



Dear colleagues and guests,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2nd Serbian Symposium on Hybrid Imaging and Molecular Therapy that is being held in Novi Sad in 2014, from April 03rd to April 05th. The Symposium is organized by the Oncology Institute of Vojvodina in Sremska Kamenica, the Medical Faculty of Novi Sad and the Society of Nuclear Medicine of Serbia and it is under the auspices of the EANM.



Newness or novelty has been intriguing and fascinating to men since ancient times. Today it is an exciting time in the world of nuclear medicine. No one really knows what lies ahead. Nuclear medicine has come a long way from the discovery of artificial isotopes in the 1930s, the first treatment with phosphorus-32 in 1939, the first treatment with iodine-131 in 1946, the discovery of the Rectilinear Scanner by Cassen and the gamma camera by Anger in the 1950s and 60s, thyroid imaging during 1950-1960, liver/spleen scanning, bone imaging, brain tumor localization in the 1960-1970s, positron emission tomography in 1970s, cardiac imaging in the 1980s, cancer imaging in the 1990s and beyond. The most recent big novelty in the field of nuclear medicine has brought hybrid imaging, SPECT/CT and PET/CT, into routine clinical work. Nuclear medicine is rapidly growing as the leading diagnostic and therapeutic metabolic and molecular technology. For the nuclear medicine physician, all these discoveries have brought broad possibilities but, at the same time, great responsibilities. It has become necessary to gain knowledge daily in order to stay alive professionally, to grow and to be productive.

The Scientific Program of the Symposium, as usual, covers the latest achievements in hybrid imaging and conventional nuclear medicine. With numerous distinguished lecturers including some of the most prestigious experts in this field, we hope that this Symposium will contribute to further professional development as well as to help young investigators to meet each other, gain knowledge and share experience. This Symposium has been designed to be practical with

lectures, poster and oral presentations to provide not only essential knowledge but also to provide an opportunity to share experience and exchange information.

This Meeting is certainly a special occasion for those who work in nuclear medicine, in education, research and professional development. It will be an occasion to meet, to listen, to discuss, to share information and to plan for the future. Indeed, a symposium is an opportunity to discuss key points of scientific and professional policies and strategies, helping us to encourage and establish personal contact with colleagues from around the world.

In addition, an array of exciting social activities will be organized to provide everyone an opportunity to mingle and network with colleagues from all over the world in a more relaxed setting. Everyone will surely enjoy the warm hospitality and rich cultural heritage that our city is offering. We hope all our participants will enjoy themselves, have a good time and be eager to come again.

We would like to express our gratitude to our honorable speakers who came from different parts of the world, to our sponsors for their generous support, to organizers for their excellent arrangements in all aspects of the Congress, to our dedicated staff, colleagues, friends and families for their untiring help, support and advice in planning and arranging this meeting.

Novi Sad is the capital of the northern Serbian autonomous province of Vojvodina and the second largest city in Serbia. It has a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural identity with six official languages. Novi Sad lies on the banks of the Danube river facing the northern slopes of Fruška Gora mountain. We could say that Novi Sad as a hybrid, multimodality city is the best place to share knowledge in field of hybrid and multimodality imaging. We hope that you will enjoy the Congress and that your interaction with colleagues from many different countries will stimulate a creative exchange of ideas and will be personally rewarding. We also hope and trust that you will enjoy your visit to the very beautiful and exciting city of Novi Sad.

Sincerely Yours,

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