

## CPSA

Croatian Pharmacy and Medical Biochemistry Students' Association

CPSA - this is an association founded on the backbone of the only Croatian College of Pharmacy and Medical Biochemistry, situated in Zagreb. Like most students' associations, we are organisation with the main goal of bringing students of pharmacy and medical biochemistry together and opening doors to a more practical part of education.



event called "Candy for Cigarettes", the name is self-explanatory. And through the year we continued to get involved in every health related event such as World Health Day and Tuberculosis awareness. Thanks to EPISA we are in the middle of organising a TWIN project with students from Wuerzburg, Germany.

The association was formed in 1994 by a small group of enthusiastic young students with a big goal in mind that lives strongly to this day. It was the mixture of hard labour – from students that already had no time to spare, helping hands – from the whole faculty staff, and trust of our deans through time that has synthesized a well-organised association which proudly represents all pharmacy and medical biochemistry students in Croatia. From organising numerous quality programs in education and relaxation, to raising the awareness of health in our community and giving a helping hand through our humanitarian work, we bare a significant role in the braid of Croatian students' associations.

I would like to emphasize one of our favourite projects – Pancake and Cookie Day. It is a humanitarian action during which CPSA members bring homemade cookies, bake pancakes, squeeze fruits and prepare sweet drinks for our fellow students and professors. We open the doors of our associations' room, throw everything we don't need outside, put in a lot of chairs and tables, and then organise music, board games and everything fun that comes to mind. All that is prepared so students' and professors could relax, talk, buy cookies, pancakes, drinks and leave their money. Everything collected during these events is spent on a specific humanitarian action of which we inform everybody weeks before the event. After the event we open our books and make a poster about the humanitarian projects completed with the money they donated.

This year we have organised a HIV/AIDS campaigns during which we gave away over 600 preservatives, though most of them ended up

with water, maybe at least one person got lucky. As a part of an Anti tobacco campaign during the World No Tobacco Day we had an

The most important project that we wrapped our minds around this year was the EPISA Autumn Assembly. The second biggest EPISA event and the opportunity to show you all what a beautiful country we live in. While confronted with the rough path ahead we joined forces with Red Bull and then, with the help of the EPISA executive, formed a program that everybody can only enthusiastically await.

My opinion of the work done this year is that we all gave it our best, and more than that. While we started with weak knowledge of what's to come, and sometimes got caught unprepared, now we can hold our heads high and look into the future as the strongest Croatian Pharmacy and Medical Biochemistry Students' Association.



So, on behalf of our association and with gratitude to the opportunity of being the creators of a magical event such as EPISA AA I invite you to join us in Dubrovnik from 20th to the 25th of October 2008, for a week you will never forget.

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