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Dear colleagues and friends,

It is our privilege and honour to welcome you as participants on our 8th Annual Prostate Cancer Symposium! This is the premier annual meeting organised by Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts together with Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center, University Hospital Center Zagreb and Croatian Society for Brachytherapy Advancement. The goal of this meeting is to provide a comprehensive update for regional genitourinary oncology on all aspects of prostate cancer community and to serve as a platform for multidisciplinary discussion of all stakeholders involved in prostate cancer care: urologists, oncologists, radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians and pathologists.

For this occasion, due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, meeting has been held as virtual event, with rich international participation. In our program were able to cover novelties in epidemiology, genetics, diagnostics, surgery, radiotherapy, and systemic treatment for prostate cancer.

As we are all aware, prostate cancer is dynamic field with many small and bigger breakthroughs happening at unprecedented pace. Over the last few years, owing to translational discoveries, prostate cancer treatment has been transformed. We are witnessing plethora of novel therapies that ultimately benefit patients, making them to live longer and with good quality of life. The challenge remains how to optimally treat patients with all available agents in real world setting. Here, very welcomed are experiences from other colleagues of different specialties, domestically and internationally.

We gratefully thank participants and authors for their contributions for this Supplement. Moreover, we are proud to have received 14 full papers for this edition, covering contemporary aspects of prostate cancer care that among others include robotic prostatectomy, novel radiotherapy techniques, integration of MRI in radiotherapy process, and triplet systemic therapy for hormone-sensitive disease. Readers around the world can access these papers unrestrictedly as our Acta Clinica Croatica journal is open access journal.

We believe these papers will be instructive and helpful for clinicians working with prostate cancer patients, educational for younger colleagues, and hopefully would foster exchange of ideas and scientific collaboration that will benefit whole scientific community focused on prostate cancer.

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