Symposium

THE THIRD SCIENTIFIC MEETING ON TUMORS OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT: COLORECTAL CANCER

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PREFACE

This our 3rd scientific meeting entitled: "Tumors of the Gastrointestinal Tract: Colorectal Cancer" was organized on December 16th, 2016 by the Croatian Academy of Science and Arts, Department of Medical Sciences, and by the School of Medicine of the University of Zagreb, Department of Clinical Oncology. The Organizing Committee comprised the following members of the Department of Clinical Oncology: Prof. Lidija Beketić-Orešković, MD, PhD, Prof. Ante Bolanča, MD, PhD, Prof. Nikola Đaković, MD PhD, Prof. Ana Fröbe, MD, PhD, Marija Gamulin, MD, PhD, Prof. Antonio Juretić, MD, PhD, Academician prof. Zvonko Kusić, MD, PHD, Jasmina Marić Brozić, MD, PhD and Prof. Fedor Šantek, MD, PhD.

The focus of this meeting was on diagnostic and molecular characteristics of colorectal cancer (CRC) and on treatment options of patients having CRC. Since we have organized the similar symposium two years ago, the aim of this meeting was to recapitulate the recent findings which has appeared in this period between these two symposia.

The topics presented at this meeting were the following: CRC molecular pathogenesis molecular stratification, novel diagnostic procedures and algorithms, pathohistological recommendations and algorithms, overview of surgical approaches, systemic therapy overview, rectal radiation therapy overview and rectal cancer radiotherapy clinical study results. Regretfully, not all papers and all presentations are included in this issue, but most of them are. We hope that the papers presented will provide the readers with sufficient information for better understanding of recent findings regarding colorectal cancer pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment options in a clinical setting.

> On behalf of the Organizing Committee Antonio Juretić, Ana Fröbe, Nikola Đaković