

ZAGREB HIGHLIGHTS IN STROKE

On November 6-8, 2014, Zagreb was the host of the Joint Meeting of Central and Eastern European Stroke Society (CEESS) entitled Highlights in Stroke. The Joint Meeting was endorsed by the World Federation of Neurology and World Stroke Organization, held under the patronage of The City of Zagreb, and co-organized by the Department of Medical Sciences of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

The Scientific Board of the Meeting had representatives from all Central and Eastern European countries, with Vida Demarin, the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts fellow and President of CEESS and Croatian Stroke Society, as President of the Scientific Advisory Board.

The Meeting opening ceremony was attended by many important persons from both Croatian medical and political life, who spoke about the importance of stroke management in Croatia and in the world. Emphasis was put on all the improvements the Society has accomplished through many years of devoted

and hard work on educating the public, physicians and other medical personnel.

The Meeting included lectures, round tables, and educational courses. The first session was chaired by Professor Anna Czlonkowska (Poland) and Professor Daniel Beretcki (Hungary). This session dealt with transient ischemic attack as an emergency, the importance of triple H (hypertension, hyperlipoproteinemia and hyperglycemia) in stroke prevention, atrial fibrillation as a risk factor for stroke, and stroke in the young. It was followed by a round table as a perfect place to present data from each country and to discuss the problems each country is facing in stroke patient care. It was also an opportunity to discuss how to overcome the obstacles regardless of their nature.

The next morning session was devoted to the contribution of lifestyle modifiers in primary prevention of stroke, contribution of ultrasound in stroke prevention, hemorrhagic stroke, and endovascular treatment of stroke. In the next session, the SETIS stroke regis-



try was presented, as well as the Styrian stroke study, and Telectroke network in Slovenia. The session ended with a lecture on neurorehabilitation after stroke.

In the afternoon, two teaching courses took place, Educational Course I, devoted to the importance of neurosonology in stroke, followed by Educational Course II, devoted to learning through interesting stroke cases.

The Saturday session was devoted to non motor symptoms of stroke, improvement of prehospital management of stroke, new vistas in neurorehabilitation, and Slavonian experience in improving stroke awareness.

The Meeting ended with endorsement and signing of the Zagreb Declaration. These were wonderful three days, rich in professional experiences.

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