

## ARG ODNS - 2012- REPORT

Members of our group, from many different countries, are active in their regions. In 2012 we were focused mainly on central and eastern european countries and we organized several meetings.

As part of these activities, members of our ARG were very active in their research, related to importance of delivery of neurological services, educational activities and spreading the knowledge to our colleagues in many parts of the world. Prof. Vida Demarin was active at 8th Congress of the SSNN (Society for the Study of Neuroregeneration and Neuroplasticity) in Dubrovnik, March 2012., Management of Pain, Moscow, November 2012., Neurological Meeting on Stroke in Ljubljana, Slovenia, March 2012., Challenges on Stroke in Belgrade, Serbia, April 2012., and Neurological Symposium on Headache in Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina in May 2012., to mention just some of them.

From June 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2012, our gorgeous City of Dubrovnik was the host of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Stroke School with international participation. For the first time, the Summer School was under the auspices of Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. The usual and proud auspicates are Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik, Croatian Stroke Society, Medical School University of Zagreb, Central and Eastern European Stroke Society and Research Group on Delivery of Neurological Services (RGODNS) of World Federation of Neurology (WFN). Joint meeting of our ARG ODNS and 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Stroke School was organized in Interuniversity Centre in Dubrovnik in June 2012.

The aim of the Course was once again to support the cooperation and promote exchange of knowledge and experience among participants from different countries. This meeting shad new light on epidemiology of stroke, its primary and secondary prevention, diagnostics, therapy and rehabilitation. All participants had a unique opportunity to share their national stroke data and discuss about specific stroke problems of their country. Countries of the East and West Europe had an opportunity to work together on solving problems related to stroke, wether they were medical, economical or of some other nature. We can not skip mentioning that all the hard work was awarded by rich social programme during the evenings. We look forward to 2013 course already!

52nd International Neuropsychiatric Pula Congress (INPC) was held from 20th to 23rd June 2012 under the auspices of the Croatian president Prof. Ivo Josipović. Congress is traditionally held in Verudela Hotels Brioni and Histria and organisers are: Kuratorium International Neuropsychiatric Pula Congress, Sestre milosrnice University Hospital Centre, Zagreb, and for the first time this year, Department of Medical Sciences of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. The main sponsors of the congress were the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia, the city of Graz, the city of Zagreb and Istria County. This year congress attended more than 350 international participants.

The main themes of the Congress were: Recent achievements in restorative neurology, new advances in psychopathology - the interaction of biological and psychological factors, and the theme of the joint meeting of the International Neuropsychiatric Pula Congress in the Section of Neuroscience Alps-Adria were discussions about different therapeutic procedures. Besides the main topic during this year's Congress numerous symposiums were also held: round table and workshops in collaboration with the Central and Eastern European Stroke Society (CEESS), World Federation of Neurology, Research Group on Delivery of Neurological Services (WFN RG ODNS) and one topic symposium related to dilemmas in therapies for different neurological disease (Stroke, Multiple Sclerosis, Epilepsy, Parkinson's Disease). and Croatian branch of the Italian Cochrane Centre (CBICC) on the topic: Introduction to the Cochrane systematic review and application of evidence-based medicine in everyday practice, the meeting of the European Society of young neurologists and residents (European Association of Young Neurologists and Trainees - EAYNT), European Summer School of psychopathology in Pula, 5th Pula International Symposium on Epilepsy, neurootological course of vertigo, the European standards for doctoral studies in the field of neurology, a symposium on forensic psychiatry, the German Symposium on the ongoing training in neuropsychiatry (Deutschsprachiges Neuropsychiatrisches Fortbildungs Symposium), a symposium on the quality of life of psychiatric patients, a symposium on connecting providers in neurorehabilitation, a symposium on the role and experiences of nurses in the care of patients with incontinence, symposium on deep brain stimulation, interactive school about headache and symposium on palliative care.

We are proud to announce that this year's 53rd INPC Congress in Pula, June 19-22, 2013. has got endorsement of WFN, and to express our gratitude for all efforts related to ARG organisation and activity.

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