

Report of the Third Abass Alavi Meeting in TUOMS

Alavi Aging Institute (AIA) of Tabriz University of Medical Sciences (TUOMS) held the Third Alavi Meeting on October 2-3, just one day after the International Day of Older Persons.

It was an honor to host professors from Odense University Hospital (OUH)/Southern Denmark University (SDU) including Anne Pernille Hermann, Uffe Holmskov, Jens M. Lauritsen, and Manouchehr Vafae. However, it was very unfortunate that professor Abass Alavi, Poul Flemming Højlund-Carlson, Albert Gjedde, and Kim Brixen could not attend this meeting.

This was a 2-day program starting with a business meeting at which details of the agreement on collaboration regarding double PhD degrees was discussed. Moreover, the previous proposal of having a mutual money pool to deposit \$100/000 from each university was discussed in detail and each party proposed their own ideas and expectations to achieve a definite final agreement soon.

The participants in this meeting were as following:

Kazem Shakouri, Hossein Abdollahi, Reza Rikhtegar, Sarvin Sanaie, Uffe Holmskov, Manouchehr Vafae, Anne Pernille Hermann, and Jens M. Lauritsen.

Thereafter, the scientific program of the meeting consisting of six parts got started as following:

- ✓ There was two sections on the first day:
 - 1- **PET section:** This section was held with the presence of professors and experts in the field of nuclear medicine from various cities of Iran, Germany and Denmark.
 - 2- **Presentation of new projects:** This section composed of the presentation of ten new PhD projects proposed to AIA. These projects had been previously reviewed by the reviewers of TUOMS; and they got reviewed by Danish professors after the presentations. Finally, four of them have been approved as international projects to be collaborated with Denmark.
- ✓ There was four sections on the second day:
 - 1- **Presentation of three centers of AIA:** AIA consists of three centers i.e. neuroscience research center, physical medicine and rehabilitation research center, and research center of psychiatry and behavioral sciences. The academic staffs of these centers presented their lectures in the field of aging.
 - 2- **Progress reports of ongoing projects:** This section was composed of the progress reports of the five previously accepted projects of AIA which are being conducted in collaboration with Denmark. The supervisors of the projects presented their progress note, stated the

existing problems and obstacles, and asked for the assistance of their Danish co-supervisors to overcome these problems and improve their works.

- 3- **Workshops:** The Danish professors gave lectures on their own fields and offered the opportunities at SDU/OUH for further collaboration.
- 4- **Student session:** This was a very effective and impressive section in which ten talented medical and PhD students presented their proposals and ideas. Professors from TUOMS, SDU and University of Munich gave them advice to improve their projects and presentations.