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## Foreword

Dear readers, in this issue of *Jahr* journal the presentations and discussion from the professional–scientific conference "The Current Moment of Croatian Health System" are the main subject. Last year's subject of the conference held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka was "Public and Private in Health Care and Pharmacy: Two Logics, Two Ethics?". The organizers of the event, the Department of Social Sciences and Medical Humanities of the University of Rijeka, Croatian Bioethics Society - Rijeka branch, *Jadran* – Galenic Laboratory p.l.c. Rijeka and *Medico* Polyclinic Rijeka, invited the meritorious participants to the conference who exchanged theoretical and practical experiences on current situation in public and private health care and pharmacy in their presentations and participation in the discussion.

The programme and the methodology of this conference were conceived within the scope of integrative bioethics. Since this approach incorporates scientific, professional, social, ethical and cultural perspectives (pluri-perspectivism), it directed the participants of the conference to the universal comprehension and practical solutions of, among others, questions and issues of market management in health care, incorporating ownership in providing health care services, purchasing of equipment, quality of services, accessibility of diagnostic procedures, care and treatment, as well as the permanently raising issue of setting the price of health-services that the basic and supplementary health insurance cover. According to already established practice that the conferences of the Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka bring about a certain document, this conference resulted in "The Rijeka Recommendations for Considering and Improving Relations Between Public and Private in Croatian Health Care System". Their implementation starts with publishing in this issue of the journal and continues with delivering to all decision makers in health care system, as well as through media and public.

Along with the main subject, in this issue of *Jahr* we have published the received reviewed papers, articles on bioethics conferences as well as the texts on recent published bioethics publications. In this number there is a new column "Contributions from Students' Bioethics Workshop". This time the presentations of our students who participated in Student Bioethics Workshop "Xenobioethics: Extraterrestrial

Forms of Life in Bioethical Perspective" held at 10<sup>th</sup> Lošinj Days of Bioethics (Mali Lošinj, 16–17 May, 2011) have been published in the column. That way, we want to encourage students in cooperating and publishing their works from bioethics and related fields.

We wish to express our gratitude to all the participants of the conference, as well as our permanent partners, *Jadran* – Galenic Laboratory p.l.c. Rijeka and *Medico* Poly-clinic Rijeka. We would particularly like to thank the Dean of our Faculty, prof. Alan Šustić, Ph.D. for his understanding and support in organizing our conferences.

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