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Days of Academy of Medical Sciences of B&H 2016 and The First Mediterranean Seminar on Science Writing, Editing and Publishing (SWEP 2016)

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Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, from 2nd to 3rd December 2016, was host of one of the most exciting meetings in Mediterranean area - The First Mediterranean Seminar on Science Writing, Editing & Publishing (SWEP 2016). It was organized by Academy of Medical Sciences of Bosnia and Herzegovina, running concurrent sessions as part of its Annual Meeting titled "Days of Academy of Medical Sciences of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Theory and Practice in Science Communication and Scientometrics".

On the first day, twenty speakers from Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Slovakia and the UK (Asim Kurjak, Milivoj Boranić, Doncho Donev, Osman Sinanović, Miro Jakovljević, Enver Zerem, Dejan Milošević, Silva Dobrić, Martin Rusnak, Srećko Gajović,

Izet Mašić, Armen Yuri Gasparyan, Šekib Sokolović, Nermin Salkić, Selma Uzunović, Admir Kurtčehajić, Edin Begić and Floreta Kurti) had a range of presentations about scientific and publishing integrity, principles of scientific communication and unethical behavior in science and publishing, as well as strategic approaches and directions to prevent, detect and manage fraud and misconduct in scientific publishing. Some of speakers are also editors of journals like Medical Archives, Croatian Medical Journal, Vojnosanitetski Pregled, Psychiatria Danubina, Acta Informatica Medica, Materia Socio-Medica, The Donald School Journal of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Acta Medica Saliniana, Macedonian Journal of Medical Sciences and Medicinski Glasnik.

Figure 1. Lecturers of The First Mediterranean Seminar on Science Writing, Editing & Publishing (SWEP 2016)

Figure 2. Part of the participants from the second day of the Seminar

Figure 3. Participants of the SWEP: Dzenan Jahic, Srecko Gajovic, Izet Masic, Armen Yuri Gasparyan, Doncho Donev (from left to right)

Professor Armen Yuri Gasparyan (UK) on the second day of Seminar, had presentation regarding international bodies and associations contributing to the advancement of scientific and publishing integrity by creating principles of scientific communication and guidelines for authors, reviewers and journal editors for ethical behavior in preparing manuscripts, review process and publishing, disclosures of conflicts of interests, prevention of fabrication and falsification of data and plagiarism of ideas, text and results, research performance and productivity and impact indicators, and targeting ethical journals and scientometrics.

Invited lecturers and keynote speakers were awarded certificates for lecturing and contribution to advancement of scientific publishing and some of them for lifetime achievement in journal editing.

Organizers of the SWEP 2016 declared necessity and commitment to organize such kind of seminars each 1-2 years with support of Balkan and Mediterranean editors and publishers.

DAYS OF ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA. THEORY AND PRACTICE IN SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND SCIENTOMETRICS & FIRST MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR ON SCIENCE WRITING, EDITING & PUBLISHING (SWEP 2016)

The Seminar is credited with 24 academic hours of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in Research Methodology and Science Communication.

TOPICS:

- Scientific Authorship, -Conflict of Interest, -Plagiarism Detection,
- Impact Indicators, -How to choose best target journals, -Scientific Publishing as a tool for preclinical and clinical fields developing.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Prof Doncho Donev, MD, PhD (Skopje, Macedonia); Prof Srecko Gajovic, MD, PhD (Zagreb, Croatia); Prof Armen Yuri Gasparyan, MD, PhD, FESC (Dudley, UK); Prof Asim Kurjak, MD, PhD (Dubrovnik, Croatia); Prof Izet Masic, MD, PhD, FEFMI FACMI (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina); Prof Miro Jakovljevic, MD, PhD (Zagreb, Croatia); Prof Osman Sinanovic, MD, PhD (Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina); Prof Nermin Salkic, MD, PhD (Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina); Prof Milivoj Boranic, MD, PhD (Zagreb, Croatia); Prof Dejan Milosevic, PhD (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina); Prof Sekib Sokolovic, MD, PhD (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina); Prof Silva Dobric, MD, PhD (Beograd, Serbia); Prof Enver Zerem, MD PhD (Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina); Prof Selma Uzunovic, MD, PhD (Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina); Prof Floreta Kurti, MD, PhD (Tirana, Albania)

Venue: Hotel Bosnia, Sarajevo, Kulovica 9

The SWEP 2016 was followed with constitutional meeting for establishment of the Mediterranean Association of Science Editors and Publishers (MASEP). Editors of journals and founding members of MASEP during the meeting adopted "The Sarajevo Declaration on Integrity of Science Communication" (2).

It is expected that this kind of event will become a tradition in the Balkan and Mediterranean region, and that it will represent a traditional gathering where the journal editors and scientific community would exchange their experiences, and try to make a step forward, to cope with the trends and needs of the journals with the highest rating in the world.

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