

Unversitatea de Medicina si Farmacie Carol Davila Bucuresti (UMFCD)

"Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy Bucharest is the largest Romanian Medical University: approximately 6600 students (more than 1300 from abroad) and 1521 teaching staff. RCRD - Research Centre on the Pathology and Treatment of Systemic Rheumatic Diseases - is a research center developed in the University. RCRD was selected in 2005 by the European Commission as "the best / most promising Romanian research center in life area" ; EU funded the development of the center with app 950.000 EURO during a 4 year SSA-FP6 project.

Key Staff

Prof. **Ruxandra Ionescu** (Centre Director) was appointed as The Head of Rheumatology Commission of the Ministry of Health being one of the leaders of health system reform Romanian Rheumatology; she is also vice-dean of University; Coordinator of one FP6 and 5 National Research Projects; she organized several international workshops in Bucharest. Se has more than 100 papers published and 20 Chapters in Rheumatology textbooks.

Conf. **Andra Balanescu** is Associate Professor and Consultant in Rheumatology and Internal Medicine. She was involved as a principal national investigator in the elaboration of the EULAR patient-derived rheumatoid arthritis impact of disease (RAID) score based on patients' perception of the impact of the disease on dimensions of health. Coordinators of several Romanian research grants.

Univ. Ass. **Florian Berghea** is the Research Manager of RCRD. Trainings at University of Maastricht, Erasmus University – Rotterdam, University of York (socio-economic impact evaluation, research management). He was: evaluator and raporteur for the EC research activity (FP6) and Project Manager for the ARMS-FP6 project, he is National Representative in The FP7 Social Sciences & Humanities Programme Committee.

Univ. Ass. **Carina Mihai** – was involved in the first cross-cultural validation in Romania of indexes used in the assessment of various rheumatic diseases, such as the BASFI (Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Functional Index), the BASDAI (Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index) and the SHAQ (Systemic sclerosis Health Assessment Questionnaire).

PhD st. **Corina Mogosan** : her thesis is related to "Cost effectiveness analysis of the biological treatment (anti TNF alfa) in rheumatoid arthritis patients in Romania".

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