Welcome to XIII Baltic Nephrology Conference

Dear colleagues and friends! It is an honour for our nephrology association to welcome you in Latvia, Jūrmala, to our already XIII Baltic Nephrology conference! With your participation we are sure it will turn out as great a scientific and nephrological success as were all 12 previous biannual meetings. This is the same conference hotel, where in 1992 our first seminar was held, which started tight friendship of all nephrological community of Baltic states. First meeting also heralded rapid development of modern nephrology in our countries. Seminal initiative came from our teachers – professor Eberhard Ritz and professor Ilmārs Lazovskis. During these fast flying 24 years many well known nephrologists have committed to our education — Stewart Cameron, Barry Brenner, Francesco Locatelli, Norbert Lameire, Claudio Ponticelli to mention just a few. Professor Eberhard Ritz was in centre of organisation of all meetings except just last ones and we warmly wish to our great friend a strong health further. During these years nephrology in our countries have stepped to the new advanced level. Some of these advances are expressed in good RRT incidence, in more that 50% of transplanted patients, in high percentage of PD patients in dialysis, top quality HD techniques, extensive usage of renal biopsies and good morphological expertise in all 3 countries and also due to friendly cooperation. We hope this meeting will give new ideas of further development to everyone and also will give enjoyment to meet old friends.

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Schedule of events

Thursday, October 13
12.00 – 21.00  Registration
14.00 – 16.00  BELLNA meeting or Pre-conference scientific session
17.00 – 20.00  Welcome reception

Friday, October 14
8.40   Conference opening and ISN award ceremony
9.15 – 17.00  Scientific sessions
19.00 – 23.00  Nephrological dinner

Saturday, October 15
9.00 – 14.00  Scientific sessions
14.00 – 15.00  Lunch

The final programme will include topics on:
Glomerular disease: what’s new in 2016?, Hypertension: resistant and dialysis-associated, Assessment of adequacy: hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, Rare diseases: Fabry disease and complement system disturbances associated, Role of infection in renal disease, Management of a recipient with a failing kidney transplant, Diabetes treatment in CKD, Sodium and water disturbances in RRT patients, and more…

The conference programme will be enriched by participation of:
Andrzej Wiecek, John Feehally, Wim van Biesen, James Heaf, Edwina Brown, Richard Sterns, Christoph Wanner, Andrew J. Rees, Kati Kaartinen and leading speakers from Baltic countries.
Conference venue

Conference will take place at the Baltic Beach hotel — address: Jūras iela 23/25, Jūrmala, Latvia, web – /www.balticbeach.lv/. Location is very convenient and accessible in 10 minutes from airport and in 30 min from Riga city center. This conference hotel is also historical for all Baltic nephrology due to the fact, that there the first ever Baltic Nephrology conference in 1992 took place.

Registration fee

Registration fee is 100 euros for nephrologists, 50 euros for nephrology residents and accompanying persons. Deadline for registration is September 23rd. Unfortunaley or fortunately our BNC is limited to ca. 150 – 200 participants, therefore registration wil happen on first come- first serve basis.

How to register and book room in conference hotel

1 – register. Registration fee with remark – your name, surname, XIII BNC – have to be transferred to LNA konto: Latvijas Nefrologu asociacijas, Reg. Nr. 40008004227, Swedbank, SWIFT: HABALV22, konto LV49HABA000140J035997. (See also www.nefrologs.lv. In case if you need special payment conditions, contact Zane Smeltere-Spulle - LNA secretary-treasurer.)

2 – book your room. Download from /www.nefrologs.lv/ the Hotel Reservation Form-XIII BNC. doc. Fill the data and send the form by e-mail to events@balticbeach.lv or fax +371 67771420. Afterwards your will receive invoice and confirmation from Ms. Alisa Jung (events@balticbeach.lv)

3 – send an abstract. Abstracts are very welcome. Best 3 will be rewarded. See details further.
Abstracts

Deadline for abstract submission: **September 10, 2016.** Abstract submission is available for the registered participants only.

Abstracts must be submitted electronically via email to inara.adamsone@stradini.lv with the email topic “Abstract BNC” and your MS Word document as an attachment. Please include your full address and contact details of the first author in the email. After submitting your abstract, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive it, please contact (inara.adamsone@stradini.lv).

All abstracts will be reviewed before September 20, 2016. After the Scientific Committee completes its review, the first author will receive email notification of the abstract assignment and detailed instructions for oral or poster presentations. All accepted abstracts will be included in both the web and printed Final Conference Programme and Abstract Book.

**Abstract requirements**
Abstracts must be original work or case report. The use of figures, graphs and schemes is not recommended. No longer than A4 format, 2.5 cm margins, Times New Roman 12 pt font, single line spacing.

Abstract should contain all typical parts. Case report abstract should contain: 1) background, 2) case description, 3) discussion.

Presenting author should be **underlined.** Author(s) full first name(s), family name(s), places of work (institution, city, country) must be shown, but omit degrees, titles, appointments, postal address and acknowledgement of support. Two keywords are required; up to 5 are allowed.

**Preferred method of presentation**
Please indicate your preferred method of presentation at the end of your abstract — whether Oral Presentation (7 + 3 minutes questions) or Poster Presentation.
Exhibition

There will be industry exhibition in the lobby of the conference hall. Any interested partner please contact Harijs Čerņevskis: harijs.cernevskis@stradini.lv for further details.
We express our sincere thanks to all partners and supporters!!

(Precise list will be published later)