAN Awards, from enterprising high school students to world renowned researchers. The quality of recipients continues to be strong as the AAN values each stage in the life cycle of accomplished researches and places promising individuals on the path to success. The AAN and AAN Foundation 2009 Award Luncheon Program was celebrated on April 29, 2009 at Sheraton Seattle Hotel during the 61st AAN Annual Meeting, which was held from April 25 to May 2, 2009 in Seattle, Washington.

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2009 AAN International Scholarship Award, as one of 13 candidates from nine countries. The International Scholarship award is designed to provide eligible international candidates the opportunity to attend and participate in the 61st Annual Meeting in Seattle. Among other requirements, the applicants demonstrated how attending the meeting will benefit their careers and how it will help with neurology education and patient services in their countries. Marijana Lisak, MD, PhD was recommended by Professor Vida Demarin, her mentor and supervisor and Chair of the University Department of Neurology, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital, Zagreb, Croatia.

Since 2001, Marijana Lisak, MD, PhD has been committed to neuroscience research guided by Professor Demarin and benefited on the opportunity of being a Science Fellow in Neurosonology project. In 2005, she started her residency in Neurology at University Department of Neurology, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital and has done a majority of the approved training for neurologists, including an extensive work concerning sub-investigator and coordinator role in clinical trials. In 2007, she concluded postgraduate studies in Biomedicine sciences with PhD thesis entitled Noninvasive Examination of Cerebral Blood Flow during Cortical Activation, defended at School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, thus accomplishing her PhD degree. In 2008, she was granted fellowship of the Weill Cornell Medical College and Salzburg International Medical Seminar in Neurology. She is also a recipient of EFNS and ENS grants for outstanding research in neuroscience. Among other, her publication record includes work on the application of neurosonology methods in neuroactivation studies. Her supervisor, Professor Demarin, wrote in her recommendation: "Dr. Sc. Marijana Lisak is a bright and hard-working young neurologist-to-be. It is a pleasure to work with her. I sincerely believe in her potential for high-level academic career".