

Looking forward to seeing you in Copenhagen

By Bo Feldt-Rasmussen, 55th ERA-EDTA Congress President



This year the ERA-EDTA congress will be held in Copenhagen from 24th to 27th May. We were last in Copenhagen in 2002, 16 years ago. Since then many important constructions improving the logistics of the meeting have been made in Copenhagen. First of all, the Metro, which opened just after the last meeting, is now very efficient in connecting the Congress Venue, the Bella Center, with the airport at one end and the center of Copenhagen at the other. In addition, numerous new hotels have emerged. One is situated right next to the Bella Center, The Bella Sky Hotel, which is the main hotel for the congress this year.

This year's meeting has an important theme:

"Kidney disease – new paradigms, new challenges. New challenges, new opportunities" As I am writing this we

are about to finalise the scientific programme that will make the basic ideas behind the theme come to life. On the first day of the congress there will be 18 CME Courses. The opening session will include one of the four plenary lectures and the main congress will have 40 mini lectures and 50 symposia as well as more than 250 speakers from all over the world. There will be several free communications and poster sessions distributed in nine subject driven tracks covering the whole spectrum from basic, clinical and translational nephrology to dialysis and transplantation. As the rules and regulations for the collaboration between industry and the world of clinic and science are rapidly changing, we were concerned whether or not such major congresses would be able to maintain the excellent and high attendance of the previous years. We were therefore very pleased

when the abstract submission reached 2150 abstracts, close to the numbers submitted in Madrid.

This year the meeting is organised in collaboration with the Danish Society of Nephrology. The Danish members have contributed to the scientific programme, engaged in all aspects of the congress and for the first time ever they have placed Denmark on the exclusive list of countries with more than 50 abstract submissions.

Collaboration with the industry is mandatory for the success of such a major congress and I am pleased that the collaboration has been excellent. There will be an exhibition with 3.500 sqm involving 100 international companies and 24 industry symposia. We are also planning a very engaging European Nephrology Portal (ENP) campus assisting delegates with

e-materials, digital services, WiFi and we will introduce a new Rare Disease Corner where information on these specific diseases will be provided. On the last day we are preparing an important new closing session which you will not want to miss. In this session you will meet with 5 internationally recognised speakers talking about the latest updates and novelties in nephrology. These clinically oriented presentations will focus on the previous year in different fields of interest. You are cordially invited to this exciting event.

We hope that you may find time in your busy schedule to enjoy Copenhagen with its historical castles and buildings, arts and fashion and the famous Nordic Cuisine. When we were last in Wonderful Copenhagen in 2002 the weather was excellent. We hope to see you again for yet more beautiful days in May 2018.



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Society of Nephrology, Dialysis and Kidney Transplantation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

By Halima Resic, President of The Society of Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Society of Nephrology, Dialysis and Kidney Transplantation of Bosnia and Herzegovina has recently celebrated its 20th Anniversary. The Society was established as a special professional association in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1997. In addition, the Bosnia and Herzegovina entity Republika Srpska also founded its Society of Nephrology a few years ago.



The Society is a voluntary organisation of professionals involved in nephrology, dialysis and kidney transplantation. It was established as a professional association for doctors working on improving and popularising medical science and the improvement of nephrology, public speaking, organisation of expert meetings and discussions, seminars, symposiums, congresses and the establishment of relations with medical organisations in other countries.

The Society of Nephrology, Dialysis and Kidney Transplantation in Bosnia and Herzegovina has established a Renal Registry, with annual contributions from all dialysis centres and nephrology units in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1999. Bosnia and Herzegovina Renal Registry has been a section "B" ERA-EDTA Registry member from 2003. Since 2010, Bosnia and Herzegovina Renal Registry has been a member of section "A". In Bosnia and Herzegovina there are currently 2648 patients on renal replacement therapy. 85.2% of these patients are treated with hemodialysis, 3.2% are treated with CAPD and 11.6% have functional grafts. The Society has more than 60 members, working in 27 dialysis units, and three transplant centres. The members of the Society also work in several universities' departments and cantonal hospitals.

During the last ten years the collaboration with ERA-EDTA and ISN has become more active. One of the most important parts of our work has been organising seven (7) CME Courses endorsed by ERA-EDTA and ISN and twelve (12) Nephrology schools. The first CME Course was organised in Sarajevo in 2008. The Society has organised four Congresses with international participation as a part of continuous medical education for its members. The Society translates and disseminates ERBP Guidelines on the Society website www.undt.ba. In addition, the Society has organised the development of guidelines usable in everyday work in the fields of nephrology, dialysis and transplantation, freely available on the website of the Society, and has printed a few publications. Intensive collaboration with the ISN started when the Clinic for Hemodialysis at the Clinical Center University of Sarajevo (2013) and the Clinic for internal medicine at the University Clinical Center Tuzla (2014), have entered the ISN Sister Renal Center (SRC) Program. The Clinic for Hemodialysis at the Clinical Center University of Sarajevo has now reached level "A" of the SRC along with the Sheffield Kidney Institute (UK) and the Clinic for internal medicine at the University Clinical Center Tuzla is level "B" together with the Royal Preston Hospital (UK). Young nephrologists from Sarajevo and Tuzla have been awarded fellowships from ISN and ERA

–EDTA. One of the most important international nephrology meetings, 13th BANTAO Congress, was organised in Sarajevo in 2017. The Society of Nephrology, Dialysis and Kidney Transplantation in Bosnia and Herzegovina is an Associate Member of the European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA).



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