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Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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13th Congress of the Balkan Cities Association of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs (BANTAO)

Joint II Symposium for Renal replacement of the kidney function in Bosnia and Herzegovina

CME Course "Chronic kidney diseases and kidney transplantation in the developing countries"
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The Balkan Peninsula, or the Balkans, is the traditional name of a region in Southeast Europe mostly known for its eventful past, frequently-fought wars, occasional intolerance amongst its peoples, but also for its significant contribution to Europe's and the world's cultural history, untouched landscapes, remarkable success in sports and, most of all, proud and courageous inhabitants. The Balkans are populated by residents of different origin and diverse cultural, socio-political and religious views. Immense are the differences in economic and geopolitical status of particular Balkan countries. Some are politically and economically stable, developed countries and are members of the European Union. Others are politically unstable, economically undeveloped and no more than potential candidates for entering the European Union. However, despite these differences, we are connected through shared history and geographical area, some through a shared language, as well as relatively similar desires and possibilities.

One of the primary aims of The Balkan Cities Association of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs (BANTAO), founded in 1993. in Ohrid, is to promote and encourage scientific and technological cooperation in the field of renal medicine, including transplantations and artificial organs. BANTAO provides us with the possibility to exchange experiences and knowledge, to educate one another and work on collaborating professional and scientific projects. So far 12 extremely successful BANTAO congresses have been held, and as of 2007 they have been followed by CME courses. All of us, nephrologists from the Balkans, can testify to the fact that our professional and scientific gatherings always include the most acknowledged experts.
from Europe and the rest of the world, and are highly efficient, educational and inspiring for future professional and scientific progress and improved treatment of those suffering from kidney disease in our region. Another important success of BANTAO is the semi-annual BANTAO journal introduced in 2003 and is becoming a highly regarded publication in the realm of nephrology.

BANTAO represents a successful model of cooperation in the Balkans and makes our borders less noticeable. To that end, we need to continue our cooperation in a friendly, i.e. BANTAO spirit that carries local as well as global significance in present time. We hope for a qualitative professional and scientific Congress in Sarajevo in October 2017, followed throughout by socializing, renewing existing and making new professional acquaintances as well as friendships.

Looking forward to seeing you, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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CLINICAL NEPHROLOGY
1. Glomerular disease
2. Obesity and kidney diseases
3. Chronic kidney disease and complications
4. CKD progression
5. Cardiorenal syndrome
6. Renal anemia
7. Chronic kidney disease - mineral and bone disorders
8. Update in Kidney Disease Guidelines
9. Biomarkers
10. Nephrolithiasis

DIALYSIS
1. Pre-dialysis education
2. Acute kidney injury - Young nephrologists forum
3. Vascular and peritoneal access for dialysis
4. Best clinical practice in dialysis
5. Dialysis complications
6. Peritoneal dialysis
7. Other blood purification methods
8. Various topics

KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION
1. Preparation for kidney transplant recipient
2. Immunosuppression protocols
3. Individualization in immunosuppressive treatment
4. Complications after kidney transplantation
5. Kidney transplantation in Balkan countries
6. Various topics

ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION
1. Resistant hypertension and renal denervation
2. Hypertension complications
3. Therapeutic targets
4. Various topics

A local Symposium organized by the Society of Nephrology, Dialysis and Kidney Transplantation in Bosnia and Herzegovina will be held parallel to the main program.

LANGUAGE
The official language of the BANTAO Congress and DiaTransplant is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Both English and the local language may be used during the Local Symposium.
IMPORTANT DATES

Congress duration: October 4th –8th, 2017
Deadline for Early Bird Registration: June 30th, 2017
Deadline for submission of abstracts: June 30th, 2017
Deadline for hotel reservation: June 30th, 2017

CONGRESS VENUE

Hotel Bristol, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
www.bristolsarajevo.com
Hotel Bristol Sarajevo, a first class hotel which provides services in compliance with international hospitality standards. Contemporary design, stylish dining and state of the art meeting facilities, all carefully planned to provide memorable and cheerful experiences. Simple yet surprising pleasures!

A world of tranquility. A mindful and functional design to invigorate your senses and restore your life’s energy. Panoramic views of the city allowing you to explore Sarajevo over and over again. A selection of three room categories for you to choose from. Unique design with a dash of extra zest to spark up your visit.
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Authors are encouraged to submit their abstracts electronically not later than June 30th 2017 to the address: abstracts@bantao2017.ba
Abstracts (sent electronically or by fax) submitted after the deadline will not be accepted! The authors will be notified by July 31st 2017.

