

## MIND & BRAIN 60<sup>th</sup> International Neuropsychiatric Congress - Virtual, May 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.

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Instead of enjoying the beauties and sincere hospitality of Pula and Park Plaza Histria Hotel, because of the current epidemiological situation, the 60th Anniversary of our traditional Mind & Brain INPC Congress was organized as a virtual scientific event from May 27th - 30th 2021.

The Congress was organized by International Institute for Brain Health and Department of Medical Sciences of Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, together with Society for Neuropsychiatry, Croatian Society for Personology, Personality and Eating Disorders, Central and Eastern European Stroke Society (CEESS) and Croatian Stroke Society under endorsement of the World Federation for Neurology (WFN) and European Academy of Neurology (EAN). Technical support was provided by Dedal komunikacije. The Congress is accredited by Croatian Medical Chamber and the Croatian Council of Physiotherapists.

Due to our traditionally excellent scientific program, bridging neurology and psychiatry and adjacent disciplines, there were more than 850 registered participants, being able to watch pre-recorded video lectures at, for them the most convenient time slot, and actively participate in live panel discussions on the most important topics.

During Plenary session Vida Demarin presented inspiring lecture on MIND & BRAIN - 60th Anniversary of the International Neuropsychiatric Congress. Further plenary lectures were Post-COVID depression: a provocative testing of the immunopsychiatry of mood disorders by Francesco Benedetti from Milan, Human brain evolution - vulnerability to neuropsychiatric disease by design? by Martin Bruene from Bochum, Current State in inflammation research and antiinflammatory treatment in major depression by Norbert Mueller from Munich, An international consensus on an approach for the diagnosis and management of psychosis of suspected autoimmune origin: the concept of autoimmune psychosis by Karl Bechter from Ulm, followed by Gut microbiota and neuroinflammation by Ervina Bilić from Zagreb, Immune-mediated plexopathy by Osman Sinanović from Tuzla, Roles of neuroinflammation in Parkinson's disease by Vladimira Vuletić from Rijeka, Nonepileptic (psychogenic?) seizures by Amos Korczyn from Tel Aviv, Alzheimer's Disease - typical and atypical forms as a neurobiological and diagnostic challenge by Nenad Bogdanovic from Karolinska Institute from Stockholm, Cannabis 100 years between panacea and prohibition by Zdravko Lacković from Zagreb and Recent advances in burning mouth syndrome by Milija Mijajlović from Belgrade.

The traditional Stroke Symposium was chaired by Kurt Niederkorn and Max Hilz, Headache Symposium by Bojana Žvan and Marjan Zaletel, Neurodegenerative Disorders by Miroslav Čuturić, Vladimira Vuletić and Nenad Bogdanović, 6<sup>th</sup> Pula Neuroscience Symposium by Srećko Gajović, Anton Glasnović and Nicholas Bradshaw, Epilepsy, Sleep and Autism Symposium chaired by Željka Krsnik and Amos Korczyn and Multiple sclerosis symposium chaired by Vanja Bašić Kes and Uroš Rot. The Adult Psychiatry Symposium was chaired by Karl Bechter and Darko Marčinko, HISPA Symposium by Sandra Morović and Nebojša Tasić, and introducing the new discipline, Symposium on Psychoneuroendocrinology (PNEI) was chaired by Vida Demarin and Sanja Toljan.

Academic lecture „The Formless Luminous Mind” was given by our special guest Geshe Lhakdor from Dharamsala, India with the introduction by Igor Mošič on “Activating Neuroplasticity by Training the Mind in Love and Compassion”.

The Special Symposium “Stroke and Migraine in Women”, endorsed by World Stroke Organization was organized by Vida Demarin and Anita Arsovska, with vivid discussions on this important topic. Traditional Multiple Sclerosis Day was celebrated by special Pula's MS Day Symposium chaired by Silva Soldo Butković and Sanja Tomasović.

Special attention to young colleagues is traditionally given at our congress and we always organize interesting debates in Young Researchers' Corner and very informative and interesting Poster Session as well.

During Closing Ceremony, led by Vida Demarin and Hrvoje Budinčević, three best posters from neurology and three from psychiatry were awarded by prizes, the first two prizes given by the City of Graz, and second and third prizes were given by INPC Kuratorium and International Institute for Brain Health.

Satellite Symposia were rich with recent data on the newest therapeutic possibilities and achievements.

Altogether our 60th Mind & Brain congress was very successful with lots of interactions and vivid discussions. Eminent lecturers from many parts of the world shared their enormous knowledge and expertise with young colleagues, widening the perspectives and opening the new paths and the new directions, following the founding idea of this congress: Pula School of Sciences and Humanity.

Save the date for the next year!  
May 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> 2022.

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