



Prof. dr. Antonella Fioravanti

President of OMTH (Organization Mondiale du Thermalism), Vice president of International Society of Medical Hydrology (ISMH)

Graduated in 1980 at the University of Siena (Italy) in Medical School, majoring in Endocrinology, Rheumatology, PhD in Experimental Rheumatology, since 1989 has been in charge of “Assistant of Professor” at the “Rheumatology Unit” of the General Hospital “Le Scotte” of Siena. Holds office since 2004 for High Specialization in diagnosis and therapy of degenerative rheumatic diseases.

Since 1982 she has been a partner of “Italian Society of Rheumatology” (SIR), holding the office of vice president of Tuscany Section of Rheumatology Italian Society; from 2000 to 2004 President of the Tuscany Section of Italian League Against Rheumatic Diseases (LIMAR); since 2006 is member of Scientific Board of ISMH (International Society of Medical Hydrology). Since 2014 she has been Vice-President (Scientific Leader) of ISMH and President of OMTh.

Prof. dr. Antonella Fioravanti teaches at Rheumatology Postgraduate School, Medical Hydrology, Genetics and Endocrinology, and Internal Medicine.

It's been years since she has been involved in clinical and laboratory research with her 250 edited papers in national and international journals. The Dr is also co-author of 12 books dedicated to Rheumatologic Diseases and Medical Hydrology.

Prof. Dr. Christian-François Roques-Latrille

Medical doctor, Emeritus Professor, Knight (National Order of the Legion of Honor (2012), National Order of Merit (2001), Academic Palms (1996)), Titular Member of the French Academy of Medicine, ISMH president, Laureate Graduate: Gold award (1968), Silver award (1973)



Dr. Roques has multiple academic degrees and professional certificates, he has been also acknowledged both nationally and internationally with various awards and titles. The professor has exceptional knowledge and experience in the field of thermal medicine: medical expert in thermal medicine (1973-1985), Honorary Member of the French Society of Hydrology and Medical Climatology (1992), Member of the International Society of Medical Hydrology and Climatology (2004-), ISMH general secretary (2008-2016); president-elect 2021, president 2022, Vice-President of the World Federation of Thermalism and Climatism (FEMTEC), President of the Scientific Committee of the AFRETH (French Association for Thermal Research) (2004-2021), etc.

SCIENTIFIC WORKS

Dr. Roques' scientific work represents nearly 700 references, he also is the author or co-author of 129 scientific articles published in peer-reviewed journals, 111 scientific articles published in collective works and other periodicals.



Dr. Isabel Santos

MD, PhD, specialist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, specialist in Balneology

Dr. Santos has vast experience in medical environments and management (hospitals, rehabilitation centers, spa centers). Today she is mostly focused on training: population in general, patients, health professionals.

Prof. dr. Subhash Chandra Mandal

Professor, Pharmacognosy and Phytotherapy Research Laboratory, Division of Pharmacognosy, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India

Research area: Pharmacognosy and Phytotherapy Research



Prof. Mandal has played a pivotal role in the globalization of research in Indian traditional medicine with special emphasis on scientific exploration of medicinal plants in rural Bengal for the treatment of lifestyle and metabolic diseases. He has been working in the area of drug discovery from traditional medicine through an integrated holistic approach for more than 25 years which has fetched him prestigious recognitions from different national and international organizations. He has also been recognized with the Distinguished Education and Research Award from the prestigious American Association for Indian Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAIPS) at Los Angeles, USA in 2009.

Recently, prof. Mandal has engaged with many advanced research work (to be useful for the industry) in developing new innovative, energy efficient extraction methodologies for botanicals which have great export potential.

Dr. Kurt von Storch



Founder and CEO of EuropeSpa med & wellness GmbH, president of the Academy of Balneology and Climatology, Member of the Board of the German Spa Association (DHV), General Secretary of Quality in Health prevention.

Kurt von Storch has 20 years of experience in quality consulting for medical spa and wellness in 45 countries worldwide and has carried out quality projects in more than 180 spas. He also developed quality standards for medical spa and wellness and is author of the book "Quality Standard for Medical Spas and Medical Wellness Providers in Europe", published in Schweizerbart Verlag.

Elita Radkevič

Advisor of the Department of Primary Health Care, Dentistry and Medical Rehabilitation of the Department of Personal Health

She has been working at the Ministry of Health since 2009. From 2019 supervises issues of medical rehabilitation, and from 2023 supervises issues of health of people with disabilities.

Working in this position, Elita solves problems related to the availability of medical rehabilitation services, as well as their implementation activities.



