

National Surgery Conference in Iași - A Success of Romanian Surgery

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Between 4-7 October of the current year the National Surgery Conference was held in Iași, a scientific event that gathered a large number of registered participants (1,431), as well as a record number (30) of specialists and professors of surgery, gastroenterology, anatomy - pathology, oncology, radiotherapy, invited from Europe, USA, Canada, and the Republic of Moldova. The organizers of the Conference were, in addition to the Romanian Society of Surgery (SRC), the Academy of Medical Sciences, "Grigore T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy - Iași, "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy - Bucharest, the Society of Physicians and Naturalists of Iași, the Romanian Association of Hepato-bilio-pancreatic Surgery and Liver Transplant, the Romanian Association of Endoscopic Surgery and Other Interventional Techniques, the Romanian Society of Emergency Surgery and Trauma, the Romanian Society of Thoracic Surgery - 1994, the Romanian Society of Paediatric Surgery, the Romanian Society of Coloproctology, the Romanian College of Physicians, the Romanian Student Society of Surgery, the Order of General Medical Assistants, Midwives and Medical Assistants in Romania.

The conference began on Wednesday, October 4, with 8 pre-congress classes held by specialists in the course themes and benefited from a large audience (especially young people, residents and specialists).

C1: What should a structured MRI report contain in rectal cancer? Course of imaging MRI exploration in rectal cancer for surgeons (Course coordinator: Ferdinand Bauer MD- Germany).

C2: The Bowel. New pathological and therapeutic perspectives (Course coordinator: Ioana Grigoraș, course completed by the

chapter „Short bowel syndrome” – Prof. Silviu Constantinoiu MD).

C3: Modern technologies and techniques for diagnosis and treatment in hepatobiliary surgery (Course coordinators: Irinel Popescu, Cristian Lupașcu).

C4: Laparoscopic colonic surgery: a well-established indication (Course coordinators: Cătălin Copăescu, Victor Tomulescu).

C5: Rectal cancer. Open or minimally-invasive surgery? (Course coordinators: Viorel Scripcariu, Cătălin Vasilescu).

C6: Diagnosis and endoscopic treatment of gastroduodenal tumours (Course coordinator: Marcel Tanțău).

C7: Standards and guides in pancreatic surgery (Course coordinator: Sorin Barbu).

C8: Errors in the practice of politrauma management (Course coordinator: Lidia Ionescu).

The pre-congress classes were held in three auditoriums of the International Hotel which offered excellent technical conditions.

The official opening of the Conference took place in the evening at “Vasile Alecsandri” National Theatre, before a full auditorium and the presence of the Minister of Health, University Professor Florian Bodog, the Representative of the Prime Minister, University Professor Florian Popa MD, the State Counsellor on Health Issues, Academician Professor Irinel Popescu MD, President of the Academy of Medical Sciences, as well as local officials who contributed to the good progress of the conference, the Mayor of Iași, Mr. Mihai Chirică, President of Iași County Council, the President of the Conference, University Professor S.



Constantinoiu MD, and the president of the Local Organizing Committee, University Professor Viorel Scripcariu MD, Rector of "Grigore T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy Iași, who gave short but emotional speeches.

The President of the Conference, on behalf of the Executive Board of the Romanian Society of Surgery, awarded honorary SRC member diplomas to esteemed surgical professors of Iași:

- Prof. Cristian Dragomir MD, the first provincial president of the Romanian Society of Surgery;
- Prof. Eugen Târcoveanu MD, former Vice-Rector and former Director of the Doctoral School of Iași University of Medicine and Pharmacy;



- Prof. Mihai Radu Diaconescu MD, for the contributions made, especially in the field of endocrine surgery.

All foreign Professors invited received Certificates of Excellence and plates with the National Surgery Conference and the Romanian Society of Surgery logos. The ceremony ended with a musical and ballet program, which were very much enjoyed by the public, as well as a welcome cocktail in the lobby of the theatre.

The actual presentations started the next day through sessions, round tables, video sessions and poster sessions devoted to the two major themes of the conference (but also miscellaneous).

- Minimally-invasive surgery of the digestive tract;
- Major complications in general surgery.

The participants benefited at the beginning of each session from a conference held by a special foreign guest.

It should be mentioned that, at the same time as the presentations of the conference that took place within the halls of the magnificent Palace of Culture, admirably renovated, and of the Palas Mall complex, the sessions of the Romanian Association of Hepato-bilio-pancreatic Surgery and Liver Transplant, as well as those of the Romanian Society of Emergency Surgery and Trauma (one room, one day), those of ARCE (the Romanian Association of Endoscopic Surgery and Other Interventional Techniques) (one room, half a day) and of the

Hernia Club (one session) also took place.

