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DiaTransplant 2015

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The Balkan Cities Association of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs (BANTAO) was born in Ohrid on October 9, 1993. The war in former Yugoslavia negatively affected the development of nephrology and also the connections among the nephrologists from the Balkans. However, there was willingness for further mutual collaboration between the nephrologists from the Balkans. The war in Yugoslavia created hate among people, between the newly established countries, and there were problems with the recognition of the names of the new countries, and so, the nephrologists decided to apply the ancient principle of using the names of the cities, instead of the countries, as the founders of the Association. The main goal of BANTAO is to promote scientific and technical cooperation in the fields of renal disease and artificial organs between the regions on the Balkan Peninsula and the world, to give an opportunity for exchange of experience and knowledge among the experts in the area and to engage in collaborative projects in order to demonstrate that cooperation is possible even on the turbulent Balkan Peninsula. The first BANTAO congress was held in Varna, 1995 (President - D. Nenov, Varna). The second congress of BANTAO was held in Struga, 1997 (President - M. Polenakovic, Skopje). The third BANTAO congress was held in Belgrade, 1998 (President - Lj. Djukanović, Belgrade). The fourth congress of BANTAO was held in Izmir, 1999 (President - A. Akcicek, Izmir). The fifth Congress of BANTAO was held in Thessaloniki, 2001 (President - P. Stathakis, Athens). The sixth Congress of BANTAO was held for the second time in Varna, 2003 (President - D. Nenov, Varna). The seventh congress of BANTAO was held in Ohrid, 2005 (President - M. Polenakovic, Skopje). The eighth BANTAO congress was held in Belgrade, 2007 (President - V. Nesic, Belgrade). The ninth BANTAO congress was held in Antalya, 2009 (President - A. Basci, Izmir). The tenth BANTAO congress was held in Chalkidiki, 2011 (President - D. Tsakiris, Thessaloniki). The eleventh BANTAO congress was held in Timisoara, 2013 (President - A. Schiller, Timisoara).

At the seventh BANTAO Congress for the first time a CME Course was organized by ERA/EDTA and ISN/COMGAN entitled “Frontiers in Nephrology” with seven distinguished speakers. Very important event in the existence of BANTAO is the appearance of the BANTAO journal in 2003. The BANTAO journal has been published biannually since 2003. Editors of the journal were as follows: 2003 - 2005 - D. Nenov, Editor; 2005 - 2009 - A. Basci, Editor; 2009 - Goce Spasovski, Editor.

The BANTAO Congress was established as the major scientific and institutional forum for Balkan nephrologists, with its own journal, indicating our will to communicate, to collaborate, to get to know each other and to share our difficulties. More than just a professional event, the BANTAO congress became a cultural phenomenon, through which we discovered that we have many more things in common than we previously thought, and that we must now take every advantage to
live and communicate in a world without political boundaries. At present, the BANTAO Council has managed, in a spirit of peace, friendship and collaboration, to continuously strengthen this association and moreover to make it a reputable partner to the European and international associations. It is obvious that the BANTAO Council has succeeded in its initial targets. It is essential that nephrologists must come to know each other better. Now, more than ever, we have to learn what unites us, to tone down and even forget what divides us, to renew old and make new friendships, and to strengthen our peaceful relations, keeping in mind that we all work under the same oath of Hippocrates. It is in this “BANTAO spirit”, a spirit not only of local but also of global importance that could provide the basis for a peaceful world.

Hence, we can achieve our goals only by joining together in our common beliefs and by collaborating and acting toward these objectives. In this way, we can live in a “world without boundaries,” a peaceful and prosperous one, even though confronted with the numerous boundaries that have been placed.

After the first Congress of BANTAO, F. Valderrábano, chairman of the EDTA-ERA Registry, at that time, wrote in Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation (1996) 11:740: “Nephrologists of the Balkan countries meet across political frontiers and war fronts - an example to politicians!”

Looking forward to seeing you, in Opatija, Croatia.

DiaTransplant 2015

Dear colleagues,
It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the DiaTransplant 2015. The 6th Croatian Symposium on Renal Replacement Therapy, organized by University Hospital Center Rijeka, Rijeka University School of Medicine, Croatian Society of Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation of Croatian Medical Association and Croatian Association of Nurses - Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation Section.

