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The 16th Conference of the Romanian Society of Ultrasonography in Medicine and Biology

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Between 30.05-01.06.2013 the city of Oradea was the host for two important events for Romanian ultrasonography: the XVI National Conference of The Romanian Society of Ultrasonography in Medicine and Biology and the Endorsed European Course „Actualities in Ultrasonography: Contrast Enhanced Ultrasonography, Elastography, Echoendoscopy". The two events took place in the Culture House of this western city of Romania, under the auspices of SRUMB and the European Society of Ultrasonography in Medicine and Biology, in association with the University of Oradea.

The Endorsed European Course comprised three components and was held over one day and a half. This Course had components, which were united under the same umbrella of the actualities in ultrasonography.

The first day approached two important themes: CEUS and Elastography and the second day was dedicated to Ecoendoscopy. The Director of the Endorsed Course was Prof. Sorin Dudea, and the coordinators of each section were: for CEUS – Prof. Radu Badea, for Elastography – Prof. Sorin Dudea and for Echoendoscopy – Prof. Adrian Săftoiu.

The CEUS section had important guests, Romanian and from other countries: Prof. Kasimierz Szopinski, Prof. Dieter Nürnberg, Assoc. Prof. Zeno Spârchez, Dr. Alina Popescu. The Elastography Course was presented by Prof. Kasimierz Szopinski, Prof. Ioan Sporea, Prof. Adrian Săftoiu, Dr. Monica Lupşor Platon, Assoc. Prof. Cristina Ghervan, etc. The third theme, Echoendoscopy benefited from the lectures of Prof. Adrian Săftoiu, Prof. Cristian Gheorghe, Assoc. Prof. Eugen Dumitru, Assoc. Prof. Ciprian Brisc, Assoc. Prof. Andrada Seicean and other young collaborators. This section had live transmitted demonstrations with clinical cases. These clinical demonstrations were transmitted from the Gastroenterology Department of the Emergency Clinical County Hospital, Oradea by Prof. Adrian Săftoiu, Assoc. Prof. Andrada Seicean and Dr. Sergiu Cazacu and attracted a great deal of interest.

On the same day a special course for the medical students, coordinated by Dr. Monica Lupşor Platon, Dr. Alina Venter, Dr. Sorin Pop and Dr. Dan Sirca was included. This lecture was structured in two parts: abdomen and cardiovascular. Each part had two components, a theoretical one, with basic subjects of ultrasonography, and a practical one, with the possibilities of practicing ultrasonography on patients, with the aid of 6 ultrasound machines and experts. There was also an ultrasound simulator.

The lectures of the first days attracted a real high number of participants – doctors and students – organizers, presenting persons, experts being around 370.

The National Conference of the Romanian Society of Ultrasonography took place in the first day in 6 halls, in parallel sessions, registering a total of 17 scientific sessions and a practical workshop, all of them with a high scientific level. The first session, divided into two parts, by WFUMB, approached the importance of e ultrasonography in abdominal emergencies and was organized by Prof. Ioan Sporea and Prof. Dieter Nürnberg. The next scientific sessions included: endocavity and transperineal ultrasound (coordinators Prof. Radu Badea and Assoc. Prof. Zeno Spârchez), the sessions of commented clinical cases (coordinated by Prof. Petru Adrian Mircea and Prof. Cristina Cijevschi Prelipceanu), the gynecology session dedicated to ovary examinations (coordinators Prof. Dan Mihu and Dr Răzvan Ciortea), the session dedicated to muscle and skeleton ultrasound (by Assoc. Prof. Daniela Fodor and Dr. Mihaela Mihu). The protocols of ultrasound assistance of critical patients were presented in a session led by Dr. Adela Golea, Dr. Diana Cimpoesu and Dr. Antonius Petriş. This lecture had also two parts, a theoretical and a practical one. A round table also was organised, in cooperation with the Romanian Society of Medical Imaging, led by Prof. Sorin Dudea and Assoc. Prof. Adrian Şanta, which was concerned with the imaging exploration of malignant lymph nodes. Other scientific sessions were on the following subjects: thoracical



