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Letter From the WACP President

Dear colleagues,

In this short report, I would like to summarize the work and the activities of the World Association of Croatian Physicians in the year behind us.

The membership has increased to 420 members in the past year. We are especially pleased that a group of 30 Croatian physicians from Argentina has joined our Association.

As far as our active work in the last year is concerned, we have mostly been engaged in the preparation for our participation at the Croatian Physicians Association Assembly in Zadar. We have also been preparing the material which will be published in the Fifth Annual Report. The publishing should be completed before the next WACP Assembly.

We have also managed to insure hospital practice in Germany and the USA for four fellow physicians from Croatia.

I would like to use this opportunity to kindly ask both the colleagues willing and having the possibility to admit fellow physicians for a hospital practice, and the physicians willing to practice in Croatia, to contact us.

Three medical students were granted scholarships. The rewards for the best paper published in CMJ in 1995 were awarded as well. The fund raising for Croatian war orphans has been continued, so that we raised about DM70,000 in the last year.

The Association's treasury for 1995 was reviewed by the German Internal Revenue Service, and no irregularities were found.

Total income was DM40,071.62. The expenses were (in DM): bank expenses 875.30; telephone-fax 892.32; scholarships 3,000.00, hospital practice 430.97, congress contributions 1,000.00, equipment for Osijek 6,475.75, mail expenses 1,217.00, CMJ 6,000.00, Zlatni cekin (Gold Coin) activities 2,155.60, Croatian parliament 100.00, translations 1,000.00, rewards 1,000.00, solicitor 119.00. Total expenses (in DM) in 1995 amounted to 24,272.94, leaving the balance of 15,798.94.

As it was announced, our Fifth Assembly will be held from 8-10 May 1997 at the Ambassador Hotel in Opatija, Croatia. We have managed to insure the participation of 12 speakers from the world, as well as from our homeland. Istrian dinner is planned for May 8 and festive dinner for May 9. A boat excursion is scheduled for May 10. Other particulars will be proceeded in time.

We invite you to come to Opatija and hope to meet you in great number.

Yours sincerely,

Ivo Baca
WACP President

**JOINT MEETING OF
THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF CROATIAN PHYSICIANS
THE CROATIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
THE ASSOCIATION OF CROATIAN
STOMATOLOGISTS**

**THE AMAC-PHYSICIANS SECTION AND
THE FIFTH ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD
ASSOCIATION OF CROATIAN PHYSICIANS**

Opatija, May 8-10, 1997, Ambassador Hotel

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Wednesday, May 7, 1996

8:00 p.m. *Welcome speech at the Ambassador Hotel*

Thursday, May 8, 1996

8:30 a.m. Opening session: Andrija Hebrang, Ivica Kostovic, Ivo Baca, Ante Drazancic, Vjekoslav Jerolimov, Zarko Dolinar, county mayor, and local organizers

9.30 a.m. Andrija Hebrang : Renewal of Medical Equipment in Croatia

10:00 a.m. *Chairmen: Valentin Barko, Osterholz-Scharmbeck, Germany and Ante Drazancic, Zagreb, Croatia*

•Berislav Tomac, Hagen, Germany: Problems of the Croatian Health System Seen by the Croatian Emigration

•Filip Culo, Zagreb, Biserka Radosevic-Stasic, Rijeka, Croatia: Present Curricula at the Schools of Medicine in Croatia

•Zeljko Metelko, Zagreb, Croatia: Croatian System of Health Care for Diabetics – Educational and Epidemiological Approach

•S. Tomek-Roksandic, V. Slavic-Vrzic, D. Kramaric, Zagreb, Croatia: Role of Medical Evidence in the Study of Citizens' Health Needs

11:00-11:30 a.m. *Break*

11:30 a.m. *Chairmen: Zarko Dolinar, Basel, Switzerland and Mladen Stulhofer, Zagreb, Croatia*

•Zlatko P. Pavelic, Cincinnati, USA: Molecular Biology in Clinical Oncology

•Ksandra Milas, Houston, USA: Molecular Biology and Genetic Therapy of Carcinomas

•Fran Dobrila, Rijeka, Croatia: Modern Theories of Breast Cancer and their Application in Practice

