The 61st Anniversary of our traditional Mind & Brain INPC Congress was held again as a virtual scientific event from May 26th - 29th 2022. 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). 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 750 registered participants, being able to watch video lectures and actively participate in live discussions after every lecture.

During Plenary session Vida Demarin presented inspiring lecture on neuroplasticity in health and disease. Further plenary lectures were: What mean the frequent minor CSF pathologies in severe mental disorders by prof. Karl Bechter from Germany, Toward a truly psychosomatic medicine – why somatic comorbidity matters in psychiatric disorders by Martin Bruene from Germany, Functional neurological disorders by Osman Sinanović form Bosnia and Herzegovina, Post-acute COVID-19 depression and neurocognitive impairment by Francesco Benedetti from Italy, Sleep disturbances in neuromuscular disorders by Ervina Bilić from Croatia, and Botulinum toxin type A from the periphery to the brain by Zdravko Lacković from Croatia.

The traditional Graz Stroke Symposium was chaired by Kurt Niederkorn and Thomas Gattringer, Neurogenetics Symposium by Željka Krsnik and Fran Borovečki, Neurodegenerativne and Alzheimer's Disease Symposium by Vladimiria Vuletić and Miroslav Cuturic, Headache Symposium by Sonja Antić and Marjan Zaletel, Stroke Symposium by Anita Arsovska and Bojana Živan, Multiple Sclerosis Symposium by Vanja Bašić Kes and Uroš Rot, Epilepsy Symposium by Iris Zavoreo and Ana Sruk, Psychoneuroendocrinology Symposium by Vida Demarin and Sanja Toljan, HISPA Symposium by Sandra Morović and Nebojša Tasić, Forensic Psychiatry and Personology Symposium by Darko Marčinko and Nadica Buzina, and Neuropsychiatry Symposium by Ivica Šain and Hrvoje Budinčević. After few years and three International Sport Psychiatry Symposiums, the Sports Psychiatry Symposium was again organized by Valentin Markser and Croatian psychiatrists (Darko Marčinko, Tomislav Franić, and Stipe Drmić). Traditional Multiple Sclerosis Day was celebrated by special Pula's MS Day Symposium chaired by Silva Soldo Butković, Dolores Janko Labinac and Sanja Tomasović.

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 after more than 130 presentations (lectures and posters) our 61st 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 18th - 21st 2023.