15th BANTAO Congress
Balkan Association of Nephrology, Dialysis, and Artificial Organs and ERA-EDTA & ISN course
WELCOMING ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT

As President of the Congress and on behalf of the International and Local Organizing Committee it is my great privilege to welcome you to the 15th BANTAO Congress (Balkan Association of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs) in conjunction with the 6th Congress of the Macedonian Society of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs (MSNDTAO) to be held in Skopje, R. N. Macedonia, 26-29 September, 2019.

The Congress is supported by the ERA-EDTA (European Renal Association-European Dialysis and Transplant Association), and the International Society of Nephrology (ISN). ERA-EDTA & ISN Course will follow at the last days of this extraordinary event. This Congress is certainly a special occasion for those who work for the development of Nephrology, in education, research and professional development. It will be an occasion to meet, to listen, to discuss, to share information and to plan for the future. Also, the 7th Southeastern European Pediatric Nephrology Working Group (SEPNWG) meeting will take place alongside these events, emphasizing the challenges that our youngest patients are facing and present the new treatment options for this most vulnerable population.

The Scientific Committee of the Congress has paid great attention to various topics in the field of Nephrology and the treatment of chronic renal disease. The invited speakers, all well known distinguished international experts and scientists, are coming from different parts of the Balkans and the world. During the Congress, issues will be discussed through a state of the art presentations and mini lectures involving Clinical Nephrology, Hypertension, Nephrolithiasis, Urinary tract infections, Adult dominant polycystic kidney disease, Prevention and treatment of Chronic Kidney Disease, Renal Replacement Therapy (Hemodialysis, Peritoneal Dialysis, Kidney Transplantation). In depths exchange of the knowledge within dedicated sessions will be at the chapters on Vascular Accesses (creation, surveillance and management of complications, both medical and surgical), Immunosuppressive treatment in Clinical nephrology and Kidney transplantation, etc.

I am deeply convinced that this event will be of an exceptional importance for the region, considering that we will be able to see all the international achievements and the most up-to-date methods used in the Nephrology field. I certainly hope that this rich variety of speakers and activities will provide fresh impetus for advancements in education as well. I am confident, too, that we'll further proceed with our well established BANTAO spirit or even get
stronger bonds among us all who share the common goal of improvement in the Nephrology sphere.

Thus, we'll be able to propose to our health decision-makers introduction of proven state of the art procedures in the prevention and treatment of kidney disease, which will improve the quality of life of our patients.

We have tried to provide learning opportunities from experts, but also we invited many colleagues from the region to actively participate sharing their clinical experience and research.

We are exceedingly counting on your active involvement to foster and exalt the clarification of the chosen scientific topics.

The host city Skopje will introduce its rich cultural places, historic tradition, mixture of old and modern architecture. It is the capital and largest city in the Republic of North Macedonia, with more than a quarter of the population of the country, as well as the political, cultural, economic and academic centre of the country. We would encourage you to take a walk along our river “Vardar”, stroll along the narrow streets of the Old Bazaar, which is the biggest bazaar preserved in the Balkans today, Kale fortress, and certainly visit St. Pantelejmon church and admire the fresco "Lamentation of Christ", bearing the first signs of the Renaissance and the Matka canyon. Great traditional food and unique Macedonian wine, hospitality of the people, beautiful landscapes are the main reasons for each visitor to have unforgettable stay in Skopje.

I hope to see you here in Skopje in September to enjoy the Congress that we hope will be of interest to you and to simultaneously enjoy a pleasant welcoming city full of attractions.

Sincerely,

Prof. Goce Spasovski

President of the Congress
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MAIN TOPICS OF THE CONGRESS

- Clinical Nephrology,
- Hypertension,
- Nephrolithiasis,
- Urinary tract infections,
- Adult dominant polycystic kidney disease,
- Prevention and treatment of Chronic Kidney Disease,
- Renal Replacement Therapy (Hemodialysis, Peritoneal Dialysis, Kidney Transplantation).
**REGISTRATION FEES**

*We urge all participants to register as early as possible and take advantage of the benefits offered:*

**Registration/ Регистрација**

Before 7th of June, 2019  
120 EUR

After 7th of June, 2019  
140 EUR

Group* before 7th of June, 2019  
100 EUR

Group* after 7th of June, 2019  
120 EUR

Members & young fellows /  
100 EUR

**THE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES**

Admission to all Meeting Sessions  
Congress badge, bag and printed materials  
Coffee Breaks and lunch from 27-28 of September  
Welcome Reception  
Presidential Dinner

Registration is not refundable

*Group is minimum of 10 persons

Registration fees are paid ONLY on bank account of MSNDTAO

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ul. 11 Oktomvri br. 7  
SWIFT STOB MK 2X  
ID.1067767  
IBAN: MK 07200000885886927

МКД – Стопанска банка АД Скопје: 200000013454183
**ACCOMMODATION**

* The organizer of the Congress has selected several hotels, which will be available in that period, with preferential prices.

* Prices for accommodation in the hotels during the Congress are as follows:

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1. **ARRIVALS AND TRANSFERS**

* Skopje International Airport is about 20 km far from Skopje city centre. It is linked by national and international flights (low cost included) to London, Paris, Barcelona, Vienna, Istanbul, Doha and many other.

