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Scientists from Split, Croatia, tripled their scientific production since 2000

ZAGREB – The annual number of publications of clinical and life scientists from research institutions from Split, Croatia, tripled from 2000 to 2006. The majority of these articles (310 out of 350) were published by scientists affiliated with the University of Split School of Medicine, and the number of articles increased independently of the number of researchers.

More than a half the articles were published in collaboration with researchers from other cities and countries. The most of collaborative articles were published together with scientists from Zagreb, Croatia, but it is interesting that scientists from Split have published more in collaboration with their colleagues from US and Germany than from Rijeka and Osijek, other two major university cities in Croatia. This may be explained by the fact that many Croatian scientists worked a period of time abroad as postdoctoral fellows, which helped them to establish collaborations with foreign scientists.

Twenty percent of analyzed articles were published in the *Croatian Medical Journal*, which is an indication of the importance of that journal of Croatian scientific community. From 2000 to 2006, scientists from Split published more than five articles in four other journals indexed in Current Contents: *Military Medicine*, *Annals of Saudi Medicine*, *Archives of Medical*

Research and International Journal of Cardiology. Average impact factor of journals where these articles were published also increased, from 2.03 to 2.89.

„The fact that the number of articles and their quality are increasing is encouraging, given the meager investments in science by the government and, on rare occasions, by private companies“, write the authors of the study.

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