Asta Bagdonaitė

Cosmetic body care specialist, dietician, teacher of SPA bodycare services and healthy lifestyle and nutrition (12 years of experience), member of the Board of the Association of Beauticians and Cosmetologists

Areas of interest: therapeutic and preventive nutrition, influence of nutrition on aging processes, treatment and prevention of diseases with natural factors (forest therapy, balneotherapy, peloidotherapy, algotherapy, etc.).



Dovilė Antulevičienė

Certified practitioner of Integrative French Aromatherapy, certified specialist in Essential Oil Biochemistry (Scientific Aromatherapy)

For more than 10 years practicing her knowledge of aromatherapy, giving lectures and participating in conferences. She has the qualification of masseur, which she has been practicing for more than 12 years (visceral therapy, deep muscle massages, manual techniques). Dovilė also teaches specialists of complementary and alternative health care on body aromatherapy at Klaipeda University.



MD Jūratė Astravaitė

Medical doctor of physical medicine and rehabilitation

Asta has completed a course in 2020 "Fundamentals of awareness-based cognitive and behavioral therapy" (160 hours, Institute of Neurosciences of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences).

Areas of interest: application of natural resources in treatment, improvement of mental health, mindfulness-based interventions, pain medicine.



MD Arvydas Balčius

MD of physical medicine and rehabilitation, psychotherapist, director for medicine at "Draugystės Sanatorium"

Since 1995 has been actively participating in the creation and development of the medical rehabilitation system in Lithuania; participating in various SAM working groups in the development of legal acts.

At the Competence Center for Health Care and Pharmaceutical Specialists and the Center for the Development and Specialization of Nursing Workers created training

programs and delivered lectures on massage, climatotherapy, hydrotherapy, balneotherapy, peloidotherapy and thermotherapy.

Actively interested in medical rehabilitation innovations and rehabilitation systems by visiting resorts in Italy, Germany, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Hungary. Actively participates in the activities of the Lithuanian Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, is a member of the board.

Dr. Daumantas Bočkus

Lecturer and project researcher at Klaipeda University, associate professor at the Lithuanian Business University of Applied Sciences



Daumantas did his doctoral dissertation on the theme of wellness tourism: “The market perspectives of wellness tourism: A multiple case study”

Research interests include wellness tourism, sustainable tourism development, destination marketing and competitiveness, tourist experience, entrepreneurship and networking in tourism business. Daumantas participates in the implementation of international projects related to the sustainable tourism development of the Baltic Sea region.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aelita Bredelytė

Associate professor and researcher at Klaipeda University, director of STEAM center, member of the National Health Council of Lithuania

Research interests: leadership; development of leadership competencies; organizational behavior; quality of science.



MD Mindaugas Būta

MD psychiatrist, the Head of Psychiatry department at the Klaipėda Republic Hospital



Prof. dr. Inga Dailidienė

Senior researcher of the physical geography of natural sciences at the Marine Research Institute of Klaipeda University, member of the scientific management group of the international organization “Baltic Earth”

Research areas - physical processes of climate change and their impact on Baltic Sea ecosystems, human environment and health.



Lina Gedrimė

Senior Nurse of Day Surgery Center at the Klaipėda Republic Hospital, lector at Klaipeda University

Areas of interest: mental health of children and adolescents, human psychopathology, cognitive and behavioral psychotherapy, spirituality.



Inesa Golubovskaja

Medical psychologist-psychotherapist at the Klaipėda Republic Hospital



Dr. Vilma Jakienė

Researcher at the Behavioral Medicine Laboratory of the Institute of Neurosciences of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences

In 2021 completed doctoral studies at LSMU and obtained a doctorate degree in the field of medicine and health sciences (public health).

Area of research and interest: suicidal behavior, mental and behavioral disorders, neurocognitive markers, biological, environmental and psychosocial factors of suicide. Since 2013 actively participates in international scientific conferences.

She is also a member of the Lithuanian Society of Biological Psychiatry, a junior member of the International Academy of Suicide Research (IASR), and an associate member of the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP).

MD Jovita Jočienė

MD of physical medicine and rehabilitation, senior physician at the Sanatorium GRADIALI



Dr. Marija Kataržytė

Senior researcher at Klaipeda University

Marija has specialized in aquatic microbiology (with a focus on bacteria and fungi related to fecal pollution and *Vibrio*) and molecular methods for 10 years.

Marija is leading Biodiversa project BaltVib in Lithuania, as well as a national project, SnowLife. Participated in 4 international scientific projects under the BONUS programme and HORIZON2020. Was STSM committee member in EU COST Action "DNAqua-Net" and is the coordinator of STSM in EU COST Action "Ocean4Biotech". Published 30 ISI WOS publications. Participated in 4 international scientific projects under the BONUS programme and HORIZON2020.



