

The 2019 Eleventh National and the Fourth International Congress on Parasitology and Parasitic Diseases (NICOPA)



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The Iranian Society of Parasitology (ISP) held the eleventh National and the fourth International Congress of Parasitology (NICOPA 11) in Urmia, Iran, on October 9-11, 2019 (Figure 1). The event was held in memory of Professor Khosrow Hazrati Tappeh, the scientific secretary of the congress (Figure 2).

The conference was started with the message from Dr. Saeed Namaki, the Minister of Health and Medical

Education, which was read by Professor Javad Aghazadeh, the Congress President. In the following, Dr. Habib Mohammadzadeh, Deputy of Chair-Scientific Committee of the fourth International and eleventh National Congress of Parasitology and Parasitic Diseases had a welcome message in which he also proposed a report on the selection process of abstracts for the congress. The congress opening was continued by Professor Thomas Romig, president of European Federation of Parasitologists, who talked about the ways of communications between Iranian and European parasitology researchers.

The 2019 NICOPA program was masterfully composed by Dr. Habib Mohammadzadeh and Dr. Shahram Khademvatan (Department of Parasitology and Mycology, School of Medicine, Urmia University of Medical Sciences, Iran). More than 750 scientists from several countries came together to present the latest advances and transformative discoveries in parasitology and parasitic diseases. Highlights of this conference



Figure 1. Poster announcing the 4th International and 11th National Congress of Parasitology and Parasitic Diseases of Iran.



Figure 2. The Deceased Dr. Khosrow Hazrati Tappeh Professor of Parasitology in the Urmia University of Medical Sciences.



Figure 3. The Participants in the 4th International and 11th National Congress of Parasitology and Parasitic Diseases of Iran (NICOPA 11).

included plenary lectures from top international scientists and the recognition of the work of leading and junior scientists with some top awards such as the ISP Award for Excellence in Parasitology research, the Young Presenter Award, and so on.

In the end, the congress closed with the photo memoir of the executive and scientific members and attendees of the conference (Figure 3).

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