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## **NEWS**

18<sup>th</sup> Ljudevit Jurak International Symposium on Comparative Pathology, Zagreb, Croatia, June 1-2, 2007 http://www.kbsm.hr/Jurak/symposium.htm

The 18th Ljudevit Jurak International Symposium on Comparative Pathology was held in Zagreb, Croatia, on June 1-2, 2007, under the auspices of the European Society of Pathology and Academy of Medical Sciences of Croatia. The Symposium was organized by Department of Pathology, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital, Zagreb, Croatia (President, Professor M. Belicza), Institute of Pathology, Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck, Austria (Vice-President, Professor G. Mikuz), and Department of General Pathology, Veterinary Faculty, University of Zagreb, Croatia (Vice-President, Professor Ž. Grabarević).

Opening ceremony was followed by the Ljudevit Jurak Award Ceremony for contribution to the advancement of comparative pathology. The awards were presented by Professor M. Štulhofer, Vice-President of the Croatian Academy of Medical Sciences, to Professors F. Bulić-Jakuš, Zagreb, Croatia, and G. Stanta, Trieste, Italy.

The main topic of the Symposium was Gynecologic and Perinatal Pathology. Memorial lectures on the endometrial pathology of menopause, and on screening and vaccination as a synergy for cervical carcinoma were presented by Professor F. Nogales, Grenada, Spain, and Professor C. Bergeron, Paris, France. Other invited speak-

ers were M.Kos and A. Čizmić from Zagreb, Croatia, who presented lectures on the estimation of time and cause of perinatal death and congenital tumors, and G. Stanta from Trieste, Italy, who presented a lecture on the European Groups for Molecular Evidence Medicine. Professor F. Del Piero, a veterinary pathologist from Pennsylvania, USA, presented a lecture on the comparative pathology of placenta in domestic animals. Free papers were mainly presented as posters. The authors from Latvia, Romania, Spain, Italy, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Austria and Croatia presented recent data on the diagnosis, protocols, and histopathologic and immunohistochemical findings in different human and animal diseases.

In the Herman Jurak Round Table on Rheumatologic Diseases, an interesting invited lecture on polymyalgia rheumatica was presented by Professor W.G. Fassbender from Germany.

During the Symposium, the Slide Seminar on Gynecologic Pathology and the Slide Seminar on Comparative Pathology of Human and Animal Tumors was held by Professor Nogales from Grenada, Spain, and Professor F. Del Piero from Pennsylvania, USA.

At the end of the Symposium, poster discussion and poster presentation award session were held. The Poster Presentation Award was given to R. Kleina and V. Tipaine from Latvia. The next Symposium will be held on June 7-8, 2008. The main topic will be pediatric pathology.

All data on the Symposium can be found at our web site: http://salata.mef.hr/Jurak/symposium.htm.

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