•Juraj Ostermann, Columbia, USA: Molecular Pathogenesis of Pituitary Tumors: Basic and Clinical Correlations

1:00-2:30 p.m. *Break*

2:30 p.m. *Chairmen: Vjekoslav Jerolimov, Zagreb and M. Legovic, Rijeka, Croatia*

•Zelimir Muretic, Zagreb, Croatia: Modern Principles of Orthodontic Therapy

•Zvonimir Curilovic, Zürich, Switzerland: Prevention of Caries in Children from Zürich-Universal Type

•Branko Dolenc, Salach, Germany: Paradental Regeneration of Strategically Connected Teeth: Supporting Prosthetic Structures

•Ivo Bokan, Verden, Germany: Possibilities and Limitations of Clinical Application of Physical

•Barriers in the Reconstruction of Paradental-Esthetic Components

4:00-4:30 p.m. *Break*

4:30 p.m. *Chairmen: Zvonimir Curilovic, Zürich, Switzerland and Zelimir Muretic, Zagreb, Croatia*

•Josip Bill, Würzburg, Germany: Microvascular Reconstruction in the Head and Neck

•Boris Pegan, Zagreb, Croatia: First Cochlear Implantations in Croatia

•Josip Paladino, Zagreb, Croatia: Keyhole Supraorbital Approach in Surgical Treatment of the Anterior Cranial Fossa

•Vlatko Carek, Zagreb, Croatia: Retention Loss in Partial Prosthesis

7:00 p.m. *Istrian dinner*

Friday, May 9, 1996

9:00 a.m. *Chairmen: Ante Petricevic, Split, Croatia and Bozo Petravic, Oberhausen, Germany*

•A. Sustic, Rijeka, Croatia: Diagnostic Ultrasound in Emergency Medicine Today

•Zeljko J. Bosnjak, Milwaukee, USA: Mechanisms of Heart Beat Disorders in Anesthesia

•Neven Olivari, Wesseling, Germany: New Methods of Exophthalmus Surgical Procedures. Experience After 700 Procedures

•I. Rakuljic, Z. Tomljanovic, D. Ekl, W. Klaric, I. Kirin, H. Stalekar, M. Zambelli, Rijeka, Croatia: Our Experience in Reimplantation Surgery

10:30-11:00 a.m. *Break*

11:00 a.m. *Chairman: Dusko Jelavic, Madrid, Spain*

•Reno Vlahcevic, Richmond, USA: A Current Topic from Gastroenterology

•Nadan M. Petri, Lovre Bojic, Goran Bacic, Nikola Druzijanic, Dejan Andric, Split, Croatia: Croatian Achievements in the Treatment of Crohn's Disease, Bell's Paresis and Other Indications in Ophthalmology by Hyperbaric Oxygenation

•Marko Herceg, New York, USA: Rehabilitation after Cerebral Insult and Injury

12:15-1:15 p.m. *WACP Assembly*

3:00 p.m. *Chairmen: Neven Olivari, Wesseling, Germany and Antun Tucak, Osijek, Croatia*

•Drago Novak, Bonn, Germany: Magnetic Resonance "State of the Art"

•D. Prlic, D. Kröpfel, A. Tucak, Osijek, Croatia: Modern Treatment of Hypospadias

•Zeljko Fuckar, Rijeka, Croatia: Clinical Analysis of Renal Carcinoma Over 23 Years

•Neven Tudoric, Zagreb, Croatia: Significance of Neurogenic Inflammation in Bronchial Asthma

8:00 p.m. *Festive dinner*

Saturday, May 10, 1996

9.00-10:00 a.m. *Round table: Scientific, Teaching and Professional Cooperation of the Medical Institutions at Home and Abroad*

•Participants: Ivica Kostovic, Ilija Skrinjaric, Niko Zurak, Matko Marusic, Antun Tucak, Mladen Stulhofer, Vjekoslav Jerolimov, Drago Novak, Zarko Dolinar, Juraj Osterman, Neven Olivari, Ivo Baca, Egidio Cepulic, Ante Drazancic

10:30 a.m. *Guest Speaker: Ivan Aralica*

12:00 *Boat Excursion.*