

Foreword

I have the honour to be the guest editor of this anniversary issue of Radiology & Oncology dedicated to the 30th Jubilee Meeting of the Radiologists of the Alpe Adria Region. From the first official meeting held in Dobrna in 1968 more than thirty years ago, radiologists from the university radiological departments of Trieste, Padua, Verona, Graz, Ljubljana and Zagreb have been meeting in one of the neighbouring countries to share their research and scientific experiences. The enriching success of our meetings has shown the vision of the founders of the Alpe Adria Radiological Group Prof. Dr. Emo Bianchi from Monfalcone, Prof. Dr. Guerrino Lenarduzzi from Padua, Prof. Dr. Stanko Hernja and Prof. Dr. Ludvik Tabor from Ljubljana. The meetings have survived all the political differences and changes which have occurred in the last three decades proving the deep historical and cultural connection between the four European nations and the enduring friendship which has developed throughout all these years. At the very beginning the meetings were rare and precious opportunity for the radiologists from - at that time - the »Eastern« Countries to get informed about modern radiological technologies from the more developed »western« participants of the group. But even now when technological differences are not so great the great wish to share research experiences, which have always been the main driving force behind our group, will ensure a brilliant future of the Alpe Adria Radiological Meetings.

This issue of Radiology & Oncology reflects the current status of different fields of diagnostic and interventional radiology at the university departments of four neighbouring countries which is at the level of the world's most modern radiology. So far, there has been no official record of the history of the Alpe Adria Radiological group. Therefore, I am grateful for the contribution of Prof. Dr. Ludovico Dalla Palma »Past, present and future«, which was presented at the opening ceremony of our 30th Jubilee meeting.

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