Prof. Dr. Brigita Kreivinienė

Scientist, head of the Dolphin Therapy Department of the Lithuanian Sea Museum, head of the Dolphin Therapy Program, professor at Klaipeda University, public consultant of the Ministry of Health on non-traditional medicine issues

Brigita has published more than 70 scientific articles in Lithuania and abroad on the topics of disability, dolphin-assisted therapy, sensory integration, and complementary and alternative medicine. In 2019, she was awarded the "For a healthy lifestyle" public election nomination of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania "For defeated disability" for the creation of a holistic dolphin therapy program.



Akvilė Lencevičė

Physiotherapist, healthy nutrition specialist, LETA member, junior researcher at Klaipeda University

Areas of interest: innovative approach to children's physical activity; women's training before and after childbirth; balanced nutrition; nature therapy.

I constantly deepen my knowledge in various seminars, participate and read reports at scientific conferences, actively work in scientific projects related to health.



Prof. dr. Arvydas Martinkėnas

Profesor and senior researcher in the field of medical technology at Klaipeda University, doctor of physical sciences (informatics), physicist

Areas of research interest: Biostatistics, Medical technologies in radiology, Biomedical electronics and engineering, Methods for assessing heart rate variability, Influence of climate and weather on humans, Models of health services, and health status.



Vilma Matulevičiūtė

Phytotherapist, naturopath, herbalist, CranioSacral therapist

Vilma studied in the College of Naturopathic Medicine for four years where she qualified as a Naturopath and Herbalist. She has a Master's degree in Herbal Medicine from the University of Westminster, London (2014).

She is a senior lecturer of herbal medicine and naturopathy in the CNM as well as clinic supervisor for the student clinics. Vilma currently is the chairperson for the Irish Register of Herbalists (IRH).



Jūratė Noack

Licensed Ayurvedic health practitioner, assistant lecturer at Klaipeda University, MSc of Complementary and alternative health care study program



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lolita Rapolienė

Family MD, internal medicine MD, associate professor and researcher at Klaipeda University, deputy director for medicine at the Baltic Medics Port Polyclinic

Areas of interest: personal and public health risks, lifestyle, stress, balneotherapy, geothermal water.

Lolita has multiple scientific projects on natural resources, balneotherapy and health: "The effectiveness and safety of unique natural resources of Lithuania for the

improvement of stress-related mental and physical state" (2023); "Nature-based wellness tourism - New Concept of the Sustainable development of the SBA" (2022); biomedical study "Effect of geothermal water of different mineralization on distress and body condition" (2018) and etc.

Prof. dr. Saulius Stumbra

Priest, chaplain, doctor of social sciences, chairman of the Medical Ethics Commission of Klaipeda University Hospital, professor at the Klaipeda University

Areas of interest: ethical issues; the person's religiosity; Christian folk culture.



Prof. habil. dr. Saulius Šliaupa

Lithuanian geologist, researcher, professor at Vilnius University

Professor Saulius Šliaupa researched the tectonics of Lithuania and the geodynamic development of the Baltic sedimentary basin.

Scientific interests: Baltic regional geology, tectonics, geodynamics, neotectonics, seismic hazard, risk of nuclear power plants and storage facilities, petrography of igneous rocks, geochemistry, hydrogeology, geology of sedimentary basins, diagenesis, collector properties of rocks, oil field research, gas shale, geothermal energy, CO₂ geological storages, other underground energy storages (hydrogen, natural gas, compressed air).

Professor published more than 200 scientific articles in the field of regional geology, stratigraphy, analysis of sedimentary basins, reservoir geology, tectonics and geodynamics, geothermal, seismology, and geomedicine.

Dr. Giedrė Taletavičienė

Internal medicine MD at the “UPA MCT” and Druskininkai Hospital

Dr. Giedrė Taletavičienė did her doctoral dissertation on „Changes of electrocardiographic parameters and their concatenations during whole-body cryotherapy and peloidotherapy procedures” at the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences.

Giedrė has been working in the field of curiology and recreation since 1998. She researches local magnetic field and human health interactions, as well as ECG nonlinear analysis. The first prize of Karolis Dineika, the pioneer of wellness and resort science in Lithuania, was awarded to Dr. Giedrė Taletavičienė.



Dr. Donatas Valiukas

Head of the Climate and Research Department of the Lithuanian Hydrometeorological Service under the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania, climatologist.



Prof. Dr. Lina Varžaitytė

Professor and researcher at the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences

Areas of interest: neurorehabilitation, health effects of natural health factors.