

13th CONGRESS OF THE CROATIAN CARDIAC SOCIETY with International Participation

Poštovane kolegice, poštovani kolege,

Godina 2020. dramatično je promijenila naše živote. Isprva, u proljetnom suočavanju s prvim valom pandemije koronavirusa, svijet je zastao, a tako i naša domaća i inozemna okupljanja. Tijekom ranoga ljeta činilo se da je najgore prošlo pa smo počeli planirati stručne sastanke, simpozije i kongrese, pa i naše središnje dvogodišnje zbivanje, 13. po redu Kongres Hrvatskoga kardiološkog društva. Već u kolovozu postalo je sve jasnije da će drugi pandemijski val biti gori od prvoga i da sva naša okupljanja moramo odgoditi za bolja vremena.

Međutim, unatoč svemu, naša kardiologija živi i napreduje, a nismo prekinuli niti prilično živu suradnju s Europskim kardiološkim društvom i drugim međunarodnim kardiološkim udrugama odnosno s našim kolegama i njihovim timovima u Europi i u Svijetu. Uspostavljena je prilično uspješna komunikacija elektroničkim kanalima, uključujući i održavanje savjetodavnih odbora, mrežnih seminara, ali i kongresa. Hrvatsko kardiološko društvo odlično se prilagodilo novonastalim okolnostima i u proteklm mjesecima održalo brojne virtualne skupove sa širokim rasponom tema i uzornom posjećenosti.

Budući da nažalost naš kardiološki kongres planiran za prosinac neće biti moguće održati kao prethodno tj. okupljanjem oko tisuću sudionika – članova našega društva te inozemnih i domaćih gostiju, odlučili smo organizirati 13. Kongres Hrvatskoga kardiološkog društva u virtualnom obliku. Budući da je 12. Kongres bio održan 2018, logično je ne preskočiti pregled dvogodišnjeg razvoja hrvatske kardiologije, ali i prikazati bitne novosti u europskoj i svjetskoj kardiologiji. Naravno, jedna od tema bit će posebnosti kardiovaskularne patologije u pandemiji koronavirusne bolesti, kako općenito tako i u našim konkretnim okolnostima.

Kongres ćemo održati u dva dijela, u prosincu i u siječnju, jer sudionici neće biti u prigodi tražiti plaćeni dopust pa će se Kongres odvijati u poslijepodnevnim satima. Osim toga, poznato je da je i vrijeme odražavanja pozornosti pri praćenju virtualnog sadržaja bitno kraće nego na klasičnim kongresima. Strukturu Kongresa činit će znanstvene sekcije s osvrtima i raspravama pozvanih predavača o odabranim temama u kardiologiji, izvorna priopćenja kao ekvivalent moderiranim posterskim sekcijama te sponzorirani sadržaji u vidu satelitskih simpozija ili izdvojenih predavanja. Bit će tu i virtualni izložbeni prostori naših sponzora, kao i njihovi oglasi.

Velika je čast što će nam i ovaj put pokrovitelj Kongresa biti Hrvatska akademija znanosti i umjetnosti odnosno njezin Razred za medicinske znanosti.

Pozivam Vas da se u što većem broju aktivno pridružite Kongresu, poglavito Vašim izvornim priopćenjima koja će biti objavljena na kongresnoj elektroničkoj platformi i tiskana u posebnom izdanju našega časopisa *Cardiologia Croatica*.

Uz srdačne pozdrave i uz najbolje želje,
S poštovanjem,



Dear colleagues,

The year 2020 has changed our lives dramatically. In spring, when we faced the first wave of the coronavirus pandemic, the world stopped, and so did our domestic and foreign gatherings. Early in the summer it seemed that the worst had passed, so we started planning our professional meetings, symposiums and congresses, as well as our central event organized every two years, the 13th Congress of the Croatian Cardiac Society. Already in August it became clear that the second pandemic wave would be worse than the first one and that we had to postpone all our gatherings to better times.

However, in spite of everything, our cardiology lives and makes progress, and we haven't stopped our quite lively cooperation with the European Society of Cardiology and

other international cardiology associations, with our colleagues and their teams in Europe and worldwide. Quite a successful communication through electronic channels has been established, including advisory board meetings, online seminars, and congresses too. The Croatian Cardiac Society has made excellent adjustments to new circumstances and during the past months it held numerous virtual meetings on a wide range of topics and with exemplary attendance.

Since, unfortunately, our cardiology congress planned for December cannot be held in its previous form which involves gathering around one thousand participants – members of our society, foreign and domestic guests, we have decided to organize the 13th Congress of the Croatian Cardiac Society in a virtual form. As the 12th Congress was held in 2018, it was logical not to skip the two-year overview of the Croatian cardiology developments, but also to show important novelties in European and global cardiology. Of course, one of the topics will be special conditions of cardiovascular pathology in the coronavirus pandemic, both in general and in our specific circumstances.

The Congress will be organized in two parts, in December and in January, since participants will not be able to request paid leave. For this reason, the Congress will be held in afternoon hours. Also, as it is known that the attention span for virtual content is much lower than it is during classical congresses, this Congress will be structured around scientific sections with comments and discussions from invited lecturers on selected topics in cardiology, original communications as an equivalent of moderated poster sections, and sponsored content in the form of satellite symposiums or separate lectures. There will also be time and space for our sponsors' virtual showrooms and advertisements.

It is a great honour that this year's Congress will also be held under the auspices of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, that is the Academy Department of Medical Sciences.

I hereby invite you to actively join the Congress in large numbers, especially with your original communications that will be published on the electronic platform of the Congress and printed in the special edition of our journal *Cardiologia Croatica*.

With warm regards and best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

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