

## **STRUCTURED CV**

### **Professor Zeljko Reiner, MD, PhD, FESC**

Born in Zagreb, Croatia 28 May 1953

#### **PRESENT POSITION**

Director, University Hospital Center Zagreb; Head, Department of metabolic diseases, University Hospital Center Zagreb

#### **NATIONALITY**

Croat

#### **LANGUAGES**

English, German, Italian, Croatian

#### **DEGREES AND HONOURS**

1976 MD (University of Zagreb); 1978 M Sc (Molecular biology, University of Zagreb); 1982 Ph D (Endocrinology and metabolism, University of Zagreb); 1983 Croatian State Board Examination in Internal medicine (education in Zagreb and Hamburg, Germany); 1986. State Board in endocrinology and diabetology; 1986-1988 associate professor of pathophysiology, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb; 1998-1997 professor of pathophysiology; since 1997 professor of internal medicine (tenure), School of Medicine, University of Zagreb; 1984-1985 visiting scientist, Lipoproteins and atherosclerosis research program, Oklahoma Medical Foundation, Oklahoma City, USA; 2000-2006 chairman, University department of internal medicine, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1987-1990 Vice-president of School of Medicine Council, University of Zagreb; 1990-1993 Vice-dean for international relations, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb; since 1990 full member of the Croatian Academy of Medical Sciences and since 2004 president of the Croatian Academy of Medical Sciences; 1991-1993 vice-president of the National Health Council of Croatia; 1991-1993 president of the University Hospital Center Zagreb Council; since 1992 associated member of the Croatian National Academy of Sciences and Arts and since 2006 full member (one of only 20 full members-physicians); since 2000 chairman of the Academy Committee for Study of Atherosclerosis; 1992-2000 president of the National Drug Registration Committee of Croatia; 1995-1998 member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Executive board in Geneva; 1993-1997 State secretary for health of Croatia; 1997-2000 Minister of health of Croatia; 2000-2002 chairman of the WHO Tobacco-free-Europe Committee. He organized and chaired projects on reconstruction of Croatian health system in the 90ties.

#### **FELLOWSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP IN SOCIETIES**

Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology (FESC); 2002-2006 member of the European Atherosclerosis Society Executive Committee; since 2004 member of the Congress Program Committee of the European Society of Cardiology; founder and member of the Executive Committee of the Croatian Hypertension Society since 1992; 1992-1993 secretary general of the Croatian Medical Association

(member of the Board since 2004); founder and president of the Croatian Atherosclerosis Society since 1995; member of the Scientific Board of the Croatian Vascular Surgery Society since 1996; founder and vice-president of the Croatian Obesity Society since 2003; since 2004 member of the Joint European Societies Cardiovascular Diseases Prevention Committee, and since 2005 member of the Joint task force for the European guidelines on cardiovascular disease prevention in clinical practice.

## **SPECIALITY**

Preventive cardiology. Endocrinology, diabetology and metabolic diseases. Clinical pharmacology.

First consultant position 1983. Present consultant position since 1986. Chairman of the Clinical research department, Institute of pathophysiology (1986-1995) and head of the Department of internal medicine, University Hospital Center Zagreb (1995-2003).

## **POSTGRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Since 1983 professor on postgraduate study in diabetology (in English) at the University of Zagreb, since 1989 professor on postgraduate study in clinical pharmacology on University of Zagreb, and since 1988 chairman on postgraduate study in physiology and pathophysiology on Faculty of sciences, University of Zagreb. He organized numerous continuous medical education courses on risk factors for cardiovascular diseases, atherosclerosis, lipidology, hypertension etc. for general practitioners, internists, cardiologists, diabetologists and neurologists. He was the founder and chairman of the "Croatian school on hyperlipidaemias and atherosclerosis", an educational program in which more than 600 Croatian physicians were trained during 6 years. He wrote chapters in 19 textbooks and handbooks.

## **SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY**

He was principal investigator of many scientific research projects eg. 1982-1987 he was principal investigator of a research project on steroid receptors and atherosclerosis and co-investigator in 2 projects, 1987-1991 director of all research projects concerning chronic noncommunicable diseases in Croatia, 1991-1996 project director of "Metabolic and hormonal factors influencing the development of atherosclerosis", 1996 - 2001 project director of "Metabolic and hormonal risk factors for atherosclerosis", and since 2001 he is project director of "New" and "old" risk factors for atherosclerosis". He was engaged in 2005-2006 as an expert of the European Commission for the evaluation of proposals received under the 6FP for research and technological development. He was also one of the 3 members of the WHO's "Leon Bernard Prize" committee. He was a member of the International advisory and/or scientific boards of all European atherosclerosis society congresses (including the last in Prague 2005 and the next in Helsinki 2007) and International atherosclerosis society congresses for more than the last ten years (including the last in Rome 2006). He was also a member of the Program committee of European Society of Cardiology Congresses (including the last in Stockholm 2005 and the next in Vienna 2007) and World Congresses of Cardiology (including the last in Barcelona 2006). He was president of all 6 Croatian atherosclerosis congresses and member of the scientific boards of Croatian cardiology and endocrinology congresses and Alps-Adria cardiology congresses. He was invited speaker on many international and national congresses and visiting professor on several universities.

He has published 318 scientific papers, mostly in indexed journals with significant impact factor, and was author and/or editor of 9 books. He is a member of the editorial boards of numerous scientific journals eg. "Atherosclerosis", "European Journal for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation", "Medical Journal", "Lipidi" (Editor-in-chief), "Medicus", "Acta Clinica Croatica and reviewer for 11 journals.