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SOCIETY OF MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTS OF SERBIA THE TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL PROFESSOR IVAN BERKEŠ SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

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Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia (SMBS) and the Scientific Foundation »Professor Ivan Berkeš« organized for the twenty second time the annual Scientific Conference dedicated to the life and work of the esteemed prof. dr Ivan Berkeš, one of the founders of medical biochemistry in former Yugoslavia. The Conference is the occasion when the best graduate students of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Belgrade are awarded by the Scientific Foundation «Professor Ivan Berkeš».

The 2019 Annual Scientific Conference «Professor Ivan Berkeš» was co-organized and hosted by the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Belgrade. It gathered over 200 participants – students, older colleagues who were the students of Professor Berkeš, young graduated medical biochemists, and teachers of the Faculty of Pharmacy. Traditional guests were the family members of Professor Berkeš – his son and grandson, with their families. This traditional meeting of students and professors of the Faculty of Pharmacy, honoring the legacy of one of its most distinguished professors, was held on 28 November 2019. Prof. Nada Majkić-Singh, traditionally the organizer, with her opening words greeted the participants and reminded us of the history, the idea of foundation, and the significance of the Conference, as well as of the life and work of the Professor Ivan Berkeš, whom it honors. Following the welcoming address of the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, prof. dr Slađana Šobajić, prof. Majkić-Singh, presented awards of the Foundation. This year's recipients were Tijana Vučković, Master of

Pharmacy-Medical Biochemist, and Teodora Bulog, Master of Pharmacy. During the scientific part of the program, chaired by prof. dr Svetlana Ignjatović and prof. dr Vesna Spasojević-Kalimanovska, this year's defended doctoral thesis at the Departments of Medical Biochemistry and Toxicology of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Belgrade, were presented. This year, their doctoral theses also presented the colleagues from the Departments of Biochemistry of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Niš and of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Novi Sad. The first speaker was dr Tamara Gojković, with her thesis on the influence of the importance of cholesterol synthesis and absorption markers determination in healthy subjects and patients with ischemic heart disease. Dr Danijela Ristovski Kornić's thesis was about the determination of myeloperoxidase and lipoprotein subclasses distribution in children and adolescents with chronic kidney disease. Antidotal efficacy of newly synthesized oximes K203 and K027 in rats acutely exposed to dichlorvos was the topic of the lecture of dr Evica Antonijević. The lecture on the effect of melatonin on parameters of oxidative damage, inflammation and neoangiogenesis in the retina of rats with streptozotocin/nicotinamide induced type 2 diabetes mellitus by dr Branka Djordjević followed. The conference closed the doctorate of dr Dragana Milošević on the connection between selected parameters of complete blood count, glycoregulation and the presence of degenerative complications in type 2 diabetes mellitus.



Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, prof. dr Slađana Šobajić, and prof. Nada Majkić-Singh.



Laureat of the award Tijana Vučković, Master of Pharmacy-Medical Biochemist, with prof. Nada Majkić-Singh.



Laureat of the award Teodora Bulog, Master of Pharmacy, with prof. Nada Majkić-Singh.



Laureats, lecturers and chairs of the Conference, from left to right – Tijana Vučković, Teodora Bulog, prof. Svetlana Ignjatović, prof. Vesna Spasojević-Kalimanovska, dr Danijela Ristovski-Kornic, prof. Nada Majkić-Singh, dr Evica Antonijević, dr Dragana Milošević, dr Branka Djordjević, and dr Tamara Gojković.