



**Fulbright International Education
Exchange – Fostering Science and
Mutual Understanding between
Nations and Cultures**

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FULBRIGHT International Education Exchange



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PROJECT DESIGNED TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF HUMANIZING MANKIND TO THE POINT, WE WOULD HOPE, THAT NATIONS CAN LEARN TO LIVE IN PEACE.

**Senator J. William Fulbright
(1905-1995)**



REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Journey through the centuries





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0 10 20 30 40 km
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**THE FORMER YUGOSLAV
 REPUBLIC OF
 MACEDONIA**

- ✪ National capital
- ⊙ Opština centre
- Town, village
- ✈ Major airport
- - - International boundary
- ⋯ Opština boundary
- Super highway
- Main road
- Secondary road
- Railroad
- Canal

SKOPJE – the Capital City



SKOPJE – the Old Bazaar



- 12th Century

- Rapidly developed during the Ottoman rule

The largest bazaar in the Balkans, outside Istanbul
Protected national landmark

SKOPJE – the Fortress



- First built in 6th century, by Byzantine Emperor Justinian I
- Further constructed in 10th and 11th century
- Part of material originates from the Roman city Skupi, which was destroyed by the earthquake in 518

SKOPJE – Birthplace of Mother Teresa



**Nobel Peace Prize
December 1979**





OHRID – Pearl of the Balkans



OHRID LAKE

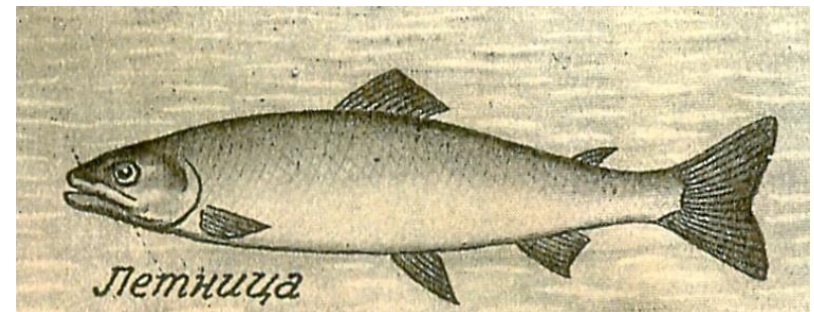
Maximum depth: 288 m (940 ft)

Mean depth: 155 m (508 ft)

Area: 358 km² (138 sq mi)

More than 200 endemic species

UNESCO's World Heritage Site



Salmo letnica



STIP – Goce Delcev University



27 March 2007 - Established by the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia
28 June 2007 - The first Constitutive Assembly of the University Senate

GOCE DELCEV



1872 - 1903

I understand the world solely as a field for cultural competition among nations.



STIP – Goce Delcev University

CAMPUS 2

Faculty of Natural and Technical Sciences
Faculty of Agriculture
Faculty of Computer Science
Faculty of Electrical Engineering
Faculty of Technology
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

CAMPUS 3

Faculty of Medical Sciences

CAMPUS 4

Faculty of Educational Sciences
Faculty of Economics
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Tourism and Business Logistics
Faculty of Philology
Music Academy
Art Academy
Film Academy

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16 000 students
ECTS

Faculty of Medical Sciences

Academic Study Programs

**Integrated Studies of
First and Second Cycle:**
-GENERAL MEDICINE
-DENTAL MEDICINE
-PHARMACY

Medical Specialization and/or
PhD Program

BIOMEDICINE

Translational Medicine
Medical Biotechnology
Regenerative Medicine
Medical Physics

NEUROSCIENCES

DENTAL MEDICINE

Occupational Study Programs

-Nurses
-Physiotherapists
-Medical Laboratory Technicians
-Dental Technicians - Prosthodontics
-Midwives
-Optometrics and Eye Optics

Specialization



Laboratory of Biochemistry and Clinical Chemistry

Current project: “Oxidized proteins in patients on hemodialysis – influence of the supplementation with vitamin C”

[Free Radic Res.](#) 2014 Nov 26:1-38. [Epub ahead of print]

Ankyrin is the major oxidised protein in erythrocyte membranes from end-stage renal disease patients on chronic haemodialysis and oxidation is decreased by dialysis and vitamin C supplementation.

