

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO PROFESSOR MUDr. MILENA ČERNÁ, DrSc.

With the publication of issue 33 of the Central European Journal of Public Health (2025) Professor Milena Černá has opted to end her term as Chairwoman of the Editorial Board.

Professor Milena Černá has been Chairwoman of the Editorial Board of the Journal for 22 years, since 2003. During her tenure she invited a number of colleagues from a variety of specializations so that the Editorial Board was able to cover submitted contributions in an informed manner. Professor Černá has had an invaluable influence on the development of the Journal, which during her tenure has seen an increase in citations, gained an impact factor in 2013 and continues to be one of the journals excerpted in the Web of Science Database. Whereas before her leadership the Journal received roughly 50 contributions per year, in previous years there have been over 300 contributions yearly.

The professional path of Professor Milena Černá includes nutritional toxicology, genetic toxicology and in particular introduction and use of the Ames Test, which uses specific microorganisms for detection and evaluation of the mutagenic activity of chemical substances and compounds. Her career started in the Research Institute for Antibiotics and Biotransformations in Roztoky near Prague where she was involved in toxicology. From 1971 to 1993

she worked at the Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education. From 1993 to July 2005, she was employed at the National Institute of Public Health in Prague (NIPH), where she collaborated closely with the Institute's own National Reference Laboratory for Genetic Toxicology and worked on the Environmental Health Monitoring System, which was linked to other international biomonitoring projects.

Her specialised and linguistic abilities have supported the NIPH on international levels in various significant projects. Aside from her extensive publication activities, the Professor has been engaged in educational work at the Institute of Hygiene, Third Faculty of Medicine, Charles University. In 2023, she received a gold medal for lifetime achievement in the fields of hygiene and epidemiology, and for her scientific and pedagogical work at Charles University.

We would like to thank Professor Milena Černá for her selfless and dedicated work and efforts which she gave to the development of our Journal. We greatly welcome her decision to remain a member of the Editorial Board. With best wishes for the future, and indeed our future collaboration,

The Editorial Board