

# THE FIRST CONGRESS OF PHYSIOLOGICAL SCIENCES OF SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

(November 9-12, 2005, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro)

## R E P O R T

*The First Congress of Physiological Sciences of Serbia and Montenegro with International Participation* was held between November 9-12, 2005 at Military Medical Academy, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro. This congress was organized by Serbian Physiological Society and Serbian Medical Society-Physiology and Pathophysiology Section after 17 years (the last one was held in former Yugoslavia in 1988). The congress has been supported by Military Medical Academy, Faculty of Medicine University of Kragujevac, Ministry of Science and Environmental Protection, Ministry of Health, ADInstruments GmbH, Experimetria Ltd, Perutnina Ptuj, Special Hospital for Cerebrovascular Disease »Sveti Sava« and a few small sponsors. Prof. Dr. Dragan Djuric, School of Medicine University of Belgrade served as a congress president (programme/organizing committee), congress vice-president was Doc. Dr. Vladimir Jakovljevic, Faculty of Medicine University of Kragujevac while honorary congress president was Academician Ljubisa Rakic, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

Abstract book (regularly CIP indexed) was published in English and consisted of 216 accepted abstracts. 26 abstracts were rejected on the base of *ad hoc* scientific committee evaluation. From total number of abstracts about 75% came from basic research (160 abstracts) while the rest of abstracts came from clinical physiology, exercise physiology and/or functional diagnostics. Scientific work was presented in seven free communications sessions and six international symposia (cardiovascular research, neuro-endocrinology research, transport studies, emotions and motivation, hyperbaric oxygenation and vascular research) as well as in three poster sessions (64 and 152 abstracts, respectively). 90 abstracts were accepted from abroad which were presented by 60 participants from abroad (32 oral presentations). Three the best posters were awarded. In addition two workshops were held: 1) harmonization and standardization of medical physiology teaching with EU standards, and 2) experiences from graduate programs in physiological sciences in USA and Canada and how to implement it.

The total number of participants was more than 300 from 24 countries. The invited participants have been also: President, International Society for Pathophysiology (Emil Monos, Budapest, Hungary), Secretary General, Federation of European Physiological Societies (Ger van der Vusse, Maastricht, Netherland), Executive Director and CEO, International Academy for Cardiovascular Sciences (Naranjanan S. Dhalla, Winnipeg, Canada), President, Slovakian Physiological Society (Vladimir Strbak, Bratislava, Slovak Republic), Secretary General, Czech Physiological Society (Jaroslav Pokorny, Prague, Czech Republic), Former Secretary General, Federation of European Physiological Societies (Christopher Fry, London, UK), the editors of journals *Physiological Research* (Josef Zicha, Prague, Czech Republic), *Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry*, *General Physiology and Biophysics*, *Acta Physiologica Hungarica* etc.

The congress was announced at web sites of: *Federation of European Physiological Societies*, *International Union of Physiological Sciences*, *American Physiological Society*, *Khrunichev Space Center*, *Serbian Ministry of Science and Environmental*, *Serbian Physiological Society* and *Serbian Medical Society*. We appreciate very much that congress has been held under the auspices of *Federation of European Physiological Societies*, *International Union of Physiological Sciences* and *International Society for Pathophysiology*.

