

The endeavor to promote research, education and the clinical management of chronic pelvic pain continues

Even today, chronic pelvic pain (CPP) is not considered curable by learned bodies. This is not the opinion of this journal. The September 2017 issue of *Pelvipерineology Journal* published evidence that not only can CPP be caused by the inability of lax uterosacral ligaments to support nerve plexuses contained within, it can be cured by reconstruction of these ligaments. This has been known for some years.

This 2nd Chronic Pelvic Pain issue continues the journal's exploration of peripheral neurological causation of CPP. The role of pudendal nerve damage in the causation of CPP was raised by Ahmed Shafik in 1998. Drs Lemos and Beco elaborate and expand this direction with two important works.

The initial paper in this 2nd Pain issue is presented by Professor Bornstein. It summarizes the 2015 consensus statement on vulvar pain terminology made on behalf of the International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease (ISSVD), the International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual Health (ISSWSH), and the International Pelvic Pain Society (IPPS), of which he was Chairman. This is followed by the Lemos and Beco papers. Dr Friedman summarizes another 'deeply unknown' condition, Interstitial Cystitis. Johns and Jantos compare age related comorbidities in vulvodynia and bladder pain syndrome. Joan McCredie and Patricia Skilling's anecdotal descriptions of almost immediate psychological improvement in patients cured of severe chronic pelvic pain by uterosacral ligament reconstruction question the generally accepted concept that much of CPP is caused by psychiatric conditions. Hoffman and Wagenlehner give a State of the Art review of Chronic Prostatitis, a major cause of CPP in the male, another condition with 'unknown etiology'.

The issue concludes with an important ongoing educational initiative from *Pelvipерineology*, presentation and discussion of challenging clinical cases under the editorship of Dr Leanza.

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The International Society of Pelvipерineology Congress - 2018 Bucharest, Romania

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

BUCHAREST is situated between the Carpathians Mountains and the Danube, also known as the City of Joy.

In the period between the two World Wars, the city has thrived, under the careful watch of the Monarchy, the intellectual elite and the French architects, becoming known as "The Small Paris" or "The Paris of the East".

The Old Town is one of the most animated and lively places in Bucharest. Near the center of the city there is an area with small streets and a big variety of interwar buildings where you can find more than 200 pubs, clubs and terraces.

In this part of the city one can find, among others, the National Bank (the first bank ever built in Romania), The Royal Court of Vlad Dracul (Dracula), an old famous street called Lipscani and many buildings that imitate the French style from the beginning of the 20th century. There are also many restaurants, some of them with a clear theme, with traditional food and architecture, and others with elements that bring back to life the interwar atmosphere.

The Old Town symbolizes quite well the mixture of the Romanian Culture, the great mosaic that was created here. The Latin spirit, the oriental (Ottoman Empire) influences and some elements from Western Europe (French architecture, a little bit of Italian fashion style, international music) are quite visible.

This year's edition of the Congress will reunite prominent professionals in the field of pelvipерineology, 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.

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.

We look forward to seeing you in Bucharest!

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