

Joint meeting of Research Group on Organization and Delivery of Neurological Services (RGODNS) of World Federation of Neurology (WFN), Central and Eastern European Stroke Society (CEESS) and International Neuropsychiatric Pula Congress (INPC)

50th International Neuropsychiatric Pula Congress (INPC)

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The International Neuropsychiatric Pula Congress (INPC) is internationally acknowledged scientific meeting organized continuously through five decades. The main characteristic of the meeting is dealing with the new challenges in neurology and psychiatry. Joint meeting of Research Group on Delivery of Neurological Services (RGODNS) of World Federation of Neurology (WFN), Central and Eastern European Stroke Society (CEESS) and INPC was successfully organized on Thursday, June 17, 2010 from 16:00-19:00 p.m. *Prevention of Stroke* was the main topic of the meeting.

Chairpersons of the meeting were: Professor L. Battistin, Professor V. Demarin, and Professor N. Bornstein. Lecture themes covered wide field of stroke prevention, ranging from primary and secondary preventive measures, post stroke sequels and integrated stroke services in Europe. The first speaker, Professor L. Battistin (Padova, Italy) gave a lecture with the title: *The role of RGODNS in stroke prevention*. In his talk he commented on delivery of neurological services in European countries. The second speaker was our acknowledged neuropsychiatrist, Professor V. Demarin (Zagreb, Croatia), who was recently recognized as the Fellow of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. The title of her outstanding lecture was: *Cryptogenic stroke—challenges in recognizing and treating Fabry disease*. Professor V. Demarin is one of the pioneers in the neurosonological research and the first to recognize the importance of stroke prevention and stroke management in Croatia. She presented advances in neurogenetics and challenges of recognizing the cryptogenic stroke. The third speaker, Professor N. Bornstein (Tel Aviv, Israel) elaborated the role of *Statins in Stroke Prevention*. Further on, the lecture on *Stroke Units as Secondary Prevention Centres*, was presented by Lj. Bumbaširević (Belgrade, Serbia), and followed by the lecture of T. Rundek (Miami, USA), who talked about *Secondary Stroke Prevention*. M. Šternić (Belgrade, Serbia) highlighted *The Role of Diabetes in Stroke Prevention*, while Professor O. Sinanović (Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina) talked about *Post-Stroke Aphasia*. Professor K. Niederkorn (Graz, Austria) gave a lecture on *Integrated Stroke Services in Styria*, while B. Žvan (Ljubljana, Slovenia) presented *Stroke Prevention Measures in Slovenia*. The meeting successfully ended with the lecture of M. Žikić (Novi Sad, Serbia), who spoke about the *Stroke and Art*. The meeting ended fruitfully gathering all the participants to farewell assembly. Within the frame of international collaboration in the field of neurology Joint meeting of RGODNS, CEESS and INPC definitely has an outstanding position in the tradition of the continuous contribution to stroke prevention worldwide.

Prof. Leontino Battistin, Chairman
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