

Danik Martirosyan, PhD, is the founder of Functional Food Center in Dallas, Texas, USA. He has over 30 years of expertise in researching non-traditional plants and created more than 60 functional and healthy food products. Dr. Martirosyan has successfully formulated and tested the efficacy of multiple nutritional components in animal models and patient studies with positive results.



He is also the author of the new Functional Food Definition. During last 25 years while working at Texas Woman's University (Denton, TX, USA), at the Department of Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (Dallas, TX, USA), and Functional Food Institute (Dallas, TX, USA). Dr. Martirosyan has focused his research on *Amarantus cruentus* and *Rosa canina*, on pharmacological properties and the effect of each plants' bioactive compounds on different chronic diseases.

Dr. Martirosyan is an author of 11 Textbooks, 30 conference books, more than 100 scientific articles, editor of 25 semiannuals on functional food science. Furthermore, he has actively organized 30 International Functional Food conferences, in doing so, has created a global network of scientists, medical doctors, and food industry experts for modern functional food research and collaboration.

He is a **Founder** of Academic Society for Functional Foods and Bioactive Compounds - ACFBC (more than 7,000 members). Dr. Martirosyan is an Editor-In-Chief of the academic journals of "*Functional Foods in Health and Disease*", "*Bioactive Compounds in Health and Disease*", and "*Functional Food Science*".

Dr. Danik Martirosyan is a *one of the Founders of Functional Food Science*: Since 1991, Dr Martirosyan has been working on practical and theoretical aspects of functional foods, bioactive compounds, and functional food science. He has continually initiated discussions in a variety of publications about the necessity of definitions for bioactive compounds and functional foods and regarding functional food science as a separate branch of science.