

The 28th Scientific Expert Conference of Pediatricians from the North-Eastern Region of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Current Problems in Pediatrics – 2018

The 28th Scientific Expert Conference of Pediatricians from the North-Eastern Region of Bosnia and Herzegovina was held in Tuzla, on October 27th 2018. The venue was the Congress Hall of the Tuzla Hotel, and it was supported by the Central European Journal of Pediatrics, the peer-reviewed scientific journal of the University Clinical Centre Tuzla and Tuzla Children's Hospital of the University Clinical Centre Tuzla. The title of the Conference was "Current Problems in Pediatrics - 2018", and in line with this title, six lecturers from different medical fields were invited. About 115 participants, mainly pediatricians from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina, gathered in the meeting hall so the atmosphere was very motivating for the lecturers from the very beginning.

The meeting started with welcome addresses by the two main organizers: academician Husref Tahirović, professor emeritus of Pediatrics and Editor-in-Chief of the Central European Journal of Pediatrics, who was the founder of the Conference, and Edin Husarić, the head of Tuzla Children's Hospital.

The program was divided into two parts starting with a lecture by Prof. Milica Bajčetić, from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade, Serbia, with an update related to antibiotic therapy in pediatrics. She presented the contemporary trends in this field of treatment, especially pointing out the problem of bacterial resistance to antibiotics,

which has mainly been caused by inappropriate use of these medicines in practice all over the world. Prof. Goran Roić, from Zagreb Children's Hospital, and the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia spoke about the importance and diagnostic possibilities of scrotal ultrasound examination in children. The first part of the meeting ended with a lecture entitled "The legal responsibility of doctors in pediatric practice". The lecturer was Prof. Slobodan Savić, from the Institute of Forensic Medicine of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade, Serbia. He reported that the problem of legal responsibility of health workers in Serbia has been very present over the last decade, and the number of cases in which this type of responsibility is debated in the courts has continuously increased. The main characteristics of medical negligence as a crime and the prerequisites for the legal sanctioning of medical doctors were presented through very illustrative cases from autopsy and medico-legal expertise practice.

After a short coffee break the second part of the conference started with a lecture by Prof. Goran Tešović, from the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Department, of the Dr. Fran Mihaljević University Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Zagreb, Croatia. The title of his lecture was "Measles – an unfounded fear or a real danger?". The problem of the reactivation of measles was pointed out in

a very interesting way, with the explanation that refusing vaccination, based on the fear of harmful complications of the MMR vaccine, is the main cause of the increasing number of cases. Dr. Vladimir Kojović, doctor of medical sciences, and urologist from the “Institute for Health Care of Mother and Child”, Belgrade, Serbia, presented the current approaches used in the treatment of congenital genital anomalies with many illustrative pictures of the pre- and postoperative status clearly showing the efficacy of this type of surgery. Dr. Edin Husarić, doctor of medical sciences, from the Children's Hospital in Tuzla, talked about surgical treatment in cases of undescended testicles.

The participants listened to all the lectures with great attention, and the discussions about all the topics were fruitful. All six lectures were recorded and transformed into internet video webinars, so the lectures can

be viewed and heard at any time on: <https://cme.ba/course/pedprob/>

After the working part of the meeting, cocktails offered a very good opportunity for participants to get to know one another and to sum up their impressions of the lectures and the issues discussed. On behalf of all the participants I wish to express our tremendous gratitude to the organizers, Prof. Husref Tahirović and Dr. Edin Husarić, for their hospitality and the perfectly organized conference that enabled the audience to learn very important updates from various medical and pediatric fields.

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