For those surgeons who could not participate, we will briefly present the sessions and their moderators.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH 2017

“Voievozilor” Room

- Liver Surgery I (moderators: Irinel Popescu, Gabriel Oniscu, Vladimir Hotineanu);
- Liver Surgery II (moderators: Cătălin Copăescu, Aleksandar Karamarkovic, Guido Torzilli).

During the lunch break, General Associate Professor Ionel Câmpeanu MD launched the monograph "Hepatic Resection", and the General Assembly of the Romanian Association of Hepato-bilio-pancreatic Surgery and Liver Transplant was also held at this time.

The sessions Pancreatic and Biliary Surgery I (moderators: Sorin Barbu, Constantin Ciuce, Yogesh Vashist) and Pancreatic and Biliary Surgery II (moderators: Constantin Copotoiu, Cornel Iancu, Adrian Bartoș) were held in the afternoon.

”Henri Coandă” Room

- Benign pathology of gastro-oesophageal function (moderators: Silviu Constantinoiu, Nicola di Lorenzo, Adrian Lobonțiu, Carlo Castoro);
- Surgical complications I (moderators: Sorin Păun, Cristian Bulat, Ioan Costea);



- Surgical complications II (moderators: Franck Zinzindohoue, Ciprian Duță, Victor Strâmbu);
- Miscellaneous I (moderators: Traian Pătrașcu, Nicolae Dănilă).

“Procopiu” Room

The day started with a Guest Session: Thierry Bège, Franco Stagnitti, Marius Anastasiu, followed by Non-Traumatic Emergency Surgery (moderators: Eugen Târcoveanu, Adrian Miron, Florin Iordache), Visceral Trauma (moderators: Mircea Beuran, Lorant Kiss, Cristian Lupașcu, Alin Vasilescu), Miscellaneous II.

In the evening the General Assembly of the Romanian Society of Emergency Surgery and Trauma was held.

“Rossini” Room (PALAS MALL)

One very interesting event in my opinion was the Round Table ARCE (Romanian Association of Endoscopic Surgery and Other Interventional Techniques) Symposium. Round Table - Management of Rectal Cancer I, moderators: Bela Teleki, Ioan Christian Chiricuță, Viorel Scripcariu, and a second Round Table dedicated to the same issue (moderators: Laszlo Damjanovich, Vasile Bîntînțan, Traean Burcoș).

In the afternoon there were two round tables held here by ARCE:

- Intraoperative complications, accidents, incidents in minimally-invasive surgery - particular cases (moderators: Cătălin Copăescu, Florin Turcu, Dan Ulmeanu);
- Postoperative complications – minimally-invasive solutions, clinical judgement scenarios (moderators: Ciprian Duță, Călin Tiu, Victor Tomulescu).

On Thursday evening, the General Assembly of the Romanian Society of Surgery took place, where, according to the SRC President's report on the activity and evolution of the Society's flagship journal (*Chirurgia*), it was concluded that the Journal is on an ascending path. The treasurer of SRC presented the financial report for the current year. Also during the Assembly, after Professor

Valeriu Șurlin (vice-president of SRC for Oltenia region, Craiova University Centre) presented the infrastructure and possibilities of local organization of Craiova, it was agreed that the next National Congress of SRC will take place at the end of May 2018 at the Exhibition Centre "Casino Palace" - Sinaia (a traditional venue), and the National Conference will also take place at the end of May, 2019, in Craiova.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

“Voievozilor” Room

- Oncological surgery of the upper digestive tract I (moderators: Lorant Kiss, Ion Georgescu, Gheorghe Ghidirim);
- Oncological surgery of the upper digestive tract II (moderators: Eric Fréchette, Silviu Constantinoiu, Dragoș Predescu).

During the lunch break, in an overly crowded room and after commendatory speeches by Prof. Cristian Dragomir, Prof. Irinel Popescu, Prof. M.R. Diaconescu, Prof. Ioana Grigoraș, Prof. Vasile Sârbu, the Treatise on Oesophageal Pathology and Surgery was released, developed by a team of multidisciplinary authors, under the coordination of Prof. Silviu Constantinoiu, with co-authors Prof. Ioan Cordoș, Prof. Constantin Ciuce and Prof. Viorel Scripcariu. The stock of books quickly exhausted, together with the autographs of the authors.

During the afternoon:

- Surgical Complications III (moderators: Adrian Miron, Valeriu Șurlin, Daniel Cristian);
- Hernia Club (moderators: Victor Strâmbu, Dan Ulmeanu Florin Turcu Dan Cristian, Dan Timofte, Valeriu Șurlin, Valentin Calu).

