

Preface

According to the data for the year 2005, 6% of all newly diagnosed tumors in males and 2% in females are head and neck tumors and the incidence is still increasing in the Republic of Croatia. 90% of head and neck cancers are squamous cell carcinomas. Main risk factors include tobacco smoking, particular chemicals used in certain workplaces, and certain viruses, such as human papilloma virus. Improvements in diagnosis and local management, as well as targeted therapy, have led to improvements in quality of life and survival for head and neck cancer patients.

This second supplement of *Collegium Antropologicum* (Volume 36) provides an overview of the head and neck tumors, including the thyroid, salivary glands and skin neoplasms. The current situation in diagnostics and therapy of these tumors, as well as future developments in Croatia and some neighboring countries, with special concern of the rehabilitation and life quality maintenance is described in more than 50 original scientific papers and case reports found in this issue of *Collegium Antropologicum*. The majority of these papers were presented at the First International Congress on Head and

Neck Tumors organized by Croatian Head and Neck Society that was held in Zagreb, Croatia on October 20–22, 2011. Authors of the papers were not only otorhinolaryngologists and head & neck surgeons, but also oncologists, pathologists, specialists of nuclear medicine and others, and our intent was to point out this way the necessity of multidisciplinary team approach to the management of patients suffering from head and neck tumors. Covering scientific topics such as new horizons in chemoradiotherapy for head and neck tumors, postlaryngectomy rehabilitation modalities, as well as new diagnostic modalities, this issue will certainly be of interest to all specialists that deal with those pathologic entities in their everyday work. We would like to thank to all colleagues that contributed with their papers to this special issue of *Collegium Antropologicum*. Our special thanks are to the Editors-in-Chief and the Editorial Board of *Collegium Antropologicum* for the proposal to publish these papers in this supplement of *Collegium Antropologicum*.

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