

58th Mind&Brain INPC Pula, 25-27 May, 2018

The scientific meeting with the longest tradition in our part of the world has been held this year as well, co-organized by the Department of Medical Sciences of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts and with the endorsement of the World Federation of Neurology (WFN), the European Academy of Neurology (EAN), the World Stroke Organisation (WSO), the European Stroke Organization (ESO), the Central and Eastern European Stroke Society (CEESS) and the Neuropsychiatric Curatorium.

The main topics of the Congress - Bridging between Neurology and Psychiatry in Depression, Psychosis, Personality Disorders and Multiple Sclerosis, Dementia and other Neurodegenerative Disorders, Headache and Pain, and Stroke, clearly showed common patterns, similarities and differences, the limits of both the neurological and psychiatric profession as well as the need for a multidisciplinary approach.

Particularly, I would like to emphasize the significance and strength of our lecturers. The introductory lecture was held by Prof. Kjell Fuxe, a recognized neuroscientist from the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, nominated for the Nobel Prize.

Prof. Francesco Benedetti from Milan, Prof. Karl Bechter from Ulm, prof. Norbert Mueller from Muenchen, together with colleagues psychiatrists from Croatia, held interesting lectures within psychiatric major topics.

Within the main neurological topics, prof. Guenther Deuschl, President of the European Academy of Neurology, prof. Franz Fazekas, Vice President of the European Academy of Neurology, author of the Evaluation Criteria for MRI findings in Multiple Sclerosis, prof. Amos Korczyn from Tel Aviv, Prof. Kurt Niederkorn from Graz, prof. Srećko Gajević from Zagreb, prof. Miroslav Čturić from USA, Academician Vida Demarin, Ph.D. Hrvoje Budinčević, Ass. Prof. Vladimira Vuletić, prof. Osman Sinanović, Prof. Vanja Bašić Kes and others, have taken an interesting view of the latest findings, each from their area of expertise.

Several thematic symposia (Symposium on Epilepsy, Stroke Symposium, CEES Symposium, Neuroscience course) and Psychopathology Summer School have been held. A special student section for neuroscience has been held, attended by young colleagues from all four medical universities, who agreed on a plan for further cooperation within the so-called 'Pula Agreement'. In the poster section, three best posters from neurology and three from psychiatry were awarded.

A total of 80 lectures were held and 45 posters displayed. The abstract book is available online on www.pula-cong.com.

The Congress had a great media coverage, with several shows on HRT, TV Nova, Istrian TV, and a presentation of the congress in the daily newspapers Glas Istre and interviews on Radio Pula (Maestral, Stethoscope).

At the meeting of the Curatorium, the topics of the next congress were agreed, and its central value was emphasized in promoting the latest achievements of both professions, their similarities and differences and the common way in understanding the brain and mind and their interactions. We continue to follow the motto of the first founders of this congress: Pula School of Science and Humanity.

The Co-organization of the Department of Medical Sciences of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, gives this scientific meeting an extraordinary significance.

Zagreb, June 11, 2018.