



BCLF 2012 BELGRADE MEETINGS

20th Meeting of the Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation

8th EFCC Symposium for Balkan Region

18th Congress of Medical Biochemists of Serbia

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT



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Best Western Hotel M, Belgrade, Serbia



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Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation (BCLF)

Ministry of Education and Science of Serbia

Ministry of Health of Serbia

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INVITATION



Dear colleagues and friends,

The Society of Medical Biochemists of Belgrade has the pleasure of inviting you to the 20th Meeting of the Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation to be held in Belgrade, on September 18–22, 2012, joined together with the 8th EFCC Symposium for the Balkan Region and 18th Congress of Medical Biochemists of Serbia.

This is the third time that the Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia acts as the organizer of the BCLF Meetings. The Fourth Meeting of the Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation was held in Budva in 1996, and the 11th BCLF 2003 Meeting was organized in Belgrade, under the auspices of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC) and the Forum of the European Societies of Clinical Chemistry (FESCC). More than 500 scientists from all over the world and all the Balkan countries were present. It has been generally agreed that the meeting fulfilled the expectations and was a success.

The Serbian capital Belgrade, the host of the Meetings, is an ancient city. No one knows when the first settlers inhabited the area of present-day Belgrade. During the prehistoric era, the city surroundings were already densely populated. In those times, land and river caravans traveling along some of the oldest trade routes were meeting on its territory.

The ancient peoples who lived on this land were changing by turns: from the Illyrian tribe of Autariats, through Dacians, Celtic Scordians, to Thracian Sings, etc. Belgrade's many names include: Singidunum, Alba Bulgaricam, Nandorfejervar, Albanandor, Wiessenburg, Griechisch Weissenburg, Alba Graeca, Castelbianco and Beograd (Belgrade). It is believed that the first inhabitants of Belgrade were the Sings, one of the Thracian-Illyrian tribes. They

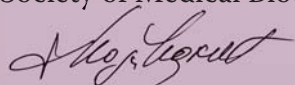
are mentioned by Herodotus, the father of European history. The city's first name recorded in history was SINGIDUNUM, most probably of Celtic origin, and can be found in the works of ancient authors and antique inscriptions. It was derived from the name of the Thracian tribe of SINGS and the Celtic word DUNUM, meaning »town«. In historic documents, the city appeared under the Slavic name Belograd or Beograd in the 9th century.

Belgrade lies at the mouth of two rivers, the Danube and the Sava, under the Avala mountain, and these are the silent witnesses of a long and bloody history of the city that has always risen from ashes, like the Phoenix, each time bigger and more beautiful.

The 20th BCLF Meeting in Belgrade will continue with its successful progress of the previous years, aiming to focus on the new data in the field of laboratory medicine. The intention is also to increase the participation of clinical chemists from all the Balkan countries, as well as from the neighboring states.

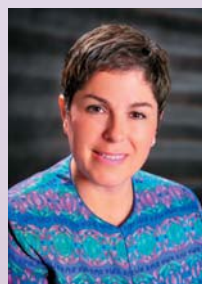
We hope that we will have the pleasure of your presence and, speaking on behalf of the Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia, we look forward to your active participation in the works of the 20th Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation Meeting and 8th Symposium for the Balkan Region, as well as the 18th Serbian National Congress of Medical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine.

President
Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia



Prof. dr Nada Majkić-Singh

WELCOME MESSAGE



On behalf of the Board of Balkan Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, it is an honour for me to welcome you to the 20th Meeting of the Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation, to be held in Belgrade, on September 18–22, 2012.

In support of our mission, 20th BCLF Meeting will bring together integrated studies from many laboratory medicine specialist and physician colleagues, contributing in the enhancement of understanding, diagnosis, therapy and prevention of diseases.

This meeting will be an arena of many discussions of the most challenging issues. Rapid technological changes and increasing of quality management request in laboratory medicine field have also brought an important change in the way of thinking about the patient's care and providing quality standards.

