

CLOSING EVENT OF LP2 IN BITOLA

Project: Cross Border Stem Cell Regenerative Medicine Center (REMEDIC)

Report on the Closing Event held on 11-12 November 2016 at Hotel "TEATAR" in Bitola

In attendance:

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- Elizabeta Bahtovska, Deputy Rector, University in Bitola
- Adnan Emini, Antenna officer, JTS
- Stefanovski Petar, University in Bitola
- Kolondzovska-Korlevska Aneta, University in Bitola
- Pandovska Morena, University in Bitola
- Ristevska-Dimitrovska Gordana, Higher Medical School – UKLO
- Kritis Aristeidis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki–Medical School
- Vavilis Theofanis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – Medical School
- Angelidou Eleni, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – Medical School
- Arvanitidou Smaragda, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – Medical School
- Chnaraki Maria, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – Medical School
- Guests
- Journalists (TV TERA, TV ORBIS, TV MEGA, TV KANAL 5, UKLO Radio)

In attendance (12th November):

- Stefanovski Petar, University in Bitola
- Pandovska Morena, University in Bitola
- Kolondzovska-Korlevska Aneta, University in Bitola
- Ristevska-Dimitrovska Gordana, Higher Medical School – UKLO
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The Remedic Closing Event for LP2 took place on 11-12 November 2016 at Hotel “TEATAR” in Bitola. The first day of the meeting, 11 November 2016, started at 12 pm. The meeting was co-chaired by Dr Stefanovski and Dr Kritis. There were three opening speeches. One by the rector followed by an opening speech by Dr Stefanovski Petar and another by Dr Kritis Aristeidis. Each speaker greeted the participants and went on to declare satisfaction for the cooperation between the two partners. The speakers shared overall impressions on the project, from hurdles overcome to joyous moments when individual actions came to completion. Local television media were also invited at the meeting and took interviews from Dr Stefanovski and Dr Kritis, which were broadcasted later in the evening. Dr Stefanovski highlighted the importance of the project for the whole geographical area and made comments also on the potential the facilities have in other areas of research and treatment such as cancer research. Dr Kritis explained the importance of the facilities constructed by LP1 and the potential they have as a regenerative medicine facility. Both of the interviewees also commented on the close cooperation of the two parties involved and how it was critical for the project’s success. A working session took place that comprised of two presentations, the first one was from Prof. Kritis, expert at LP1 with theme ‘Stem Cells isolation, Potential Clinical Applications’ and the second presentation from Prof. Stefanovski, expert at LP2, with theme “Stem Cells and Cancer”. A second working session also took place where the potential for further cooperation and cross-border research was discussed.

The second day of the meeting comprised of a visit at the Laboratory Facility in Bitola and practical training of the Remedic LP2 team by LP1 members. Techniques for the isolation and cultivation of stem cells were shown and also the equipment was tested and evaluated. Experimental protocols were discussed as well as information about procurement of biological materials and legislative differences on this topic between the two countries.



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