[Ruskovska T](#), [Bennett SJ](#), [Brown CR](#), [Dimitrov S](#), [Kamcev N](#), [Griffiths HR](#).



COST CMI001 Action

Interuniversity Cooperation

▶ Interuniversity Cooperation Center

- ▶ International associations and networks
- ▶ Bilateral agreements



▶ ERASMUS network

- ▶ 15 FMS student exchanges
 - ▶ Italy
 - ▶ Bulgaria
 - ▶ Croatia





NAD – A REDISCOVERED ‘OLD’ MOLECULE

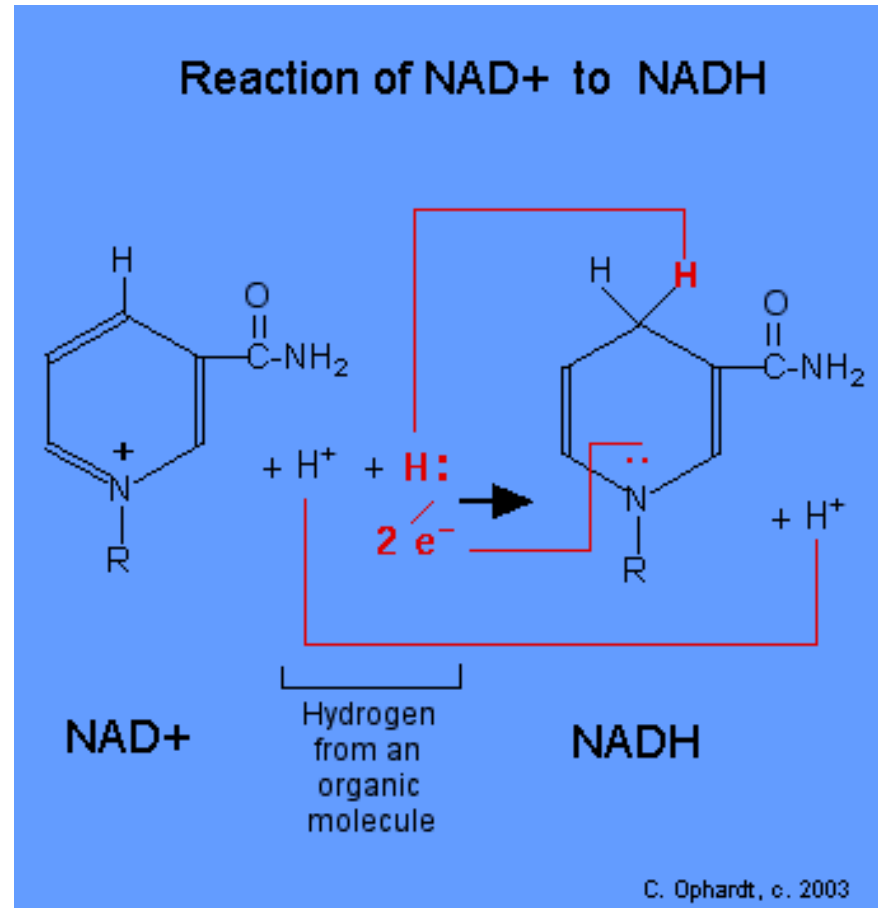
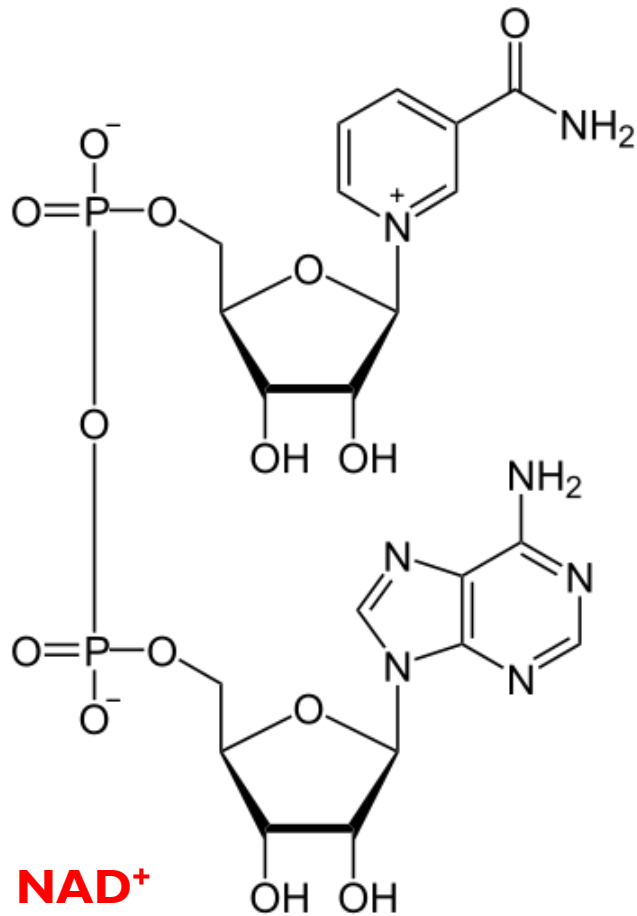
*Focus on the white adipose tissue in obesity
induced insulin resistance*

