

## EDITORIAL

The XXIXth National Congress of Surgery (NCS), a scientific manifestation of great tradition and prestige of the Romanian Surgical Society (RSS) with a large international participation, took place this year, between 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of June in Sinaia, at the magnificent Exhibition Complex “Palace”. The NCS was organized by: Romanian Surgical Society, Medical Sciences Academy, University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Carol Davila” Bucharest, Romanian Association of Hepato-Bilio-Pancreatic Surgery and Liver Transplantation, Romanian Association of Endoscopic Surgery and other Interventional Techniques, Romanian Society of Emergency Surgery and Trauma, Romanian Society of Thoracic Surgery-1994, Romanian Society of Surgical and Gynecologic Oncology, Romanian Society of Pediatric Surgery, Romanian Society of Coloproctology, Romanian College of Physicians, Romanian Students Surgical Society, the Romanian Order of General Nurses, Midwives and Nurses. It is also worth mentioning the contribution of the Scientific Committee and the NCS Steering Organizing Committee (with a special mention for Dr. Carmen Ionică and Dr. Florin Georgescu, the representatives of the two General Surgery Departments of the Emergency County Hospital Ploiesti). The NCS has been carefully planned in an excellent collaboration with representatives of Eventer, the organizing company of the congress, while also taking into consideration addressing early invitations to foreign professors.

The chosen themes of the congress were very generous and relevant and were reflected by most of the lectures, posters and pre-congress courses categorized as: Emergency surgery of the digestive tract; Sepsis in Surgery; Others. There were 1354 participants from whom: 340 NCS learners of the 10th pre-congress courses; 587 primary doctors/ specialists; 51 guests, course lecturers, honorary member of the RSS board; 53 retired teachers; 322 residents; 184 students; 15 invited foreign teachers. At the 10th pre-congress courses which gathered 340 participants (where the participation fee was modest – 50 RON) students received free entrance.

The session of the Romanian Students Surgical Society (RSSS) was led by Dr. Alexandra Bolocan and Dr. Dan N. Păduraru, founding members of the Journal of Surgical Sciences, and Dana Pisciă, former president of RSSS. First, second, third prizes and a mention were awarded along with the treaty “Tratat de Patologie și Chirurgie Esofagiană”, the surgical journals “Chirurgia” and “Journal of Surgical Sciences”, as well as CDs with operative techniques that appeared in Celsius Ed.

-First prize- *Esogastric junction adenocarcinoma - a medical dilemma? Clinical case.* Afrodita-Oana Panaitescu, D. Predescu

-Second prize- *Minimally Invasive Drainage Alternative of a Pancreatic Pseudocyst.* S.A. Coman, Ana Maria Roșca, P. A. Hoară, Mădălina Greere

-Third prize- *Palliative management of patients with advanced colorectal cancer - clinical study.* M. Manda, Maria Iancu, B. Gașpar, M. Beuran

-Mention- *A primitive small bowel tumor - a difficult diagnosis with high stakes.* M.A. Șoitu, Elena Neșțian, C. Botezatu, B. Mastalier.

The participation of the 18 students at pre-congress courses, as well as the value of the papers presented, strongly support the Romanian Students Surgical Society, which currently has around 3,000 members.

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