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**Authors Workshop – Riga (Latvia) – 27 October 2017**

**Organisers: Ljuba Bacharova, Justyna Kasprzycka and Edgaras Stankevičius**

**9:00 OPENING SESSION**

**9:20 – 12:00**

**I. Introduction to Scholarly Publishing**

1. Publishers – origins roles, contributions
2. Journal publishing cycle

**II. How to Get Published**

1. Foundation
2. Structuring your article
3. Using proper scientific language
4. How to review a manuscript

**III. Research and Publication Ethics**

1. Plagiarism
2. Authors Rights

**IV. Open Access**

**V. Successful Grant Writing**

**VI. The Impact Factor and Other Bibliometric Indicators**

**VII. A Career Journey in Partnership with Elsevier**

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**12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH**

**VIII. How to prepare a good study protocol**

**IX. The structure and content of IMRAD papers;**

**X. How to communicate with the editorial office and respond to reviewers comments;**

**XI. Academic English.**

**15:30 CLOSING SESSION**



### **Justyna Kasprzycka**

Justyna Kasprzycka holds a Master's degree in Italian Studies awarded by Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland and Università degli Studi di Perugia, Italy. Her main areas of expertise are scientific publishing and change management. She is a native Polish speaker with fluency in English, Italian and Dutch. She joined Elsevier in October 2012 as a Journal Manager in Global Journals Production Department where she coordinated the editorial and typesetting processes for various medical journals. She has also worked as Integration Project Manager and has played an instrumental role in leading some of the company's key integration projects. Now she leads a portfolio of scientific journals in Central and Eastern Europe, she takes care of their further development and integration into the centralized publishing structure at Elsevier. Her involvement has highly contributed to her knowledge on Central & Eastern Europe journal portfolio and understanding of challenges nowadays faced by researchers in this region.



### **Ljuba Bacharova**

Ljuba Bacharova, MD, DSc, MBA, is the senior research worker at the International Laser Center, Bratislava, Slovakia, and a part-time teacher at the Medical School, Comenius University, Bratislava. In 1971 she graduated the Medical School (MD), Comenius University, Bratislava, later specialized in internal medicine and in medical informatics. In 2000 she received MBA from the Business School, University of Leeds, UK and in 2011 she was awarded a doctoral degree (DSc) for her innovative approach to ECG diagnosis of left ventricular hypertrophy. Her interest in research science started at the university and has persisted practically during her entire professional career. Her main research interest is assessment of cardiac electric field from standard 2-lead ECG vectorcardiography to modeling, 3D visualization and multimodal imaging, with a special interest in left ventricular hypertrophy. In the period of time from 1997 – 1999 she held the position of the president of the International Society of Electrocardiology and from 2005 – 2014 she acted as the Secretary of the given Society. In 2005 she became the executive editor of the Journal of Electrocardiology. Since 2006 L. Bacharova is

organizing International Research Interdisciplinary Schools and by October 2017, a total of 22 courses have been held in different countries worldwide.



### **Edgaras Stankevičius**

Edgaras Stankevičius is a professor of Physiology and Pharmacology at Lithuanian University of Health Sciences and has profound expertise in cell physiology. For over 10 years Edgaras Stankevičius has been working in Aarhus University, Denmark with his main area of expertise in cellular and vascular signalling being the world-leader in simultaneous measurements of Nitric oxide release and relaxation of arteries and calcium signalling. In 2003 he established a method for measuring NO release from human cells. The last project of E.Stankevičius in collaboration with the University of Columbia (US) was devoted to the development of a biological cardio stimulator from STEM cells. In recent years he has organized two major events in the area of physiology: the Joint Meeting of the Federation of European Physiological Societies and the Baltic Physiological Societies in Kaunas, Lithuania in August 26-29, 2015. ([www.feps2015.org](http://www.feps2015.org)) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Baltic Physiological Societies in 2017 (<http://www.feps.org/yuklemeler/2nd%20Baltic%20Physiology%20Meeting%202017.pdf>).

He is the author of over 50 articles (reaching over 600 citations with HI of 15), an expert reviewer in Physiology and Pharmacology for several scientific publications and the Editor in Chief of the journal “Medicina”. During the last five years Edgaras Stankevičius has been supervising seven PhD students and he is also the visiting professor at Rīga Stradiņš University and Kaunas University of Technology.

The event is organized in cooperation with Rīga Stradiņš University Department of Doctoral Studies.