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In 2002 Dr. Vari established the International Research and Innovation in Medicine (IRIM) Program at CSMC. In 2006 Dr. Vari organized the Regional Cooperation for Health, Science and Technology (RECOOP HST) Consortium with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA, USA and eleven Central and Eastern European (CEE) universities and academic organizations from seven countries. In 2011 twenty universities and research organizations were members or associate members of the Consortium. In 2014 the RECOOP HST Consortium was converted into Association. The Association's main goal is to enhance research collaboration and provide platforms for scientific networking in life sciences within CEE Countries: Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine) and Cross – Atlantic. The RECOOP HST Association has specific priorities in women's health research include diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular and neurodegenerative diseases, metabolic disorders (obesity, diabetes) in the scope of gender differences. The Association is investigating the risk factors of preterm birth and nanobiotechnology in cancer research. Dr. Vari is currently Director of the International Research and Innovation Management Program (IRIM) and the president of RECOOP HST Association.

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