

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND CANCER**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2004**

The Institute of Public Health Iasi, with the support of Alexander Hollaender Committee of International Programs and European Environmental Mutagen Society organized, between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2004, the International Course “Environmental Health and Cancer”. The goal was to gain knowledge regarding the environmental risk factors and the impact on human’s health, especially risk factors in cancer.

The participants who attended the course belonged to different domains: researchers, physicians, biologists, pharmacists and graduated students in the fields of environmental toxicology and environmental health, epidemiologists, hygienists etc.

The first day started with the opening speech of Professor William W Au, University of Texas Medical Branch and also the President of Alexander Hollaender Committee, and Senior Lecturer Luminita Smaranda Iancu, the General Manager of Institute of Public Health Iasi.

Topmost lecturers from our country, from Iasi but also from abroad presented various aspects regarding the course topic.

The opening of the International Course was followed, during the next days, by interesting lectures performed by:

- Professor Nicolae Ghilezan, University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj;

- Gabriel Gulis Ph.D., University of South Denmark;
- Professor Eugen Carasevici, Senior Lecturer Luminita Smaranda Iancu and Senior Lecturer Vasile Liviu Drug, University of Medicine and Pharmacy Iasi;
- Professor William W. Au and Professor Lawrence Loeb, University of Texas Medical Branch;
- Professor Antonina Cebulska Wasilewska, University of Krakow;
- Radu Branisteanu Ph.D, Institute of Public Health Iasi;
- Professor Angelo Carere, the President of Environmental Mutagen Society.

The themes of the lectures reached fashionable aspects of the topic: cancer prevention, epidemiological aspects of cancer, genetic susceptibility and immune response to cancer, environmental (chemicals, pesticides, food) and viral risk factors in cancer.

In the second day, on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, an instructive posters session of course participants from Romania, Egypt and Slovakia occurred; Alexander Hollaender Committee offered two awards for the best posters to Laurette Cozma from Institute of Public Health Iasi and Petru Cianga, University of Medicine and Pharmacy Iasi. The awards consisted in free electronic subscriptions for five years to the *Environmental and Molecular Mutagenesis Journal*.

The last days were reserved to a workshop regarding *Biomarkers for*

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*Health Risk*, during both, the lecturers and the participants had interesting exchanges of professional experience. Considering that this action was a useful experience, we hope this will be only the beginning of an intensive collaboration between our Institute

and Alexander Hollaender Committee for International Programs.

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International Course