Dear colleagues and friends,

It is my great honour and pleasure to invite you, on behalf of the Congress Organizing Committee, to participate at the 7th Croatian Congress of Laboratory Diagnostics with international participation, to be held in Porec, Croatia, September 27 – October 1, 2017.

Our profession plays a vital role in the diagnosis, care and treatment of patients, in monitoring, development of new tests and in surveillance of diseases of public health importance. The theme for the 7th Congress: “Laboratory and Clinical Medicine – Theory, Innovations and Practice” is therefore highly relevant and important.

Congress is multidisciplinary, designed as a bridge between scientists and experts of different specialities (BLSs, Medical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists, Medical Scientists, Clinical Pathologists, Cytologists, Microbiologists, Molecular Biologists, Medical Doctors, Nurses, Researchers, as well as Laboratory Suppliers from all fields of Laboratory Medicine and Technology).

The Congress will be organized in plenary sessions, symposia, oral presentations and poster sections, workshops and coordinated discussions, which will be great opportunity for all participants to exchange information related to scientific research, new ideas and technologies and their implementation in science or everyday diagnostic/clinical practice. We hope that the selected topics and active participation of renowned national and international experts will be sufficient invitation for all participants.

It is our wish to use part of the time for pleasant contacts during the Congress and for sightseeing.

Istria offers a wealth of amazing historical sites surrounded by untouched nature. The ancient town of Porec, one of Croatia’s most popular tourist destinations, is located on the western coast of the Istrian peninsula. Its attractive historic centre features the most distinctive monument of Early Byzantine art in the Mediterranean area: the 6th century Euphrasian Basilica, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Croatia’s most popular tourist destinations.

Finally, allow me to invite you to our beautiful country, to join us on Congress, to actively participate, meet other colleagues, share your knowledge and experience and create social and professional networks and friendship.

Looking forward to seeing you in Porec, Croatia!

Mirjana Stupnisek
Assistant Professor, PhD, MLT
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THEME

Highlights:
“Laboratory and Clinical Medicine - Theory, Innovations and Practice”

CONGRESS TOPICS:
1. Education, Management, CPD, BLSs Mobility
2. Quality Control and Quality Assurance
3. Haematology, Coagulation
4. Microbiology, Parasitology, Virology, Antibiotic Resistance
5. Infectious Diseases, Blood-borne Diseases, STD
6. Biosafety, Biosecurity, Patient Safety, Nosocomial Infections
7. Molecular Biology, Forensic Medicine, Genetics
8. Cytology, Histology, Pathology
9. Immunology, Immunohaematology, Blood Bank
10. Clinical Chemistry, Toxicology
12. Personalized Medicine
13. Evidence Based Medicine
14. Experimental Methods in Biomedical Research
15. Free topics

CALL FOR PAPERS:
Participants are invited to submit abstracts for presentation via e-mail: kongres2017hlu@gmail.com
Abstract received by June 15, 2017 will be considered under the standard review process.
Deadline extended until July 30, 2017
All papers should be submitted and presented in English or Croatian.
Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their contribution.
You can get further information on the congress website: www.hlu.hr

Preliminary Timetable:

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Final Program will be posted on the Congress website: September 15, 2017

**IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:**

**Deadline for Abstract Submission:**

June 15, 2017

Kindly note that the deadline for abstract submissions has been extended until

July 30, 2017

**Deadline for Early Registration***

June 30, 2017

*extension is available to authors only until

Aug 10, 2017

**Congress Dates**

Sept 27 – Oct 1, 2017