Over the last few years the public health and our physician colleagues have become increasingly aware of the fact that laboratory medicine serves as the basis for the majority of medical decisions. Now is our responsibility to improve and to apply widely »the gold standards« in our laboratory medicine practice. Supporting the application of the quality and competence international standard ISO 15189, the medical laboratories of all our Balkan countries will have a unique European standard.

20th BCLF Meeting in Belgrade will join us together; strengthen our friendship and professional communication, exploring in the same time the beauty and history of Belgrade, an old city full with history but in the same time full with life, joy and friendship.

I wish you to enjoy the 20th BCLF Meeting and your stay in Belgrade too.

BCLF President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anyla Bulo Kasneci'.

Prof. Anyla Bulo Kasneci



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PRE-CONGRESS SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

8th EFCC Symposium for Balkan Region

Under IFCC and EFCC Auspices

*Vitamin D Deficiency:
A new challenge for laboratory medicine*

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Best Western Hotel M, BELGRADE, SERBIA
September 19, 2012

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SREDA, 19. SEPTEMBAR 2012.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

9:00 – 13:00

Section 1

Chairs: *N. Majkić-Singh* (Serbia)
E. Topić (Croatia)
S. Ignjatović (Serbia)

Welcome – IFCC and EFCC activities

Introduction – Biochemistry and metabolism of vitamin D
Snežana Jovičić (Belgrade, Serbia)

Vitamin D relevance – challenges in diagnosis and monitoring of hypovitaminosis D
Prof. Dr med. Michael Vogeser (Munich, Germany)

Vitamin D insufficiency: implications for multiple sclerosis
Prof. Charles Pierrot-Deseilligny (Paris, France)

Coffee break

Section 2

Chairs: *V. Popović* (Serbia)
D. Pavlović (Croatia)

Vitamin D in prevention of renal and cardiovascular disease
Doc. Dr Draško Pavlović (Zagreb, Croatia)

The role of vitamin D in osteoporosis
Prof. Dr Vera Popović (Belgrade, Serbia)

The role of vitamin D in multisystem sarcoidosis
Prof. Dr Violeta Mihailović-Vučinić (Belgrade, Serbia)

Vitamin D deficiency in autoimmune diseases
Lecturer to be announced

Contribution of diet for vitamin D status
Prof. Dr Maja Nikolić (Niš, Serbia)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

Section 3

14:30 – 16:00

Chairs: *M. Serteser* (Turkey)
N. Babić (USA)

Vitamin D measurement – challenges in exact diagnosis, pitfalls, standardization, results of the Elecsys vitamin D total assay
Dr Heinz Juergen (Pablo) Roth (Heidelberg, Germany)

Challenges in vitamin D analysis
Asc. Prof. Mustafa Serteser (Istanbul, Turkey)

Analytical methods and performance of immunoassays methods in comparison to mass spectrometry
Dr Nikolina Babić (Chicago, USA)

The low serum concentration of 25-OH vitamin D in patients with early rheumatoid arthritis
Dr Manole Cojocaru, Inimiara Mihaela Cojocaru, Isabela Silosi (Bucharest & Craiova, Romania)

Section 4

Experiences from Balkan region
(participation of Serbia, Turkey, Greece, Romania etc.)

Comparison of three different methods for 25(OH)-vitamin D determination and vitamin D status in general population – Serbian experience
Snežana Jovičić (Belgrade, Serbia)



20th MEETING OF THE BALKAN CLINICAL LABORATORY FEDERATION

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC TOPICS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

18:00 – 21:00

Opening Ceremony

Opening Introduction

Welcome addresses on behalf of local authorities

Welcome addresses of Scientific and Organizing Committee Chairmen

Awards Presentation

BALKAN BioSystems AWARD for young researchers 2012

Society Medical Biochemists Award 2012

Opening Lecture

Chairs: *Nada Majkić-Singh* (Belgrade, Serbia)

Svetlana Ignjatović (Belgrade, Serbia)

Vitamin D: A D-Lightful Solution for Good Health

Professor Michael Holick (Boston, USA)

Welcome Reception