This Symposium continues to the previous five in 1992, 1996, 2006, 2009, and 2012. This Symposium, already traditional, is going to be a permanent witness of the new scientific developments. The emphasis will be on “state of art” lectures and clinical aspects of hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and kidney transplantation.

The Symposium is going to bring together distinguished clinicians and experts from Croatia and abroad to present and discuss recent discoveries of these fields.

You are heartily invited to contribute to the success of this meeting with a presentation of your work and your abstracts are very much appreciated.

Of course we also want to emphasize the beauty of Rijeka, Opatija and Primorsko-goranska region, which are located on the north part of Adriatic sea.

For further information please visit our website: www.bantao2015.org

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MAIN TOPICS

CLINICAL NEPHROLOGY
1. Glomerular disease
2. Obesity and kidney diseases
3. Chronic kidney disease and complications
4. CKD progression
5. Geriatric nephrology
6. Renal anemia
7. Chronic kidney disease – mineral and bone disorders
8. Balkan nephropathy
9. Ethical issues
10. Update in Kidney Disease Guidelines
11. Various topics

DIALYSIS
1. Pre-dialysis education
2. Acute kidney injury
3. Vascular and peritoneal access for dialysis
4. Best clinical practice in dialysis
5. Dialysis complications
6. Peritoneal dialysis
7. Other blood purification methods
8. Various topics

KIDNEY TRANSPLATATION
1. Preparation for kidney transplant recipient
2. Immunosupression protocols
3. Individualization in immunosuppressive treatment
4. Complications after kidney transplantation
5. Kidney transplantation in Balkan countries
6. Various topics

ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION
1. Resistant hypertension and renal denervation
2. Hypertension complications
3. Therapeutic targets
4. Various topics

Parallel with the main program will be held a local Croatian Symposium for Nurses and Medical Technicians organized by the Croatian Society of Medical Nurses, the Young Nephrologists Forum and the Medical Students Session.

LANGUAGE
The official language of the BANTAO Congress and DiaTransplant is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

In the Croatian Symposium for Nurses and Medical Technicians both English and Croatian language may be used.
IMPORTANT DATES

Date of the Congress: October 15th –18th, 2015
Deadline for Early Bird Registration: June 30th, 2015
Deadline for submission of abstracts: June 30th, 2015
Deadline for hotel reservation: August 31st, 2015

CONGRESS VENUE

Hotel Royal and Grand Hotel 4 Opatijska cvijeta, Opatija, Croatia
HOTEL ROYAL
Ulica Viktora cara Emina 10, 51410, Opatija
http://www.milenijhoteli.hr/opatij/hr/hotel-royal.php

The new Hotel Royal was designed as the meeting point for lovers of games of intellect – chess, bridge, Sudoku and alike. The hotel is accessed through a small square called the Holiday Platz, which has been especially designed and paved. Next to it there is a French garden with plants of various shapes and sizes and lounge bar with an impressive view. The Hotel Royal is located right by the Lungomare coastal promenade. It has 54 luxury rooms and apartments that offer stunning views of Opatija’s harbour and the entire Kvarner Bay.

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The Grand Hotel 4 Opatijska Cvijeta is located in the very centre of Opatija and includes four magnificent villas that were named after Opatija’s best-known flowers. The hotel has 223 luxuriously arranged rooms (Standard, Superior, Deluxe) and suites (Standard, Superior, Deluxe). The Camellia restaurant of the Grand Hotel 4 Opatijska Cvijeta offers its guests traditional Croatian dishes prepared with fresh local ingredients.

Congress home page: www.bantao2015.org
Authors are encouraged to submit their abstracts electronically not later than June 30th 2015 to the address: abstracts@bantao2015.org
After the deadline the abstract will not be considered as well as abstract sent by fax. The authors will be notified till July 31st, 2015.

