

## The Voice of the Board

### Before the 18th Congress of the Diabetes Poland

The 18<sup>th</sup> Scientific Congress of Diabetes Poland (DP) will be held in Poznan on 18–20 May 2017. The capital of Wielkopolska will host for the third time doctors and nurses from all over the country who are interested in diabetology and care for people with diabetes. This meeting, considered as the most important scientific event in the calendar of Polish diabetology, took place in Poznan twice — first in 1993 and then in 2009. We hope that the 2017 meeting will be an excellent opportunity to discuss the key issues of contemporary diabetology.

The venue is the Poznan International Fair, which boasts a history of 95 years and has impressive modern Congress Centre with its spectacular concert hall — the Earth Hall.

The Congress scientific program covers various topics in the areas of basic sciences, clinical research, clinical practice and expert experience. During the Opening Ceremony of the Congress, two lectures will be traditionally given, which are the prizes of the DP Main Board, honouring significant achievements and experience. This year, Mieczysław Wierzychowski lecture will be given by Magdalena Szopa, MD, PhD and Jakub Węgierko lecture will be given by Prof. Edward Franek, MD, PhD. The opening ceremony of the Congress, which will take place in the Earth Hall, is supposed to be a bundle of pleasant surprises and a joyful experience worth remembering. A numerous attendance is expected and highly appreciated by all. The event distinguished in the program of the meeting is the plenary session of the Honorary Guests. It will be held on Friday morning. We encourage you to get up early and attend this session. Invited to give honorary lectures are: prof. Stefan Grajek and prof. Jacek Imiela. The choice was made based on the great scientific and clinical achievements, teaching talent and joint efforts in the field of diabetology. Prof. Stefan Grajek is an eminent cardiologist, maestro of haemodynamics and artist of creative thinking that determines advances in medicine. Prof. Jacek Imiela is a specialist in internal diseases and nephrology, National Consultant in the field of internal medicine and President of the Polish Society of Internal Medicine. Among the many publi-

cations of the Professor there is an extraordinary book “Medycyna moja miłość. Opowieści lekarza” (Medicine, my love: the story of a doctor).

At the Poznan Congress, we will also host prof. Marian Rewers from the United States, prof. Andrea Scaramuzza from Italy and prof. Fidelma Dunne from Ireland. The scientific program includes sessions of National Consultant in the field of diabetology and Editor-in-Chief of the Clinical Diabetology journal, as well as sessions on the areas of paediatric diabetology, ocular complications, renal complications, obstetrics, socio-educational issues, cardio-diabetology, basic sciences and genetics, diabetic foot syndrome, and insulin pump training. According to the tradition of our meetings, there will be a session of the laureates of the DP Prize of the previous years, this time the laureate of the Jakub Węgierko Lecture, and a session of interesting clinical cases. An important session emphasizing the activities of the therapeutic team is the nursing session. Scientific presentations will include 4 oral presentation sessions and a poster session. The scientific program is complemented by sessions organized by pharmaceutical companies, which attract the attention to new and up-to-date topics. The Scientific Program of the Congress looks promising and we hope to meet the expectations of the participants.

Participation in the DP Congress is not only about deepening knowledge, exchanging views and sharing your own clinical experience, but also about socializing and enjoying the possibility of being together in this special place — Poznan, the capital of Wielkopolska, the city which has fascinating history and combines enchanting nature with modern architecture.

Poznan is a city with a rich history dating back to the 9<sup>th</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup> century. In the arms of the rivers Warta and Cybina on Ostrow Tumski Isle Prince Mieszko I founded a castle that became the cradle of the Polish State. At that time, the capital of the State was where the ruler stayed with the court, so both Poznan and the nearby Gniezno are considered the seat of the White Eagle and the Red and White Flag (Polish national symbol and colours).

With reference to history, we plan to connect both cities. Therefore, the First Polish Championships for Children and Youth with Diabetes will be organized in Gniezno. This sports event will be a satellite event to the DP Scientific Congress and will be held in the last weekend of April. The twenty three teams from all over Poland will compete in three age categories on a beautiful sports facility in Gniezno.

Sports time will also be used for educational and scientific purposes. The Championship is intended as a promotion of active lifestyle and motivation for

systematic training and integration of all those who love sport and football. The promotional slogan of the tournament is "Kick diabetes", i.e. show that with diabetes you will play for the Polish Championship. Also, during the Congress we will provide the participants with the opportunity to take part in sports activity, because we encourage everyone to be physically active.

Dear Colleague, you simply cannot miss the Congress of the Diabetes Poland in Poznan. We are waiting for you!

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