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16. kongres Hrvatskoga kardiološkog društva s međunarodnim sudjelovanjem

16th Congress of the Croatian Cardiac Society with international participation



Poštovane kolegice, poštovani kolege,

nacionalni kardiološki kongres središnji je događaj Hrvatskoga kardiološkog društva, pa ga iščekujemo s radošću, to više što ga održavamo svake dvije godine.

Naravno, u razdobljima između dvaju kongresa naše je Društvo iznimno aktivno i organizira niz aktivnosti – od specijaliziranih kongresa naših radnih skupina do niza znanstvenih i stručnih sastanaka, savjetodavnih odbora, novih nacionalnih projekata sa svrhom unaprjeđenja kardiološke struke i znanosti u Hrvatskoj. U godinama između dvaju nacionalnih kongresa, od 2009. organiziramo međunarodni kongres pod okriljem Europskoga kardiološkog društva „Cardiology Highlights – International Update Meeting in Cardiology", kao jedini preostali kongres iz nekadašnje obitelji europskih kongresa s atributom „Update".

Naš XVI. kongres donosi pregled aktualnoga stanja hrvatske kardiologije, izvorna priopćenja i nove projekte koje ćemo uklopiti u Nacionalni plan suzbijanja kardiovaskularnih bolesti, koji izrađujemo pod okriljem Ministarstva zdravstva, prema okvirnome planu koji je objavila Europska komisija u suradnji s Europskim kardiološkim društvom.

Ponosni smo na niz uglednih međunarodnih gostiju koji nam dolaze iz više europskih zemalja, ali i iz SAD-a i Saudijske Arabije. Oni će svojim prilozima pridodati kongresu međunarodni karakter i vidljivost, a mi time nastavljamo tradiciju Hrvatskoga kardiološkog društva koje je godinama aktivno i prepoznato na međunarodnoj pozornici.

Posebno smo ponosni na tri sekcije u suradnji s našim Društvom. Riječ je o zajedničkoj sekciji s *European Heart Journalom* – globalno vodećim kardiološkim časopisom, zatim s časopisom *Lancet Regional Health Europe* – jednim od vodećih općemedicinskih časopisa te s časopisom *American College of Cardiology*.

Kao prvo liječničko društvo u hrvatskoj medicini koje je počelo organizirati svoje kongrese zajedno s kongresima pripadajućih medicinskih sestara, veselimo se što se i ove godine nastavlja takva praksa i srdačno pozdravljamo Hrvatsku udrugu kardioloških medicinskih sestara.

Već tradicionalno, posebno smo počašćeni činjenicom što se naš kongres i ovaj put organizira pod pokroviteljstvom Hrvatske akademije znanosti i umjetnosti – naše najviše ustanove u znanosti, kulturi i umjetnosti.

Pozivam vas da uživate u znanstvenom programu, ali i u jedinstvenoj prigodi za neformalno druženje i profesionalno umrežavanje.

Srdačno i s poštovanjem,

Dear Colleagues,

Our National Cardiology Congress represents the central activity of the Croatian Cardiac Society. We therefore await the Congress with joy, especially since it is held biennially. Of course, the Society remains very active between congresses and organizes a plethora of various activities – from specialized congresses held by our working groups, to many scientific and practical meetings, advisory boards, and new national projects relevant to the cardiological research and practice in Croatia.

In the years between two congresses, starting from 2009, we have also held the *Cardiology Highlights – International Update Meeting*, organized by the Croatian Cardiac Society, as the only remaining *Update Meeting* from the family of the ESC Update Meetings.

This Congress brings an overview of contemporary Croatian cardiology, original communications, and new projects and proposals that should become part of the Croatian National Programme against Cardiovascular Diseases, which is being prepared under the umbrella of the Croatian Ministry of Health, according to the Framework Project of the European Commission in collaboration with the European Society of Cardiology.

We are delighted to host many distinguished international experts from European countries, but also from the USA and Saudi Arabia. Their contributions will provide the Congress with international character and visibility. We are especially proud of three joint sessions that will be held by our Society, in cooperation with the European Heart Journal – the world's leading cardiovascular journal, with the Lancet Regional Health Europe – a representative of one of the most influential journals in contemporary medicine, and a joint session with the American College of Cardiology. We thus continue the tradition of the Croatian Cardiac Society in international activity and cooperation.

As the first medical society in Croatia that invited cardiac nurses to organize their congress in parallel with us, we are glad that the same practice continues this year, and cordially greet the Croatian Society of Cardiac Nurses.

As with several previous Congresses, this Congress is also held under the patronage of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts – the highest institution of Croatian science, art and culture, for which we are proud and grateful.

I warmly invite you to join our Congress, enjoy the Scientific Programme, and also participate in this unique opportunity for informal discussions and professional networking.

Cordially and with deepest respect,

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