Protein Carbonylation, Sirtuins and NAD

Protein carbonylation and sirtuins in the white adipocytes and their involvement in the pathogenesis of insulin resistance

- ▶ **Protein carbonylation**
- ▶ **Protein acetylation**
- ▶ **Sirtuins – NAD dependent deacetylases / deacylases**
- ▶ **SIRT3 – mitochondrial deacetylase**
- ▶ **NAD – ‘rediscovery’ of this ‘old’ molecule**

NAD – an ‘old’ molecule



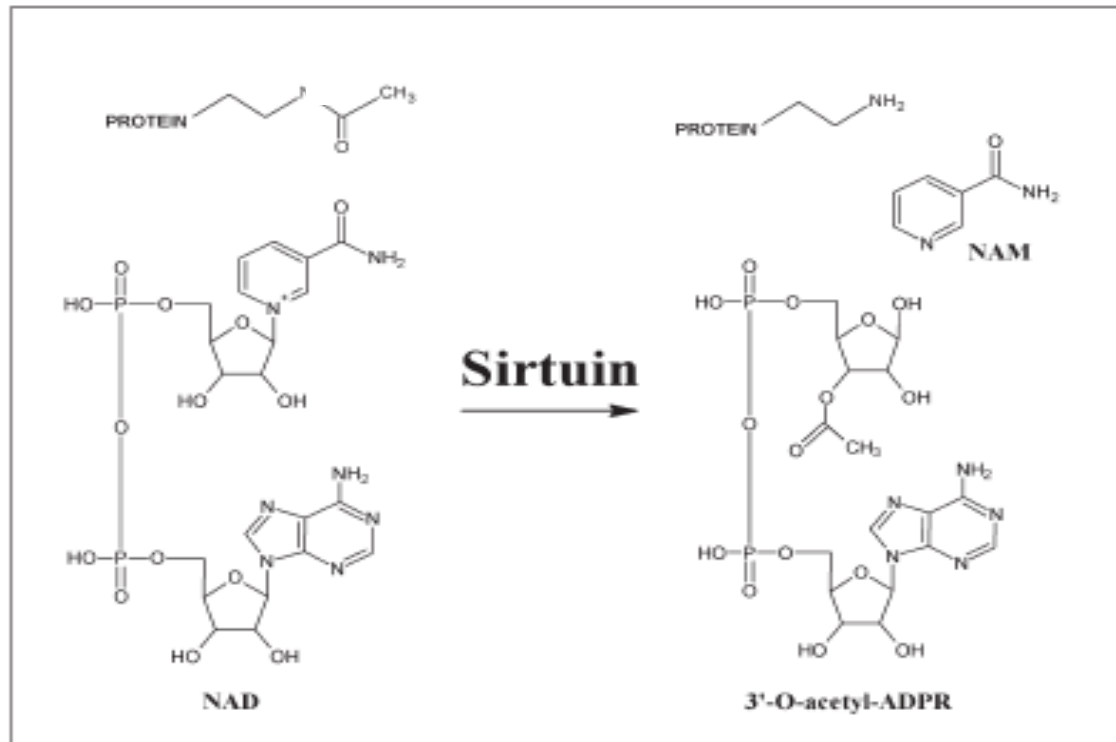
NAD – a rediscovered ‘old’ molecule

- ▶ **NAD – role in redox reactions: Warburg, 1930s**
 - ▶ NAD is repeatedly converted between its oxidized and reduced form, thus its levels remain constant
 - ▶ Balance of the cellular redox potential
 - ▶ ATP synthesis
- ▶ **NAD in non-redox reactions**
 - ▶ NAD molecule is utilized for some reactions and consequently its concentration decreases as a result of catalysis
 - ▶ To prevent depletion of the cellular pool of NAD, continuous re-synthesis, mainly via the Salvage Pathway is required