“Henri Coandă” Room

- Hepato-bilio-pancreatic surgery I (moderators: Reyad Abbadi, Constantin Ciuce, Irinel Popescu);
- Hepato-bilio-pancreatic surgery II (moderators: Sorinel Luncă, Cristian Lupașcu, Eugen Brătucu);

- Hepato-bilio-pancreatic surgery III (moderators: Vladislav Braşoveanu, Valentin Muntean, Mircea Beuran);
- Hepato-bilio-pancreatic surgery IV (moderators: Ioan Costea, Iulian Brezean, Stelian Pantea).

“Procopiu” Room

The sessions began with two very interesting sessions moderated by distinguished gastroenterologists (Carol Stanciu, Anca Trifan, Marcel Tanţău):

- Novelties in intestinal inflammatory diseases;
- Multidisciplinary approach to intestinal inflammatory diseases.

Also here, in the afternoon there was a session of endocrine surgery (moderators: Alexandru Grigorovici, Valentin Muntean, Radu Dănilă), as well as the session of the Romanian Student Society of Surgery, moderated by a student from Bucharest, Dana Pisciă, and a student from Iaşi, David Busnosu, as well as by Prof. Silviu Constantinoiu MD and Cătălin Dogaru MD, session consisting of oral presentations and posters. Of the 12 oral presentations, 3 received prizes as follows:

1st prize: Emergency Laparoscopy – a Diagnostic and Therapeutic Solution - Denisa Maria Hanea, A.D. Sabău

Honourable mentions:

- Management of a Case of Pneumo-mediastinum due to Oesophageal Perforation by a Dental Prosthesis - Andra-Elena Dumitrana, A. Constantin, M. Gheorghe, P. Hoară, S. Constantinoiu, L. Popa, Francesca Frîncu.
- Hypoglycaemia – Diagnostic Difficulties and Therapeutic Approach – Case Report- D. Busnosu, Mihaela Mădălina Gavrilăscu, V. Scripcariu.

The prizes consisted of books and surgical journals ("Chirurgia" and "Journal of Surgery Sciences"), as well as a Treatise on Oesophageal Pathology and Surgery, Romanian Academy Publishing House, recently released.

“Rossini” Room

- Minimally-invasive surgery I (moderators:

Florian Popa, Ştefan Georgescu, Răzvan Popescu).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

“Voievozilor” Room

- Diseases of the peritoneum and retroperitoneum (moderators: Pompiliu Piso, Fulger Lazăr, Claudiu Turculeţ).

The "Henri Coandă" Room welcomed the Medical Assistants session (moderators: Mihaela Rusu, Luminiţa Popeanu).

For the four poster sessions exhibited in the Great Hall of the Palace of Culture, the evaluation committee comprised of assessing Professors awarded prizes to the following works:

- Tumour cytoreduction in peritoneal carcinomatosis with ovarian origin - 16a2 paraaortic ganglia management (Adelina Maria Cruceru, I. Negoî, A. Runcanu, Mihaela Vartic, Alina Prodan, M. Beuran);
- Retroperitoneal leiomyosarcoma presenting as high digestive stenosis (A. Ilco, D. Voiculescu, Ana Laura Manda, C. Budin, Andreea Tanase, Ana Laura Dima, D. Vasile);
- Delayed post pancreatico-duodenectomy haemorrhage due to ruptured pseudoaneurysm of the splenic artery into the pancreatico-gastric anastomosis. A case report (A. Martiniuc, T. Dumitraşcu, M. Pavel, C. Găluşcă, B. Cotruţă, R. Dumitru, M. Toma, V. Herlea, A. Pricop, Mădălina Calita, M. Ionescu, C. Stroescu);
- En bloc corporeo-caudal splenopancreatectomy with celiac trunk and lateral portal vein wall resection for locally advanced cancer of the pancreatic body-case report (C. Stroescu, R. Poenaru, D. Chiriţă, Ana Puşcaşu, Adelina Birceanu-Corobea, Laura Popa, N. Copcă)

The scientific program was complemented by a very successful social one, besides the opening ceremony at the National Theatre, the President's Dinner at "Bucium" Restaurant and the Festive Dinner at the Restaurant of Hotel Internaţional managing to give way to new friendships between Romanian and

foreign guest surgeons. The latter also benefited from a tour of the monasteries in Bucovina.

In the Great Hall of the Palace of Culture sponsoring firms were able to present their state-of-the-art medical products and equipment.

We would like to give special thanks to the sponsors, more or less generous, without whom the success of the conference would not have been possible, as well as to the special events and medical congress organizing firm EVENTER, and personal thanks to Mr.

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