



President's address to the participants of the 10th Congress of the Association of Yugoslav Pathologist with international participation



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Dear friends and colleagues,

On behalf of the Military Medical Academy Belgrade, the Institute for Pathology and Forensic Medicine, and the Yugoslav Association of Pathologists it is my honor and privilege to invite you to the X Yugoslav Congress of Pathology with international participation.

2002 is a particularly special year, marking both the 80th anniversary of the Institute for Pathology and Forensic Medicine - Military Medical Academy, as well as the 135th anniversary of the Serbian Medical Society.

10th Yugoslav Congress of Pathology is set in beautiful and untouched nature of mountain Tara, in the heart of Serbia. We present you this beauty and hospitality of Serbia with a hope that this past decade of international isolation and wars on this territory will never repeat again. Pathological diagnosis and research does not respect political borders and produce a united front in the investigation of diseases.

As we are on the beginning of the new Millennium, pathological research and diagnostic services should look forward. Developments in all fields, including light microscopy, electron microscopy, immunohistochemistry, molecular pathology, telepathology, fine needle aspiration biopsy and cytopathology have been tremendous.

This Congress consists of four sessions: Infective Pathology, Urological Pathology, Forensic Pathology, Modern Pathology. I have to emphasize that it is a great pleasure to see so many

forensics participating in our Congress for the first time. Many excellent foreign guest speakers, cultivating various fields of pathology, have accepted the invitations from the Congress Organizing Committee. These speakers will offer slide seminars, and update lectures. The Abstract Committee selected almost 180 papers demonstrating both the enthusiasm of the delegates and the continued development in research and diagnostic pathology.

All members of the Organizing Committee should be thanked for their tireless effort in ensuring the success of the Congress. We are grateful to all institutions and companies, which have contributed to the success of the Congress by covering registration fees, airfares and accommodation. We have to point out our general sponsor "Delta holding" without whom we would not be able to organize this Congress at all.

May I finally extend a very warm welcome to Yugoslavia and Serbia, and wish you a pleasant week on mountain Tara, with a most successful Congress which we have been preparing for the past few months.
