**Cannabis and science in Brno for the ninth time: regulated market in the Czech Republic and pain therapy**

**In the Brno planetarium, leading Czech and foreign experts on cannabis and research gathered again this year. But they discussed cannabis legislation and the use of cannabis in medical practice.**

The conference organized by the International Center for Clinical Research, joint workplace of the Faculty Hospital at St. Anna and the Faculty of Medicine of Masaryk University, offered a comprehensive, and above all, scientific view of this issue. "*At the conference, we not only presented the development of medical cannabis research, but we also wanted to contribute to the demystification of cannabis as such*," revealed Václav Trojan, organizer of the event and head of the Cannabis Facility at the International Center for Clinical Research (ICRC).

"*Thanks to our participation, we had the opportunity to support and share knowledge in the field of therapeutic and pharmaceutical innovation. We managed to establish contacts with key experts in the field and share our perspectives on innovations in medical cannabis*," commented Aleš Hrabák, one of the founders of [Zenplanto](https://www.zenplanto.com/), the general partner of the 9th annual conference.

**Accredited course, a novelty of Brno experts**

A packed program with top experts from all over the world was prepared for the participants. The prestigious conference was held under the auspices of Ing. Vlastimil Vajdák, director of the University Hospital at St. Anny in Brno, he took the opening speech.

The novelty was the presentation of the newly opened accredited lifelong learning course at Masaryk University "*Cannabis in Health and Disease*". In cooperation with the ICRC and the University Hospital at St. Anna managed to organize the first year of the course. The latter should primarily support interdisciplinary cooperation.

**Will the legislation change in the Czech Republic?**

Experts, such as Lumír Hanuš, a chemist and scientist who isolated anandamide, and Richard Rokyta, a neurophysiologist, brought their findings. Alexandra Šulcová, a pharmacologist from Brno, discussed the therapeutic potential of CBD. Jindřich Vobořil, the national anti-drug coordinator, presented plans to change cannabis legislation. According to him, a strictly regulated cannabis market would ensure a better possibility of control and reduction of health risks. "*A regulated market has not yet led to an increase in cannabis use in any state*," he pointed out.

Jitka Götzová, director of the Department of Food Safety of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic, led a discussion on CBD and HHC. A delegation from Israel was also at the conference, including Ilya Reznik, president of the International Association for Cannabinoid Therapy, and Nirit Bernstein, an expert in agricultural engineering.

**International cooperation**

The Cannabis Facility under the FNUSA-ICRC enables connections with foreign experts, for example, on the topics of high school papers. One of them was shared by student Eva Matěnová from Gymnasium Blansko, who collaborated with colleagues from the Medical University in Gdańsk.

Research and education are an example of a mature and developed society. Their support also makes sense from the point of view of investing in the future. That is why Zenplanto supports the scientific and research exchange of the Cannabis Facility with Gdańsk.

Our experts managed to establish a unique collaboration with a Polish university. The cannabis market there is in its infancy, so experts are helping both with its development and, for example, jointly developing procedures on how and when to determine the optimal maturity of plants that are grown for the production of medical cannabis.

"*We thank all the participants, organizers and partners for the great cooperation and we look forward to the next meeting next year, at the jubilee 10th anniversary*," concluded Aleš Hrabák from Zenplanto.

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About Zenplanto:

Zenplanto was founded in 2022. We focus on the healthcare sector, specifically on the production of cannabis-related goods and services. The co-founder and owner of the majority stake in the project is the investment fund eMan Innovations, a venture capital fund that focuses on domestic and foreign technology projects with global potential and is backed by the technology company eMan. eMan is a leading Czech software supplier, since 2020 its shares are publicly traded on the PX Start market on the Prague Stock Exchange.
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