

## **14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Romanian Society of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology – report**

Between 10 and 12 of June in Târgu Mureş took place The 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Romanian Society of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (SRUMB), an event of high scientific level, combined with an influx of art and history given by the location in the Palace of Culture, a unique and remarkable construction from the beginning of the century.

Two courses had been held as the preconference scientific events: in 10-th of June the prestigious Euroson School educational course organized by EFSUMB and a Refresher Course organized by the local committee members on Thursday 9-th of June.

EUROSON SCHOOL course named “Advances in small parts ultrasonography” brought together prestigious presenters from Europe, Prof. Norbert Gritzmann – Austria, Doctor Herve Monpaissant – France, Doctor Adrian Grunfeld – Israel and Doctor Kazimierz Szopinsky – Poland, and local specialists in this field, led by Prof. Viorela Enăchescu – Craiova and Assoc. Prof. Cristina Ghervan – Cluj-Napoca, the Course Directors. 200 participants attended the course programme this year and 350 participated to the conference.

Preconference course was held by local organizers with the title “Importance of US examination in the ER”, with interesting themes from gastroenterology, kidney disease, cardiology, surgery, pediatry, and gynecology.

This year the conference had an interesting scientific program planned by the Scientific Committee led by professor Sorin Ducea – Cluj-Napoca. This included the gastro-enterology and hepatology workshop named “WFUMB center of excellence” organized by Prof. Ioan Sporea – Timișoara, clinical cases presentations, emergency workshop, pediatric session, obstetrics and gynecology session, sessions for the best scientific papers, poster-session, and echocardiography.

In the main Hall of the Palace of Culture held the important “WFUMB center of excellence” session with invited speakers from Germany – Prof. Harald Lutz, Prof. Dieter Nurnberg, from Austria – Prof. Norbert Gritzmann and from Japan, president elect of the WFUMB, Prof. Masatoshi Kudo, together with Romanian experts in domain – Prof. Radu Badea, president of SRUMB, Prof. Ioan Sporea, former SRUMB president, Dr. Mon-

ica Lupșor, Prof. Adrian Săftoiu, Dr. Mirela Dănila, Dr. Roxana Șirli, Dr. Alina Popescu, and Dr. Ciprian Brisc. It was a unique opportunity for the participants to hear about the newest ultrasound techniques used for the examination of bowel, stomach and liver diseases.

The morning “Meet the experts” lectures were short, concise and high level information in different ultrasound fields: contrast agents CEUS, education, preparation of “in-training” doctors, malpraxis in ultrasound and



**Fig 1.** Opening ceremony, from left to the right: Prof. Radu Badea (SRUMB president), Dr. Kazimierz Szopinsky (Poland), Dr. Herve Monpaissant (France), Prof. Norbert Gritzmann (Austria), Dr Mirela Gliga (Romania) Prof. Constantin Copotiu (rector of the UMF Tg Mureş)



**Fig 2.** The Main Hall during opening ceremony



**Fig 3.** During Euroson School



**Fig 4.** The poster exhibition

organization of the ultrasound private practice, these being very attractive for the participants.

Other topics presented in a high scientific manner were: ultrasound for the family doctors, musculoskeletal emergencies, US in the Intensive Care Unit, US in the painful abdomen, and US in kidney tumors (in collaboration with Romanian Society of Radiology). This year's new proposals from the local organizers were "The Live Scanning Workshops", as another opportunity from the main sponsors to offer their state-of-the-art devices to be used by the participants in "hands-on" special sessions.

Nonetheless the social program was very pleasant, starting with the opening ceremony and a Classical Music Concert sustained by local students from the College of Music followed by the opening Cocktail and Saturday evening Gala Dinner.

This year's exhibition area was organized in the main lobby of the Palace of Culture, where traditional and local sponsors exposed their products.

We conclude that the conference was a success, both scientifically and socially and a good opportunity to meet new friends and to welcome again in Romania our invited speakers from Europe and Japan. Finally a kind remark from Prof Harald Lutz: "It was a nice meeting in Târgu Mureş and a really good level of the presentations and discussions in a very pleasant and friendly atmosphere".

I would like to thank all my colleagues from the local committee, scientific committee, sponsors and all those who contributed to the great success of the conference.

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