

Foreword

The Fourth Congress of Public Orodonal Health and Dental Management in the Black Sea Countries

The fourth edition of this prestigious congress proceeded at Golden Sands, Bulgaria, on 29-31 May 2006. It was jointly organized by the Dental Faculty of the Varna University of Medicine and the Faculty of Dentistry of the "Ovidius" University of Constanta, Romania.

The proceedings focused on such topics as: orodental public health - present and future in the Black Sea Countries; promotion of orodental health; preventive dentistry; management of the dental office.

Attendance was large, as with the first three editions - roughly 600 attendants. Apart from the representatives of Romania and Bulgaria, there came guests of consequence from Canada, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, England, Austria, and, obviously, from the Black Sea Countries.

A heightened interest in the "Management of Orodonal Health Services" was for the first time made evident at this Congress. The issue was debated upon as regards covering orodental health services by social houses of health insurance, private insurance in dentistry, the task and performance of College of Physicians in various countries, integration of dental medicine within EU.

Specific knowledge contributed by EU countries professionals along with those from other continents was added to

exchanges of ideas among dental surgeons of Romania and Bulgaria who are to enter the EU jointly.

The successful organization of our Congresses of Orodonal Public Health in the Black Sea Countries has been highly appreciated by professionals of other areas where, despite attempts, such events could not be set up.

As for us, we will continue staging such scientific events and equally welcome invitation of similar developments in other Black Sea Countries. We stay open to any sort of cooperation, this being the sole procedure to secure high level performance.

We are in a position to thereby advise you with satisfaction that the number of contributions to our journal has significantly risen, which acknowledges its secure prospects. You are kindly requested to back us up in our efforts of raising quality standards by sending in your contributions, to the journal main subject, if possible.

In hopes you will accept our invitation extended to you, I wish you enjoyable summer holidays.

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