Abstract have to be attached as a document, written in MS Word, font style Times New Roman, font size 12 points, spacing 1,5 points and including as follows:

The title must be brief and in CAPITALS.
New line: Family name of the authors followed by initial(s), Underline the name of the presenting author.
New line: The institution, city and country.
Leave one blank line before the main text.
Body of the text: describing purpose, materials and methods, results and conclusions. Do not include references.
Use only standard abbreviations.
The maximum abstract length excluding title, authors and affiliation (abstract body only) is 300 words.

The following information should be provided in the e-mail with each abstract:
Primary author's name, organisation, full contact address and e-mail.
The e-mail will be the address to which a letter of confirmation and all further communication will be sent.
Indicate main topic and three key words important for your abstract.

INCOMPLETE OR IRREGULAR ABSTRACT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!

Posters
The allocated poster size is 0,70 m wide and 1,0 m high. The posters will be displayed throughout the Congress and suitable fixing materials would be provided by the organizers.
During poster session there will be a three-minute oral presentation followed by short discussion in front of each poster.

Best Poster Award
The best poster in each main topic of nephrology, dialysis and transplantation, selected by the Congress scientific committee will be awarded.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration form on the Congress website: www.bantao2015.org should be used when registering for the Congress. Please note that registrations will not be effective until payment of the registration fee has been received by the organizers.
Please send the completed registration form and the proof of payment via e-mail or fax to the Technical Organizer.
ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

The Technical Organizer has reserved hotel rooms for the delegates. You can book your accommodation on the Congress website: www.bantao2015.org

Hotel accommodation is booked on a first-come, first served basis. If you wish to share accommodation please indicate the name of the participant you have arranged to share a room with.

Reservations should be made no later than August 31st, 2015. After this date desired hotel accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

Price per person on full board basis in 4-star hotel (Hotel Royal and Grand Hotel 4 Opatijska cvijeta)

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The above mentioned prices indicated per person including taxes and VAT are valid only if the booking is made through the Technical Organizer.

3-star hotels through the Technical Organizer on demand.

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On Site Registration
The registration desk will be situated in the hotel near the Congress hall.

On-site registration desk will be possible:

Thursday, October 15th  ................................................................. 10.00 – 20.00
Friday, October 16th  ........................................................................ 08.00 – 18.00
Saturday, October 17th  ................................................................. 08.00 – 18.00
Sunday, October 18th  ..................................................................... 08.00 – 12.00

Cancellation Policy
Notification of cancellation should be sent in written to the Technical Organizer.
Before June 30th, 2015, the accommodation deposit and registration fee will be refunded.
From July 1st until August 31st, 2015 the accommodation deposit and 50% of the registration fee will be refunded.
After August 31st, 2015 there will be no refund.
An administration fee of 50,00 € will be charged for on-time name changes.
All refunds will be handled after the Congress.

How to Reach the Congress Venue
Arriving by car:
from the west: Trieste – Rijeka – Opatija
from the north: Villach – Ljubljana – Rijeka – Opatija
from the east: Zagreb – Rijeka – Opatija
Arriving by air:
International Airport Zagreb – 175 km from Opatija
Airport Pula – 85 km from Opatija

Distance from other cities in Croatia & Europe:
Rijeka – 12 km
Zagreb – 175 km
Dubrovnik – 606 km
Trieste – 70 km
Vienna – 498 km
Frankfurt – 911 km
Pula – 85 km
Ljubljana – 115 km
Venice – 229 km
ABOUT OPATIJA

Opatija, this elegant tourist destination, lies at the centre of the Riviera with the longest tradition of tourism in Croatia. The very attractive geographic position, enabling its warm seas to be quickly reached from many cities in Central Europe (only about 500 km from Milan, Vienna and Münich), lush green scenery and a pleasant climate (45° 20’ north latitude) were some of the main reasons for its beginning and the quick development of its tourism at the end of the 19th century.

Built mainly at the turn of the 20th century, Opatija has remained in complete harmony with Nature right up until the present day. Well-maintained public gardens, the illuminated 12-km-long coastal promenade known as the “Lungomare”, well-kept beaches and fountains.

The contrasts of sea and mountains, green parks and blue sky, old buildings and modern comforts, noisy entertainment venues and quiet destinations for excursions all combine to make Opatija and its surroundings a very attractive tourist resort at any time of the year.