

Activities of Croatian Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology after 2005

In 2007, Croatian Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology in collaboration with Medical School University of Zagreb, Ministry of Health Republic of Croatia and Croatian Medical Chamber developed specific core curriculum, educational and training programs for allergy specialists, according to recommendations of Section of Allergology and Clinical Immunology of the Union of European Medical Specialists (UEMS). Treatment of allergic diseases in Croatia until nowadays, was in competence of various medical professionals, like specialists in Internal medicine, pediatricians, Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) specialists, pulmonologists and dermatologists who collaborated through clinical praxis, scientific meetings and educational activities. Organ-based specialists will continue to play an important role in the medical care of allergic patients but a core service of care will be provided by allergists with training based on internal medicine and/or pediatrics. Logbook for evaluation of competence and progression in the learning process will be required to qualify as and allergy specialist.

Croatian Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology and Institute for Medical Research and Occupational Health organized scientific conference « Immunological reactions to Drugs», on April 26 th, 2006. Eleven speakers covered many topics important in continuing education of practicing allergists.

On December 7th, 2007, Croatian Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology organized scientific symposium « IgE-mediated reactions between inhalant allergens and their homologs in food». Topic covered were: profil of sensibilisation in different European region, pathophysiological mechanisms of gastrointestinal system sensibilisation, role of T-like receptor in inflammatory bowel disease, inhibition of IgE binding by homolog allergens, homology of allergens from inhalant and nutritive sources. Book of abstracts was published.

Croatian Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology in collaboration with Croatian Immunological Society have organized scientific symposium “ New facts in pathophysiology of allergic diseases“, on MAY 16 , 2008, in Zagreb. The meeting was realization of the longstanding tendency of unifying work of basic and practicing immunologists. Topics covered by fourteen speakers included: role of T-reg cells in allergic diseases, interaction of virus infection and allergic disease, basophil activation test, recombinant allergens, bio-chip in allergy diagnostic, seasonal appearance of Cladosporium, Penicillium and Alternaria in city of Zagreb and Medvednica mountain, new facts in pathophysiology of asthma and COPD, news in atopic eczema, rationale for preventive strategies, diagnostic possibilities in drug allergy, comparison between sublingval and conventional immunotherapy, new clinical data about antihistamines pharmacology and role of biological drugs in immune diseases. Extended abstracts were published in book of abstracts.

Some topics to be covered by different speakers include: mechanisms of immune deviation in allergy,