SIRTUINS

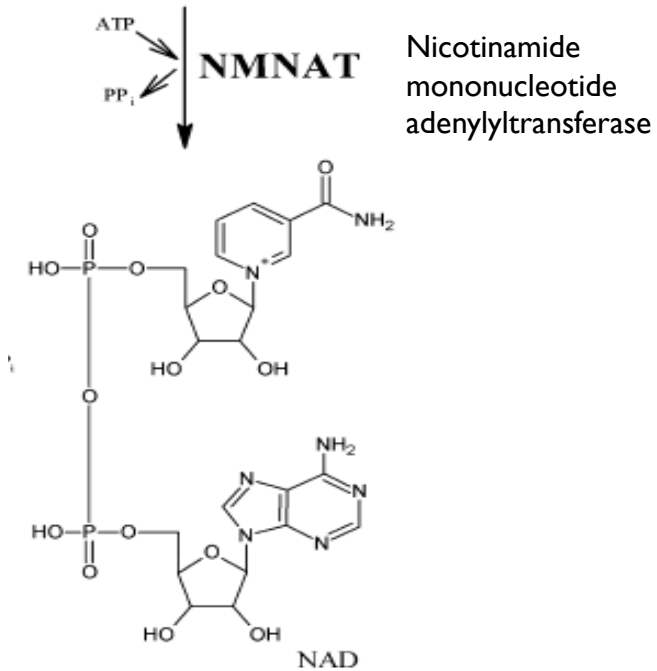
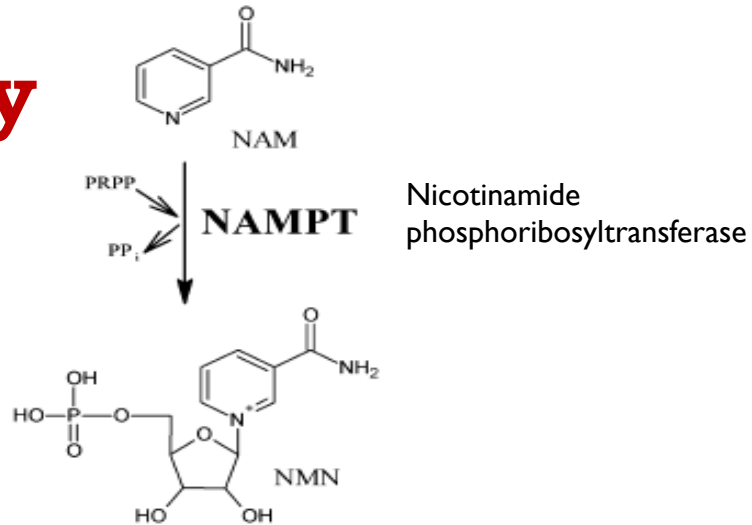
▶ Sirtuins – class III deacetylases /deacylases

- ▶ 7 sirtuins with different subcellular localization



Di Stefano and Conforti, FEBS Journal (2013), 4711-4728

Salvage pathway



Nmnat1 – nuclei
Nmnat2 – cytosol
Nmnat3 – mitochondria

NAMPT

- ▶ NAMPT – a molecule with diverse roles in physiology and pathophysiology
 - ▶ Key enzyme in NAD biosynthesis, ubiquitously expressed
 - ▶ Rate limiting enzyme in NAD biosynthesis
 - ▶ Highly regulated by NAD (feed-back) and ATP levels (stimulation)
 - ▶ Located both intracellularly (NAD biosynthesis) and extracellularly

PBEF: pre-B-cell colony-enhancing factor
VISFATIN

NAMPT

- ▶ **NAMPT is involved in TNF- α mediated insulin resistance via NAD/Sirt1/PTP1B pathway in 3T3-L1 adipocytes**
- ▶ 3T3-L1 treated with TNF- α :
 - ▶ ↓ intracellular NAMPT mRNA and protein
 - ▶ ↓ NAD
 - ▶ ↓ SIRT1 activity
 - ▶ ↑ PTP1B (negative regulator of insulin signalling) mRNA and protein

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