



## WELCOME ADDRESS

Welcome to The First Congress of Cardiovascular Imaging in Belgrade, Serbia 2015.

The First Congress on Cardiovascular Imaging of Serbia is the Congress of great importance for our National Society. We expect exceptionally high attendance showing a growing interest among cardiologists and radiologists in both echocardiography and other imaging modalities such as CT, MR and Nuclear cardiology.

The idea to initiate the First congress on Cardiovascular Imaging of Serbia was born in October 2014 aiming to provide the cardiologist of tomorrow with the highest quality education platform for education and research in all imaging modalities.

I would like to mention that the year 2015 is 60th Jubilee year of the Cardiology Society of Serbia, which was founded in 1955.

I would also like to remind of some historical facts, on January 1949 a meeting was held in Brussels with representatives from 14 countries, among which was Yugoslavia with its representative –Academician Professor dr Vojislav Arnovljjevic.

The future of imaging undoubtedly belongs to young cardiologists and radiologist who are evolving to be „imagers“, embracing several imaging techniques, rather than specialists focusing on one approach. Consequently, Working Group strongly supports training of young specialists in all imaging modalities.

The development of „appropriateness criteria,, and local guidelines has also been given top priority in the activities of our Working Group.

The Working Group on Cardiovascular Imaging of Serbia wants to develop a strong international network, using joint activities with EACVI. The further development of research and education, incorporating multimodality imaging project, in collaboration with other associations worldwide also remains the goal of our Working Group. Our meeting, with number of distinguished international participants, is one step further in this cooperation.

Our congress will focus on the clinical scenario demonstrating how multimodality imaging may affect clinical decision making and outcome, through the interaction with leading imaging experts from all over the world.

An important part of the program is the presentation of the original results. All posters will be moderated. Please make sure to visit the poster area and exchange the ideas with fellow investigators.

The participation of young cardiologists and radiologists and researchers will be stimulated and supported through the organization of imaging campus, teaching session and clinical seminars.

We would like to thank our industry partners for the support and the preparation of key presentation for the latest innovations. Please, visit them in the exhibition hall and imaging campus for details.

Belgrade is famous for its history, culture, special spirit and charm, so we are glad to have you as our guests and we hope that you will spend nice time in Serbian capital.

It is a great honor for our Cardiology Society of Serbia to have Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Katherine as a patron of this particularly important meeting that promotes excellence of medical profession.

Thank you for being a part of The First Congress on Cardiovascular Imaging in Belgrade 2015.

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