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FOREWORD

This issue of the ophthalmologic supplement of *Acta clinica Croatica* brings papers by Croatian ophthalmologists and members of the Croatian Society of Ophthalmology that were presented at the national congress of ophthalmology held in Split, Croatia, May 3-5, 2007. It is my pleasure that such a great number of professional and scientific papers delineating daily routine of Croatian ophthalmologists, while at the same time reflecting their professional and scientific competence, have been submitted for this issue.

Analyzing the papers that appear in this issue, the reader will note the diversity of the latest diagnostic and therapeutic methods employed in ophthalmology today. So, there is a paper on the role and value of Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) in the early diagnosis of glaucoma, then papers on the latest guidelines for the treatment of neovascular glaucoma, presenting latest clinical experiences with intravitreal application of bevacizumab.

Some papers deal with the issues of pediatric ophthalmology, e.g., retinopathy of prematurity and hereditary amyloidosis. Papers on stereoscopic visual acuity in strabismic and ametropic/refractive amblyopia and on contrast sensitivity in strabologic functional examinations tackle the field of strabology.

There are a number of papers on the pathology of the orbit and eye surface. The authors mostly address tumors of the orbit, which are rarely encountered in daily clinical routine and are therefore an intriguing issue indeed. A case of bilateral neuritis as the initial manifestation in neurosyphilis and HIV positive patients is a rarity indeed. Then, there are unavoidable topics of cataract surgery combined with posterior eye segment operation.

This ophthalmologic issue of *Acta clinica Croatica* is highly useful and valuable for bringing contributions by young Croatian ophthalmologists, thus paving the way for Croatian ophthalmology in the time to come.

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