**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Croatian Pharmacological Society announces**

**MINI-SYMPOSIUM „EUROPEAN CERTIFIED PHARMACOLOGIST – EUCP PROGRAMME”AND PANEL-DISCUSSION**

* *Venue:* Department of Pharmacology, University of Zagreb, Salata 11, 10 000 Zagreb, Croatia
* *Date:* November 24th, 2017
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* *Organizers:* Croatian Pharmacological Society & Medical School, University of Zagreb
* *Entrance:* Free

The European Certified Pharmacologist (EuCP) project has been initiated by EPHAR, The Federation of European Pharmacological Societies in 2014 with the intention to identify individuals working in the field of pharmacology who excel in standards of education, skills, experience and professional standing ([www.ephar.org)](http://www.ephar.org)). The profile of pharmacologist has not been officially recognized in the Republic of Croatia and currently there are no regulations on particular undergraduate or postgraduate studies that might provide education for becoming the certified pharmacologist. The profile of pharmacologist covers not only medical doctors, but also doctors of dental and veterinary medicine, pharmacists, biochemists and biologists working in the field of pharmacology for whom there is no appropriate form of education leading to this goal in Croatia. According to the EuCP initiative, pharmacologists certified as EuCPs will have proven that their competency profile, in addition to their personal specialized scientific expertise, covers expert knowledge in all major fields and that they have experiences and practical awareness in a wide spectrum of pharmacological techniques. The system guarantees that common high standards are applied for this certification by all participating societies of pharmacology throughout Europe. The EuCP Programme shall also provide incentives to encourage individual scientists to expand their personal competency profiles in order to increase their chances for obtaining high-level positions in an increasingly competitive employment environment, be it academic, industrial, regulatory or self-employed. As a member of EUPHAR, the Croatian Pharmacological Society supports the EuCP initiative and organizes a meeting which will combine three different activities; a mini-symposium, panel-discussion and the presentations of youth - potential candidates for EuCP.

PROGRAMME

* **MINI-SYMPOSIUM**
* **Prof. Thomas Griesbacher** (Immediate Past President of EPHAR), Institute of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology, Medical University of Graz, Graz, Austria:*"The role of pharmacologists in the public health sector in Europe: current situation of post-graduate training in the medical sector and initiatives of EPHAR, EACPT and UEMS"*
* **Prof. Mojca Kržan** (President Elect of EPHAR), Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Toxicology Medical Faculty, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia: „*The challenges of being a pharmacologist in a small country –EU country“*
* **Prof. Vladimir Trkulja** (Representative of HDF), Department of Pharmacology, Medical School, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia: *„EuCP – Croatian view: practical meaning, need and possible Croatian contribution to EuCP project at the level of EU”*
* **PANEL DISCUSSION** – Public discussion organized for the members of HDF and broader audience to address the question of interest for the clarification of procedure and qualification options for gaining the EuCP certificate as well as the possibilities for establishing the conceptual and legal frame for the appropriate form of education.
* **PRESENTATION OF YOUTH –** Poster-presentation of the research of undergraduate students performed under the mentorship of the young HDF members; forming of a future critical mass of potential candidates for EuCP
* **ANNUAL HDF ASSEMBLY**