Invitation to the International Society of Pelviperineology Congress

Dear Colleagues!

We are pleased to invite you to the International Society of Pelviperineology Congress, which will be held in 2018 in **Bucharest**, between the **4th and the 6th of October**.

This year's edition of the Congress will reunite prominent professionals in the field of pelviperineology, joining specialties such as obstetrics-gynecology, urology, urogynecology, colorectal surgery. Interesting topics will be debated during the sessions, with multidisciplinary round-table sessions with interactive participation from the audience.

The Congress will be presided by Prof. Akin Sivaslioglu, the President of the International Society of Pelviperineology, Prof. Elvira Bratila and Prof. Monica Cîrstoiu, the President and Vice-President of the Romanian Society of Urogynecology as Local Organizing Committee heads. The sessions will be held by important figures in the pelviperineology field, which will be both presenting their own work and moderating the sessions, including along with the Congress presidents: Prof. Peter Petros, Prof. Bernhard Liedl, Prof. Eray Çalişkan, Prof. Giulio A. Santoro, Prof. Erkut Attar, Prof. Joerg Neymeyer, Prof. Petre Bratila, Dr. Burghard Abendstein, Dr. Sidi Muctar, Dr. Andrei Müller-Funogea. The themes approached in the Congress will include Urinary incontinence, What can be explained with Integral Theory, Apical defect, Posterior Compartiment and Actual experinces in the use of meshes at the pelvic floor. The speakers include important personalities in the field of pelvic surgery, with huge experience in diagnosing and treating pelvic floor defects, sharing their knowledge acquired over time in pelvic organ prolapse interventions.

The Congress will be preceded by a series of two courses, including video presentations and live surgery demonstrations.

The first workshop regarding Aestethis Gynecology will be held by Prof. Akin Sivaslioglu and Prof. Eray Caliskan. It will include technique explanations and video demonstrations of Labioplasty, Hudoplasty, Hymenoplasty and Lipid injection, with an accent on the real necessity of these interventions. It will also include discussion regarding wound healing and the importance of pre and postoperative care for an optimal result.

The second workshop will discuss Native tissue repair versus mesh repair - what is the best root in mesh surgery? Laparoscopic or vaginal?, having as course director Prof. Peter Petros. The course will begin by discussing native tissue repair according to the Integral Theory, and try to explain tricks on how to avoid complications in mesh surgery. Live video surgery, realized both by vaginal and laparoscopic route will be included in the workshop, which will end with discussions and comments from the audience.

We invite you to enhance your surgical and clinical knowledge with a diversified scientific program and a line up of speakers who are not only opinion leaders but also willing to teach.

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Imaging and historical initiatives

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Pelviperineology is pleased to announce two initiatives, a section on images and videos and a historical section. In a sense, these two seem contrary to each other. The first reflects the imperative of conveying important concepts to "time poor" readers. The 2nd is delving into a past era, where virtually any medium besides the written word did not even exist. The remarkable technology initiated by Apple's iphone has converted every practitioner of the pelvic floor into a cameraman. It has brought the consulting room and the operating theatre into real time. It is just a matter of pulling out the iphone, placing it onto "video" mode and start filming. The next step, a very simple one, is to put the images onto something like Youtube, which makes them even more accessible. The phone images are surprisingly good, certainly sufficient for teaching purposes, which is the objective of the section.

Of course images, videos from a proper digital camera are always to be preferred. Such "instant" offerings unfortunately have little value unless they are accompanied by a scientific analysis and argument. Therefore Pelviperineology has defined two types of imagings for this section, a short version to outline a point and a more comprehensive longer version which sets out to explain a concept or procedure. Both will, where possible, be subjected to comments, either invited, or preferably, from our readers.

The historical initiative is intentioned to introduce medicine from another era. It encompasses a broad spectrum, from a time early last century where Galenic remnants remained, the pre-antibiotic and even where relevant, the post-antibiotic era.

Pelviperineology is honoured to have the first contribution in this section from Dr Jose M Gil-Vernet, himself a distinguished Urologist, writing about his grandfather, Salvador Gil Vernet (SGV).

In Salvador's time, medical doctors were classically trained in Ancient Greek and Latin. Indeed, in many universities, expertise in Latin was a compulsory entrance subject. The tools doctors of that era had to investigate were understandably very limited, anatomy and the deductive logic mode of thinking inherent in these ancient languages. This methodology is evident on reading this short summary of Salvador's Lifetime work. Indeed, it is encapsulated in Gil Vernet's famous statement, that an answer was required to the question of *"what is it for."* SGV also stated *"Precise, almost mathematical knowledge of anatomy is a highly fertile source of surgical applications, suggesting new techniques and helping perfect and simplify existing surgical methods, making them less mutilating and more benign and, in short, raising surgery to the rank of true science".*

In later issues, we hope to present some of SGV's magnificent drawings and descriptions and to show how even today, some are highly relevant to the understanding of structure and function of the pelvic floor.