CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WOMEN MEMBERS OF IMEOF

Today, March 8th, International Women’s day, IMEOF (International Medical Ozone Federation) and its fourteen associations which make up the federation send their congratulations to the women who are part of this international organization through their national associations. The knowledge, dedication and work carried out by women health professionals, both for people and animals, contribute to ozone therapy so it may be used efficiently every day and to be widely known as an effective therapy for a significant number of diseases.

It should be noted that women daily assume a more important role in the health sector. Spanish statistics confirm this.

Within the system of medical specialist training that exists in Spain since 1978 called MIR (Internal Medical Resident), women are taking center stage. Of the 6112 doctors who finished the MIR in 2012, 64.8% were women. "The presence of women is massive in obstetrics and gynecology (85%), pediatrics (84%) or hematology and pediatrics (79%), according to a report by the Studies Center of the Medical Association of Granada. In medical schools, 85% of students are women. The data is overwhelming: the feminization of medicine is a fact." (Jaime Prats, July 13th, 2012, http://sociedad.elpais.com/sociedad/2012/07/13/actualidad/1342209708_807231.html)

To these figures we add the nursing profession, over 80% are women.

Despite the major presence of women so important in the area of medicine, they do not have a prominent place, in numerical terms, in the world of ozone therapy. Their proportional presence in AEPromo (Spanish Association of Medical Professionals in Ozone Therapy), has even declined because of the large proportional increase in men affiliations. In 2010 the number of member women was 27.7%; today it reaches only 11.5%. IMEOF does not have statistics of the other associations making up the federation.
The growing trend of women's presence in medicine should have an impact on the world of ozone therapy.

This International Women's day should be the right time for each association member of IMEOF to invite the health professional women to know the ozone therapy, to study it, to practice it and to adhere to ozone therapy associations.

In this way each of us (women and men) convinced of the merits of ozone will contribute to expand it fully convinced of its enormous utility in daily medical practice, taking as reference the Madrid Declaration on Ozone Therapy. This declaration has become the unique and truly global document which has been signed by 27 national and international associations of ozone therapy and is translated into 12 languages so far.

It is worth remembering today the Italian physician Rita Levi Montalcini, who discovered the Nerve Growth Factor and for this reason he was awarded with the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1986, along with Dr. Stanley Cohen: cells begin to reproduce only when are ordered to do so, order that is transmitted by substances called growth factors.

Dr. Rita Levi Montalcini died at 103 years a day before the end of 2012 at a moment when she was still intellectually active.

¡Happy day to all women members of different associations integrated to IMEOF!

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