* The Organising Secretariat can provide transfer from/to the Airport upon request.

* Usually required time for transfer from and to the airport is around 20 min.

For all information and details, registration, accommodation, transportation, technical and logistical support, please contact the **ORGANISATIONAL COMMITTEE**
INFORMATION FOR SPONSORS

Visiting and participation of 250-300 doctors, lectures by eminent experts on global topics and satellite symposia by pharmaceutical and other companies, exhibition space, is acceptable reason to take an active part at this Congress.

Sponsors are awarded the status of a category sponsorship based on their participation with symposia, exhibition space, advertising, etc.

The status of the participating companies/ sponsors is allocated as follows:

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THE PLATINUM SPONSOR RECEIVES THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

1. 30 completely free registrations (fees)
2. Plenary satellite symposiums with duration of 45 min and choosing the time schedule
3. 2 (two) advertisements in the Book of abstracts, back cover and inner front cover
4. Advertisement with logo in all printed materials (folder, notebook, programme)
5. Exhibition stand and priority in selecting position at exhibition space
6. Sponsor logo at the web site of the Congress linked to the web page by sponsor’s choice

THE GOLDEN SPONSOR RECEIVES THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

1. 20 completely free registrations (fees)
2. Plenary satellite symposium with duration of 45 min and choosing the time schedule
3. 2 (two) advertisements in the Book of abstracts, inner back cover and inner page
4. Advertisement with logo in all printed materials (folder, notebook, programme)
5. Exhibition stand and priority in selecting position at exhibition space
6. Sponsor logo at the web site of the Congress linked to the web page by sponsor’s choice

THE SILVER SPONSOR RECEIVES THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

7. 10 completely free registrations (fees)
8. Plenary satellite symposium with duration of 30 min and choosing the time schedule
9. 2 (two) advertisements in the Book of abstracts, inner pages
10. Advertisement with logo in all printed materials (folder, notebook, programme)
11. Exhibition stand and priority in selecting position at exhibition space
12. Sponsor logo at the web site of the Congress linked to the web page by sponsor’s choice
THE BRONZE SPONSOR RECEIVES THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

13. 5 completely free registrations (fees)
14. Plenary satellite symposium with duration of 30 min and choosing the time schedule
15. 1 (one) advertisements in the Book of abstracts, inner pages
16. Advertisement with logo in all printed materials (folder, notebook, programme)
17. Exhibition stand and priority in selecting position at exhibition space
18. Sponsor logo at the web site of the Congress linked to the web page by sponsor’s choice

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR SPONSORSHIP

PLENARY SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM………………………………………………………………………… 1.000€ - 1.500€

Satellite symposium with the duration 30 or 45 minutes.
The scientific materials of the program should be in accordance with the evidence-based medicine and approved by the scientific committee.

* This includes: Rental of conference room, standard audio/visual equipment, display and technical staff
* Permission to use the slogan: “15th BANTAO Congress (Balkan Association of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs) and ERA-EDTA & ISN course”
* The program of the Congress and the resumes will be included in the final program (the material to be received by the date of publication)
* Confirmation on the sponsor site

EXHIBITION SPACE (UP TO 3M²) ........................................................................................................... 1.000€

* The stands should be reserved and labeled on the sketch by principle that first pays the first selects the position of stand
* The stands are set during the whole time of the Congress and the price does not include hostesses and arranging the stand
* The sketch of the stands according to the current situation, will be sent additionally.

CONGRESS FOLDERS (COMPANY LOGO AT THE BACK SIDE).................................................. 1.000€
The folders of the Congress will be distributed to all participants of the event.
The sponsor provides folders for each participant.

* The folder will bear the logo / name of the sponsor
* The logo will be displayed on the website of the Congress
* Confirmation on the sponsor site
* Confirmation of sponsorship list in the final program
**NOTEBOOK** .......................................................................................................................................................................................... 500 €

The notebook will bear the name and the logo of the company sponsor and will be distributed inside the Congress folder.

The sponsor provides folders for each participant.

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**ADVERTISING IN THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS LISTED BELOW:**

* **Book of abstracts (exclusively) A4 format - Bantao Journal**

The book of abstracts will be distributed to all participants.

1. Whole page of advertisement at the back cover (exclusively) 1,000 €
* Inner front cover 800 €
* Inner back cover 600 €
* Inner page 500 €

* **Final program (exclusively)**

The final program will be distributed to all participants.

* Whole page of advertisement at the back cover (exclusively) 500 €
* Inner front page 400 €
* Inner back cover 300 €
* Inner page 200 €

* **Advertisement with logo at the back cover of the notebook** 400 €

* **Presentation with logo on the main banner at the entrance** 300 €

* **Presentation with company’s roll banner (max.1x2m) at the entrance** 500 €

* FLYER (max. A4 format x1) in the folder ............................................................................................................................................. 500 €
* FLYER (max. A4 format x1) at the congress stand ........................................................................................................................ 300 €
* BROCHURE (max. A4 format x1) in the folder .................................................................................................................. 500 € + 20 € page
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