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Occupational and Environmental Health Advances

2023 June 28-30

Alex Buda Hall
Academy of Sciences of Albania
Tirana, Albania

PROGRAM

June 28

Collegium Ramazzini Fellows meet at the Hotel Tirana International for briefing
7:00 – 9:00 pm (19:00 – 21:00)

June 29

Day 1 Session 9:00 – 5:00 pm (17:00)

9:00 am *Welcoming Remarks*

Dr. **Melissa Perry**, George Mason University

Akad. **Skender Gjinushi**, President of Albanian Academy of Sciences

Dr. **Ogerta Manastirliu**, Albanian Minister of Health

Dr. **Melissa McDiarmid**, President Collegium Ramazzini

9:30 am **Preventing Occupationally and Environmentally Related Cancer**

Chair: Dr. **Eugena Tomini**, Institute of Public Health of Albania

- *Prevention of Occupational Cancer*

Dr. **Kurt Straif**, Boston College, Boston, USA and ISGlobal, Barcelona, Spain

- *An Overview of Asbestos in Europe*

Dr. **Dennis Nowak**, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich, Germany

- *Asbestos in Albania: Geographic Perspectives*

Dr. **Romeo Hanxhari**, University of Tirana, Albania

- *Discussion*

11:00 am *Break*

11:30 am **Environmental Cancer Toxicology Update**

Chair: Dr. **Kapllan Sulaj**, Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania

- *Toxicology of Aspartame*

Dr. **Morando Soffritti**, Ramazzini Institute and European Foundation
Ruberti Schileo, Bologna, Italy

- *Toxicology of Radio Frequency EMF*

Dr. **Daniele Mandrioli**, Ramazzini Institute, Bologna, Italy

- *Emerging Chemical Threats in Albania: The UNDP Risk Assessment*

Dr. **Ilir Alimehmeti**, University of Medicine, Tirana, Albania

- *Discussion*

1:00 pm *Lunch*

2:00 pm **Occupational and Environmental Cancer: High Risk Workers**
(14:00) Chair: Dr. **Carol Rice**, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine,
Cincinnati, USA

- *Pesticides and Agricultural Workers*
Dr. **Mark Robson**, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, USA
- *Occupational and Environmental Exposure and Health Effects of Metals from the Green Transition*
Dr. **Florencia Harari**, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- *Discussion*

3:30 pm *Break*

3:45 pm **Occupational and Environmental Cancer in Albania**
(15:45) Chair: Dr. **Elida Mataj**, Institute of Public Health and Albanian
University, Tirana, Albania

- *Strengthening Epidemiologic Surveillance in Albania*
Dr. **Alban Ylli**, Institute of Public Health, Tirana, Albania
- *Occupational and Environmental Organochlorine Exposures in Albania*
Dr. **Enver Roshi** and Dr. **Juvelta Feinaj**, University of Medicine of Tirana,
Institute of Public Health, Tirana, Albania
- *Cancer Prevention Project for the Mediterranean*
Dr. **Pier Gorgio Natali**, Mediterranean Task Force for Cancer Control (MTCC),
Rome, Italy
- *Discussion*

5:00 pm **Protecting Communities from Mine Waste Hazards**
(17:00) Chair: **Denny Dobbin** MS, Emeritus National Institute of
Environmental Health Sciences, Chapel Hill, USA

- *A focus on mine hazards and children's health in Albania*
Dr. **Stephan Böse-O'Reilly**, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich, Germany
- *Mitigating Health Impacts of Active or Former Mining Operations*
Dr. **Casey Bartrem**, Terragraphics International Foundation, Moscow, USA (via
Zoom)

7:00 pm *Dinner*

June 30
Day 2 Session, 9:00 – 12:30pm

9:00 am **Emerging Issues for Environmental and Occupational Health**
Chair – Dr. **Erda Qorri**, Albanian University, Tirana, Albania

- *Tracking COVID 19 Immunity in Albania*
Dr. **Genc Sulcebe**, University of Medicine of Tirana and Academy of Sciences of Albania
- *Preventing Chemotherapeutic Drug Hazards in Health Care Workers*
Dr. **Melissa McDiarmid**, University of Maryland, Baltimore USA
- *Preventing Infectious Diseases in the Workplace and Lessons Learned from COVID19 in Albania*
Dr. **Silvia Bino**, Institute of Public Health, Tirana, Albania
- *Discussion*

11:00 am *Break*

11:15 am **Preventive Interventions**
Chair – Dr. **Lindita Molla**, Institute of Public Health, Tirana, Albania

- *Building Occupational Health and Safety Programs*
Dr. **Carol Rice**, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, USA
- *On Establishing Evidence for Timely Action on Emerging Hazards*
Dr. **David Gee**, Emeritus European Environmental Agency, London, UK
- *Prevention in Action: Hierarchy of Controls*
Denny Dobbin, Emeritus National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, North Carolina, USA
- *Discussion*

Closing Remarks

Dr. **Tritan Shehu**, Tirana
Deputy Ambassador **Demian Smith**, Deputy American Ambassador to Albania
Dr. **Melissa Perry**, George Mason University, Fairfax, USA

Meeting Formally Adjourns

12:30 pm *Lunch*