

## Gabor Lazar



This is me, Gabor Lazar. I'm holding the 250 gram pure silver medal I was awarded for the medical articles I published in the Esperanto language.

My main hobby is Esperanto. I'm a member of the Universal Esperanto Association, the Universala Esperanto Asocio, moreover I'm the Romanian representative of the Universal Medical Esperanto Association, whose headquarters are in Rotterdam.

The Medicina Internacia Revuo, the International Medical Journal is also issued in Rotterdam.

I have a lot of articles published. I was awarded a prize for this in 1984, founded by Hideo Shinoda, who is an extremely rich hospital owner; he established a foundation, and was the honorary president of the Universal Esperanto Association.

The prize consisted of a 250 gram pure silver medal and of 500 Dutch guilder.

For a while I was on the committee, which awarded this prize worldwide. Now the awarding process is different, and they give a smaller medal, because the association's financial situation has changed.

Every year there is an Esperanto world congress, where 3 to 5 thousand people who speak this language gather together.

The last one was in Lithuania in July, before that in China; the location always changes.

In 1978 I was in Varna at the Medical Esperanto Congress, in 2001 we were in Zagreb at the World Congress, and I also spoke in Eszek, at the Medical Congress. The Medical Esperanto Congress is organized every second year.

I go to that more regularly; last time it was held here in Romania, in Nagyvarad. In 2006 a scientific medical conference was organized in Hodmezovasarhely, where I had three presentations.

In 2008 there will be a congress in Krakow, when we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the UMEA, the Universal Medical Esperanto Association.