



A small but warm-hearted event

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A traditional event which concludes a long series of meetings held in 2015, as part of the annual meetings calendar of the Romanian Society of Pneumology (RSP), represented by the Winter School in Medias, organized, as usual, by our generous colleague, Dr Câmpeanu Puiu. Organized last year under the slogan **"Forays in respiratory pathology in 2015"**, the event took place on 12th of December in Medias. It was an important regional event, gathering more than 90 family physicians and pulmonologists from all over the country. It was actually a moment of review, at year's end, in which two RSP strategies which have paid off over the years and have been highly prolific during the last year were analyzed.

The topics covered were: **"RSP's actions and initiatives in the fight against smoking"** (Florin Mihălțan), with a step-by-step description of the progress made in developing and creating the background for voting the new anti-smoking law, whereby the partnership with the Society of Cardiology, and NGOs from the **"Romania breathes"** coalition, finally allowed the law to be passed through a common lobby. Subsequently, the progress of another section has been reviewed: the oncology section (Ruxandra Ulmeanu), in which initiatives and achieve-

ments marked in 2015 the release of the 2nd edition of lung cancer therapy, a natural consequence of a collective effort and a partnership with at least 8 medical societies and associations.

There was also a section dedicated to scientific insights. The following were analyzed: **"The placebo and nocebo effects in the current view"** with all the "therapeutic" and non-therapeutic effects (Paul Stoicescu), **"Cognitive decline in patients with sleep disorders"**, (Gabriela Jimborean), **"The lung cancer patient's personality"** – something neglected by the clinician (Ruxandra Râjnoveanu) and **"Paediatric pneumonia"** (Marinela Gabor). There were also presented new pharmaceuticals available on the Romanian market for COPD and asthma, allowing the attendees to become familiar with the indications thereof.

Like in the previous years, this small warm-hearted event successfully ended a year full of events for the Romanian pneumology. It confirmed once again that even small presentations, like those in Caracal or Roșiorii de Vede, can complete the image of pneumology and make our society more opened to partnerships and collaborations with all the dedicated medical forces in our country. ■