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List of speakers

(in order of appearance)



Dragan Ljuti , MD, PhD, is a specialist of internal medicine at University Hospital Split and professor of internal medicine at School of Medicine, University of Split, Croatia. He has been a deputy head of the Clinic for Internal Diseases at Clinical Hospital Split, a president of Croatian society for nephrology, dialysis and transplantation and president of University Council of Split University. Currently, he is a dean of the School of Medicine at Split University and deputy director of University Hospital Split.



Željko Petkovi, univ. spec. crim., is a director of the Office for Combating Drugs Abuse, Government of the Republic of Croatia. He worked as a police consultant at the Chief Police Office of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and as chief police inspector at the Department of Drug Criminality of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. He was a lecturer at Police Academy, Croatia.



Elisabetta Bertol, full Professor of Forensic Toxicology - University of Florence. President of Scientific Association of Italian Forensic Toxicologists (GTFI). Responsible of the Laboratory (a 12 people staff), coordinator for technical and scientific aspects for research projects funded by public authorities (Regional, Ministerial, European) or by private institutions (Banks, Foundations) and for the analytical service. She organizes and supports the analytical toxicological controls for the Local Commission of Drive Licences. She coordinated the Technical Working Group of the Italian Government for the preparation of procedures in workplace drug-testing for workers involved in particular risks concerning the safety and health of other persons, appointed by the Health Department of the Region of Tuscany. Scientific collaboration with the Italian Early Warning System (NEWS) on drugs, and, in the last years, for the identification of the NPS. According to the provisions of Italian Law on drugs, she organizes and controls the analytical procedures for the definition of administrative or criminal illicits in cases of seizures of scheduled substances. Coordinator of the Official Guidelines for the analysis of drugs of abuse in biological and non biological

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specimens. Official Consultant of the Court of Florence, and other Courts in Italy. Collaboration with International Institutions as EMCDDA, UNICRI, UNODC and NIDA. Member of National Scientific Associations: GTFI (as President), SIMLA, SIBIOC. Member of International Scientific Associations : IALM, AAFS, TIAFT. She organized about 15 Conferences and National Meeting of GTFI at the University of Florence. Organizer of the 53rd TIAFT Meeting that will be host in Florence August 30th - September 4th 2015.



Marija Definis-Gojanovi , MD, PhD, is a specialist of forensic medicine at University Hospital Split and professor of forensic medicine, medical humanities and medical ethics at University of Split, Croatia, and at University of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina. She is the head of the Department of Forensic Medicine at Split and Mostar University School of Medicine. She has been a member of the working group of the National Drugs Information Unit, Office for Combating Drugs Abuse of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, since 2009.



Ada Ho evar Grom began her professional career in 1984 as a general practitioner at the Vrhnika Health Center in Slovenia. She has been employed at the National Institute of Public Health (NIPH) since 1993, first as an independent researcher and from 1998 onwards as the Head of Department of Communicable Disease. From 2006 to 2008 she was appointed Acting Director of the NIPH and from 2009, she was appointed Deputy Director of NIPH, a post she still holds. She is also head of the Center for Health Survey and Health Promotion, responsible for EMCDDA REITOX National Focal Point. She has participated in various international projects: EVENT – Enteric Virus Emergence, New Tools, DIVINE – NET - Prevention of emerging (food-borne) enteric viral infections: diagnosis, viability testing, networking and epidemiology and EPAAC – European Partnership for Action Against Cancer. She was also a member of the Council of Europe Pompidou Expert Group on drug policy implementation in times of economic crisis, preparing the Athens Declaration.



Claudia Rimondo, senior consultant in Early Warning Systems on New Psychoactive Substances, she has collaborated with the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addiction and the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument of the European Commission as expert in the organization and functioning of EWSs at national level. She has been manager of several national projects and coordinator of the National Scientific Coordination Center with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (USA).

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