

Scientific Work at the Chemical and Biochemical Institutes and Departments of Faculties of Medicine in Czech and Slovak Republics in a View of Young Scientists and Graduate Students

The regular meeting of teachers of institutes and departments providing education of chemical and biochemical disciplines at the Faculties of Medicine in Slovak and Czech Republics was organized in Modra-Harmónia in Slovakia on 20th–21th May, 2010. These meetings have been organized since 1952, when the first meeting of teachers was convened by Prof. A. F. Richter at the Faculty of Medicine in Prague. Later, the team of so-called Complex Rationalizing Group (CRG) led by Assoc. Prof. A. Nemečková, PhD., the head of Institute of Medical Chemistry and Biochemistry at the Faculty of Medicine of Palacký University in Olomouc, was very active in didactics of education of chemistry and biochemistry at medical faculties. Concurrently with the activity of CRG, the meetings of teachers of chemical disciplines went on alternately at individual faculties. Primarily these meetings were focused only on the problems of education of chemistry and biochemistry. In the last 15 years these meetings have been also the place for presentation of research activities of institutes, discussions about the graduate study and the status of graduate students at the faculties.

This year the conference of Slovak and Czech chemical and biochemical teachers and researchers was organized by the Institute of Medical Chemistry, Biochemistry and Clinical Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University in Bratislava under the auspices of Prof. Peter Labaš, MD., PhD., the Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University in Bratislava.

Discussions during these meetings and reciprocal exchange of experience among the teachers as well as the younger colleagues are contribution to work of teachers, researchers and graduate students. For many years our faculties have provided education for foreign students also in English language. This pedagogic activity has own particularities. Therefore, exchange of experience in this field is certainly useful for the teachers as well as for the students.

Along with introduction of modern electronic information technologies into the work of university teachers also the method and methodology of education process

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have changed. It is necessary and very contributive to discuss on their advantages or disadvantages for the teacher and mainly for the student.

This year we gave the chance particularly to young colleagues to present research programme of their institutes and departments as well as parts of their own research.

We are very pleased to introduce at least some of the contributions presented during the conference in Modra-Harmónia to readers of Prague Medical Report. These works are brief overviews of research specialization of graduate students and young assistants and lecturers working in departments and institutes of medical chemistry and biochemistry of Slovak and Czech medical faculties.

We believe that also this year's meeting of teachers of chemical and biochemical institutes and departments has contributed to enrichment of pedagogical erudition of older colleagues, to better understanding of teaching art by the younger ones as well as it enhanced traditionally friendly relationships among the teachers of Slovak and Czech faculties.

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