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FOUNDATION OF THE CROATIAN SOCIETY FOR NEUROVASCULAR DISORDERS OF THE CROATIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Foundation Conference of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association was held on January 18, 2001, at 12.00 a.m., in the Main Lecture Hall of the University Department of Neurology, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital in Zagreb, assembling some thirty participants from Zagreb, Split, Koprivnica, Karlovac, Slavonski Brod, Vinkovci and Varaždin.

At the beginning of the conference, Professor Vida Demarin, M.D., Ph.D., president of the Steering Committee for the foundation of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association, proposed the following chair committee members: Professor Vida Demarin, M.D., Ph.D., Assist. Professor Zlatko Trkanjec, M.D., Ph.D., and Vlasta Vuković, M.D. Vlasta Vuković, M.D., was appointed recording secretary, while Head Doctor Vesna Vargek-Solter, M.D., and Assist. Professor Zlatko Trkanjec, M.D., Ph.D., were in charge of minutes approval. The proposal was unanimously adopted, and so was the proposed agenda submitted to the participants along with the letter of invitation, which included the following items:

1. Adoption of the Society statutes.
2. Election of the Society bodies.
3. Plan and program of the Society activities.
4. Miscellaneous.

Professor Vida Demarin informed those present on the session of the Steering Committee for the foundation of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association, from November 8, 2000, when it was decided to initiate the procedure for the foundation of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association, and the Head Committee of the Croatian Medical Association was informed accordingly. Also, the Croatian Neurological So-

ciety was consulted and issued positive opinion on the foundation of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association.

The Head Committee of the Croatian Medical Association on its 39th session held on December 12, 2000, accepted and approved the request for the foundation of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association, and proposed the foundation conference of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association to be organized. Based on these decisions, it was done by the Steering Committee for the foundation of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association.

After some introductory information, the work of the conference proceeded according to the adopted agenda. Under item 1) of the agenda, the conference participants adopted unanimously the proposed Statutes of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association. This was followed by election of the Society bodies. The proposed election board consisting of Assist. Professor Zlatko Trkanjec, M.D., Ph.D., Vlasta Vuković, M.D., and Marina Roje-Bedeković, M.D., was unanimously approved, and so were the election candidates proposed by the Steering Committee for the foundation of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association. Upon vote counting, the Election Board declared the following members to be elected by secret vote among a number of candidates: Professor Vida Demarin, M.D., Ph.D. as President, and Head Doctor Vesna Šerić, M.D., as Vice-President of the Society; Assist. Professor Zlatko Trkanjec, M.D., Ph.D., Arijana Lovrenčić-Huzjan, M.D., Ph.D., Assist. Professor Dragutin Kadojić, M.D., Ph.D., Head Doctor Velimir Lupret, M.D., Professor Miljenko Kalousek, M.D., Ph.D., Professor Drago DeSyo, M.D., Ph.D., and Marinko Dikanović, M.D. as members of the Managing Board of the Society. Professor Vida Demarin expressed thanks on behalf of all those elected for the trust and election, emphasizing that it is great honor and com-

mitment for all of them, and anticipating they would be very busy in the future trying to pave the right way for this newly established professional society of the Croatian Medical Association.

Concerning item 3 of the agenda, Professor Vida Demarin briefly presented the plan and program of the Society activities, thereby stressing that neurovascular disorders (and their terminal stage, stroke) are the leading cause of disability and mortality in the Republic of Croatia. As many risk factors have been associated with the development of neurovascular disorders, the prevalence of stroke can be significantly reduced by changing the lifestyle and modifying the risk factors. The main objective of the foundation of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association is to reduce the prevalence of neurovascular disorders in the Republic of Croatia, which is intended to achieve by collection and processing of epidemiological data on various risk factors for the development of neurovascular disorders, analysis of differences observed, establishment of the patient registry, designing diagnostic and therapeutic algorithms and recommendations, studying the quality of life in individuals with a history of stroke, and organizing actions for prevention of neurovas-

cular diseases and stroke. These goals of the Society are anticipated to be achieved through active engagement of individual members of the Society and organization of sessions and professional meetings at least twice a year. The First Convention of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association has been planned to be organized in 2002. Professor Vida Demarin also emphasized the need of close collaboration with other related societies, e.g., Croatian Neurological Society, Croatian Society for Stroke Prevention, Croatian Society for Atherosclerosis, Croatian Society for Ultrasound in Neurology, Croatian Society for Vascular Surgery, etc. The proposed annual membership fee of 50.00 HRK for members of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association was unanimously accepted.

Before the closing word, Professor Vida Demarin expressed gratitude to all those who took part in the Foundation Conference, and invited them to include actively in the work of the Society, and the Foundation Conference of the Croatian Society for Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association was closed.

Zlatko Trkanjec