

## MEETING REPORT

### **EUTOX CME COURSE: PROGRESSION IN CKD AND MANAGEMENT OF THE RISK FACTORS IN DIALYSIS PATIENTS**

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On September 8, 1991, Macedonian citizens voted unanimously to have an independent state and to separate from Yugoslavia. This year, on September 8, we celebrated 20 years of independent Republic of Macedonia.

The Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, the Macedonian Society of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs (MSNDTAO) and the EUTOX group as an endorsed group at the European Renal Association on October 22, 2011 organized a one-day scientific meeting (as a continuous medical education – CME course) on the topic of **Progression in CKD and Management of the Risk Factors in Dialysis Patients**. The meeting was held in the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

The speakers at the meeting and the titles of their presentations were:

**Momir Polenakovic**, Member of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Honorary President of MSNDTAO: **Nephrology in the 20 years of the independent Republic of Macedonia**,

**Harald MISCHAK**, Professor at the University of Glasgow, proteomics research within the British Heart Foundation Glasgow Cardiovascular Research Centre, Chief Scientific Officer (CSO) of *mosaiques diagnostics and therapeutics AG*, Professor in the Department of Nephrology at the Medical School of Hannover, Germany: **Do we have markers on CKD progression and possibilities on mass screening?**

**Goce SPASOVSKI**, Professor, Department of Nephrology, Medical Faculty, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, R. Macedonia, President

of the MSNDAO, Chairmen of the ERA–EDTA CME Committee: **Ca and P in the progression of CKD,**

**Raymond VANHOLDER**, Professor of Medicine at the University of Ghent, Belgium, Head of the Nephrology Division of the Ghent University Hospital, Ghent, Belgium, Past President of ESAO, President of ERA-EDTA: **Can we prevent CKD progression by various adsorbing methods?**

**Andrzej WIECEK**, Professor, Silesian Medical Academy, Director, Department of Nephrology, Katowice, Poland: **Anaemia as a cause of CKD progression,**

**Alessandra PERNA**, Professor, Second University of Naples, First Division of Nephrology – Faculty of Medicine, Naples, Italy: **The role of low protein diet in the progression of CKD,**

**Philippe BRUNET**, Professor, University Aix – Marseille and INSERM 608 Nephrology – Hospital Conception, Marseille, France: **Vascular dysfunction in dialysis patients,**

**Angel ARGILÉS**, Professor, Research Director of CNRS RD – Nephrology, Montpellier, France: **Vascular calcification as a risk factor in dialysis patients,**

**Ziad A. MASSY**, Professor, MD, PhD, Divisions of Clinical Pharmacology and Nephrology INSERM ERI-12, University of Picardie and Amiens University Hospital Avenue Rene Laennec, France: **Vascular calcification management in CKD patients,**

**Juan Mariano RODRIGUEZ-PORTILLO**, Professor, University Hospital Reina Sofia, Research Unit, Cordoba, Spain: **FGF23 and Klotho.**

70 participants from the Republic of Macedonia and neighbouring countries attended the meeting. The lectures were interesting and were followed by lively discussion among the participants. At the end it was concluded that chronic kidney diseases and chronic kidney insufficiency are problems in the whole world as well as in the Republic of Macedonia; early diagnosis and prevention of kidney diseases are necessary, as well as a stimulation of scientific research in nephrology.

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