

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THE 12th CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY OF MILITARY PHYSICIANS, PHARMACISTS AND VETERINARIANS OF THE CZECH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF J.E. PURKINJE IN HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ

The 12th Conference of the Society of Military Physicians, Pharmacists and Veterinarians (SVLFVL) of the Czech Medical Association of J.E. Purkinje took place in the Faculty of Military Health Sciences, University of Defence in Hradec Králové, on 24th and 25th October 2012.

The main topics of the Conference were current issues in the Military Medical Service organization and management, progress in diagnostics and therapy in military general practitioners and in hospital facilities, scientific and research work in military healthcare, latest experience in foreign missions and in pre-deployment training.

In total 34 oral presentations were delivered and 15 high-quality posters were displayed. The latest news related to formation and development of the ACR Military Medical Service contemporary concept, particularly in consideration of economic restrictions on public budget, and about the Czech Armed Forces reform, attracted the close attention of all participants.

In the near future, a Health Agency is supposed to be constituted, and to take command over the 6th and 7th Field Hospitals. The Military Medical Department, a small in number but conceptual and doctrine developing organ, will be established



Figure 1. General view on the participants listening during the Conference.

at the General Staff / MoD of the Czech Republic. Further changes related to the Military Medical Service in the field of primary care at the level of general practitioners, military hospitals and medical facilities were presented as well (*Jurenka*). Problems in lifelong education of military general practitioners at dispensaries and in combat units, together with legislation aspects, were thoroughly analysed by *Konštický, Procházka, Halajčuk*.

Own experience from the foreign assignment in the NATO command structure was captivately delivered by *Král*, who proved the proper decision of posting our military physicians to these international positions. Sections devoted to presentations of participants being in current foreign missions were of exceptional interest (*Ferkál, Zetocha*). Medical support provided to our soldiers and international co-operation in Afghanistan, presently with the French Military Medical Service, have been proven and are in progress hereafter. Our physicians and nurses integrated into the international teams smoothly and successfully. The experience gained, particularly in the surgical treatment of gunshot wounds and fragment injuries both, single or multiple in polytraumas are of exceptionally great value (*Dušek, Páral*).

Papers analysing the system of pre-deployment training (*Lastič, Jakl*) and psychological aspects of „burn-out“ syndrome fitted well into this interesting topic (*Hrstka*). Subsequent presentations, particularly on disciplines like toxicology, radiobiology, military hygiene and also field surgery and field internal medicine documented scientific research carried out into clinical practice and orientated towards its application in military medicine under field conditions (*Kassa, Bajgar, Vávrová, Pavlík, Mališová, Klein, Jebavý, Sázel*). A great number of junior military pharmacists, who presented and discussed topical issues in their section, including personnel problems, was extremely satisfying (*Žďárová Karasová, Petrilák, Jílková, Kočí, Vančík*).

Presentations on the history of our Military Medical Service about both, the beginning of scientific and research work in the military healthcare (*Dohnal*) and about deployment of the Czechoslovak military field surgical hospital in the Korea War, in the 1950s brought a welcome change (*Jarešová*). Results of scientific research not only in the field of military toxicology but also in aviation and hyperbaric medicine, metabolic and nutritional support, field surgery, field internal medicine, education and training of military medical

professionals, together with logistic support of this process, history of our Military Medical Service and other areas of interest were delivered as poster-presentations.

During the Conference, there was enough time for fruitful and lively discussions which contributed to a welcome culmination of a successful professional and social gathering. The next conference will take place again in Hradec Králové, on October 16th - 17th, 2013.

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