Fig 1. During the Opening Ceremony



Fig 2. In the Conference Hall



Fig 3. During the Ultrasound Assistance of Critical Patients workshop

ultrasound held by Assoc. Prof. Zeno Spârchez and Dr. Romeo Chira, a workshop on the mammary gland byAssoc. Prof. Adrian Costache and Prof. Viorela Enăchescu , the ultrasonography of the urinary system by Dr. Dan Stănescu and Prof. Sorin Dudea, renourinary and adrenal gland ultrasonography in pediatrics by Assoc. Prof. Ioana Anca, Dr. Otilia Fufezan followed by the scientific session of pediatrics;the ultrasonography of thyroid and parathyroid glands by Assoc. Prof. Cristina Ghervan, Dr. Călin Moş; a round table on telemedicine by Dr. Titus Şuteu and Dr. Roxana Şirli, a round table on medical education with the aid of ultrasonography by Prof. Radu Badea and Prof. Petru Adrian Mircea. As a novelty, the Ultrasonography Society from the Republic of Moldova, organized a round table, coordinated by Prof. Vasile Ţurcanu and Dr. Ion Dumbrăveanu, with very interesting ultrasonography topics, such as ultrasonography in masculine infertility and the role of ultrasonography in brain tumors. Another session was dedicated to the Companies Symposiums, where the Medist-GE, Siemens and Gadagroup companies presented their latest technologies.

The last day was dedicated to competition sessions, such as clinical ultrasound cases by coordinators Dr. Dan Stănescu and Prof. Adrian Săftoiu and original scientific presentations by Assoc. Prof. Adrian Şanta and Dr. Alina Popescu. There was also two magistral Conferences: the Gheorghe Badea Conference held by Dr. Nicolae Rednic, and the Gheorghe Jovin Conference by Assoc. Prof. Daniela Fodor.

Accompanying the conference a scientific poster session took place, where the best papers were selected. This National Conference registered a very high number of 500 participants, including organisers, experts and presenting doctors.

In parallel with the scientific presentations an exhibition of medical technology with an impressive number of exhibitors was present.

At the closing ceremony ceremony the President of the Romanian Society of Ultrasonography in Medicine and Biology, Prof. Radu Badea and the President of the Conference, Assoc. Prof. Ciprian Brisc assessed the medical presentations over the three days and the Conference prizes were conferred: The „Gheorghe Badea Award" was presented to The Center of Training in Ultrasonography for the University of Medicine and Pharmacy „Victor Babeş" Timişoara, WFUMB Center of Excellence,for the publishing of the electronic edition of the book „Hepatic Elastography Using Ultrasound". The „Gheorghe Jovin Award" was presented to the Center of Education and Research in Ultrasonography in the University of Medicine and Biology „Iuliu Haţieganu" Cluj Napoca, for the establishment of the Laboratory of Ultrasonography in the structure of the „Center of Practical Facilities and Simulation in Medicine", Medical University Cluj Napoca and for the initiation of the First Symposium of Medical Education Using Ultrasonography in Cluj Napoca in 31.05.2012. The „Florin Mircea Award" was won by Dr. Simona Bota and the Award for „The best presented case" was given to Dr. Irina Ivanov and Dr. Elena Rodica Perciun while Dr. Attila Tamas Szora won the award for „The best original scientific paper" and the award for „The best poster" was offered to Dr. Manuela Lenghel.

The rich social program, comprised the Official Opening Ceremony at the „Queen Mary Theatre" includ-

ing the participation of the „Fiat Lux" Choir and the wonderful evening in the „Oradea Restaurant", in an over 100 years old building, while the closing ceremony was held in the „President Complex" at Băile Felix.

On behalf of the Organisation Committee, I would like to thank all the participants, experts, companies and everyone who contributed to the organisation of the this very successful conference in Oradea this year.

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