Abstract have to be attached as a document, written in MS Word, font style Times New Roman, font size 12 points, spacing 1,5 points and including as follows:
• The title must be brief and in CAPITALS.
• New line: Family name of the authors followed by initial(s), Underline the name of the presenting author.
• New line: The institution, city and country.
• Leave one blank line before the main text.
• Body of the text: describing purpose, materials and methods, results and conclusions. Do not include references.
• Use only standard abbreviations.
• The maximum abstract length excluding title, authors and affiliation (abstract body only) is 300 words.

The following information should be provided in the e-mail with each abstract:
Author’s name, organisation, complete contact data: address and e-mail.
The letter of confirmation as well as all further information will be sent to the enclosed e-mail!
Indicate main topic and three key words important for your abstract.
INCOMPLETE OR IRREGULAR ABSTRACTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!

Posters
During poster session there will be a three-minute oral presentation followed by short discussion in front of each poster.
INCOMPLETE OR IRREGULAR ABSTRACTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!

Best Poster Award
The best poster in each main topic of nephrology, dialysis and transplantation, selected by the Congress scientific committee will be awarded.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration form on the Congress website: www.bantao2017.ba should be used when registering for the Congress. Please note that registrations will not be effective until the organizers receive the registration fees.
Please send the completed registration form and the proof of payment via e-mail or fax to the Technical Organizer PROMO TOURS.
ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

The Technical Organizer has reserved hotel rooms for the delegates. You can book your accommodation on the Congress website: www.bantao2017.ba

Hotel accommodation is booked on a first-come, first served basis. If you wish to share accommodation, please indicate the name of the participant with whom you have arranged to share a room. Reservations should be made no later than June 30th, 2017. After this date desired hotel accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

The above mentioned prices indicated per person including taxes and VAT are valid only if the booking is made through the official technical organizer. After payment is well received (free of bank fee) each participant will receive a letter of confirmation.

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Price per person on bed & breakfast basis in Bristol hotel 4-star hotel (congress venue)

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Shuttle service from/to chosen hotels will be provided from/to congress venue

The registration fee includes:
Attendance at all scientific sessions and exhibition, Final program, Abstract book, Congress bag, Certificate of attendance, Coffee breaks, Light lunches, Gala dinner

Confirmation
Upon receipt of the registration and/or reservation form, technical organizer PROMO TOURS will send invoice and instruction for payment. After payment is well received (free of bank fee) each participant will receive a letter of confirmation.
GENERAL INFORMATION

Opening ceremony .............................................. Wednesday, 04.10.2017, 20:00 h
Sarajevo tour ................................................. Thursday, 05.10.2017, 18:00 h
Ceremonial dinner ............................................. Friday, 06.10.2017, 20:30 h

On Site Registration

The registration desk will be situated in the hotel near the Congress hall.
On-site registration desk will be possible:

**BANTAO Registration:**
- Wednesday, October 4th ................................................................. 10.00 - 20.00
- Thursday, October 5th ................................................................. 08.00 - 18.00
- Friday, October 6th ................................................................. 08.00 - 18.00

**CME Registration:**
- Saturday, October 7th ................................................................. 08.00 - 18.00
- Sunday, October 8th ................................................................. 08.00 - 12.00

Cancellation Policy

Notification of cancellation should be sent in written form to the Technical Organizer Promo Tours to info@promotours.ba.

Before June 30th, 2017, the accommodation deposit and registration fee will be refunded.
From July 1st until August 31st, 2017 50% of the accommodation deposit and 50% of the registration fee will be refunded.

After August 31st, 2017 no refund will be granted for accommodation and registration cancellation.

Administration fee of 50,00 € will be charged for on-time name changes.
All refunds will be handled after the Congress.
Sarajevo is a city in which even strangers can feel at home. Neither geographically expansive nor characterised by large buildings, the city retains a particular, arresting charm with its abundance of busy cafés and abiding tradition of hospitality.

The city's breathtaking backdrop of seemingly endless hills and towering mountains have in a sense always isolated the city, creating a timeless world, which despite its seclusion has always kept its doors open to the rest of the world. Although Sarajevo is a capital city typified by the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it also possesses a unique ambience that seeps into the soul.

This city epitomizes a partial centuries-old struggle against outside influences combined with the absorption of these influences into one of the most diverse cultures in Europe. Indeed, few places on earth feature an Orthodox and a Catholic church, a mosque and a synagogue within easy walking distance of each other. If there were any city in Europe that effortlessly straddles east and west, it is Sarajevo. Here the Byzantine and Ottoman empires of the east and the Roman, Venetian and Austro-Hungarian empires of the west left an indelible mark through culture, traditions and religions. A walk through Sarajevo is a walk through its past. From the oriental Ottoman quarters lined with sweet shops, cafés and handicraft workshops, to the administrative and cultural centre of Austro-Hungarian times, Sarajevo encompasses the very best of both worlds.

In Sarajevo, people have time for family and friends. It is often said that a man's wealth here is not measured in his material belongings but rather in his friendships.

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