



MINUTES of the BOARD MEETING of
the BALKAN SOCIETY of ORL-HNS
Prague, Czech Republic, 9th June 2015

The Board Meeting of the Balkan Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Surgery was held between 15:00 and 17:00 on 9th of June, 2015 during the 3rd Congress of European ORL-HNS in Prague, Czech Republic.

The President Dr. Suela Sallavaci, the General Secretary Dr. Cem Uzun, Board Members Dr. Vladan Knezevic, Dr. Jasminka Alagic-Smailbegovic, Dr. Adem Limani, Dr. Gheorghe Muhlfay, Dr. M. Tayyar Kalcioğlu, Dr. Vasileios Danielides, Dr. İbrahim Hızalan (Past President), Honorary President Dr. Eugene Myers, Honorary Member Dr. Dan Fliss, Dr. Jan Betka (President of the 3rd European Congress ORL-HNS, Czech Republic), Dr. Marina Davcheva Cakar (Skopje), Dr. Michael Katotomichelakis (Alexandroupolis), Dr. Iordanis Konstantinidis (Thessaloniki), Dr. Stefanos Triaridis (Thessaloniki), Dr. Valentina Ivanovska (Skopje), Dr. James Saunders (International Coordinator, American Academy), Dr. Asım Kaytaz (İstanbul), Dr. Nuri Ozgirgin (Ankara), Dr. Armagan Incesulu (Eskisehir), Dr. Ferhan Öz (İstanbul) attended to the meeting. According to the agenda;

1. Welcome speeches;
 - The General Secretary Dr. Uzun opened the meeting. He welcomed all participants attending to the Board Meeting and gave information about the agenda.
 - President Dr Sallavaci thanked to Dr. Jan Betka for his support and the organization of the Balkan Board Meeting during the 3rd European Congress of ORL-HNS. She also gave information about Bosnia and Herzegovina National Congress which was held

between 21 and 23 May, 2015. She also gave information about the web page of next Congress of Balkan ORL-HNS.

- Each participants introduced herself/himself.

2 Invitation to the 15th International Meeting of MSOA

- Dr. Armagan Incesulu gave information about the 15th International Meeting of the Mediterranean Society of Otolaryngology and Audiology, which will be held in Cappadocia, Turkey between 28 and 30 April 2016. Dr. Incesulu promised to organize a panel or a round table for the Balkan Society during this congress.

- Dr. Uzun asked about the possibility of supports for the speakers.
- Dr. Incesulu answered that registration fees will not be asked for the speakers but she will try to do her best for the other covers.

3 Next Balkan Congress in 2016

- Dr. Sallavaci gave some information about the 10th Balkan Congress of Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery which will be in Tirana, Albania between 2 and 5 June, 2016 . She stressed the importance of the financial status.

4 Next Balkan ENT School (December 2015, Antalya, Turkey);

- Dr. Uzun gave information about previous Balkan ENT School. He told that the first ENT school activity was organized between 4-7 December (three days) in Antalya with daily theoretical and practical lessons such as vertigo workshop, laryngostroboscopy workshop, otology-neurotology, rhinology, and head and neck lectures. He said that 50 participants from Bulgaria were attended to the first school activity. He talked about the good back information of Bulgarian Colleagues. He said that the second Balkan ENT School will be in Antalya next December with 50 participants from different Balkan Countries. He also welcomed the board members to this meeting. He noted that language will be in English.

- Dr. Sallavaci asked which Balkan countries will attend to this meeting.
- Dr. Uzun answered that all Balkan Countries welcome to send their lists whom they propose to participate. He also added that the school activity is mainly organized with the great efforts of Prof. Metin Onerci, the president of Turkish Society of ORL&HNS.

5 Introduction of society's web page and Facebook page;

- Dr. Kalcioglu gave information about the Balkan ORL-HNS Society web page and Facebook page. There was no internet connection in the meeting room so it could not possible to show the pages but he summarized the content and asked for pictures and CV's to the board members and also to contribute to the development of the web pages. The participants thanked to Dr. Kalcioglu for his effort to create these pages for the Balkan Society.

- Dr. Uzun said that this pages are not Dr. Kalcioglu's own pages, these are for the Balkan Society and should be richened with the contribution of all board members.

- It was advised that the website should be used after registration.

- Dr. Uzun said that an official Balkan Orl-Hns Facebook page is going to be formed soon as the board members accepted. He invited all colleagues to participate to this page, contribute and share their scientific as well as social events at this page.

6 Honorary members

- Dr. Uzun told that Turkey, Albania and Bulgaria recommended Prof. Todor Karchev and Prof Metin Onerci, who had great contribution to the Society from the very beginning, as Honorary members for the Balkan Society of ORL & HNS.

- Prof Ozgirgin said that honorary membership might be just for alive peoples. As Dr. Todor Karchev passed away so honorary membership could not be possible for him. A lecture for his name could be organized during the Balkan Congresses.

- Dr. Oz and Dr. Kaytaz said that honorary membership could not be awarded to the members of the Society. Dr. Uzun read the related articles at the bylaws and said that there is no obstacle for that at the related paragraph.

- Dr. Danielides recommended that the honorary membership requirements should be written in more detail.

- Honorary membership for Prof Metin Onerci and a specific Lecture for Prof Todor Karchev were voted and accepted by the board.

7 2018 & 2020 Balkan Congresses

- Dr Uzun talked about the 11th Balkan Congress of ORL-HNS. He informed that Skopje and Sarajevo are candidates for the 11th Balkan Congress. He recommended to decide it during the next Balkan Congress in Tirana after presentations of each societies. This recommendation has been accepted.

- Dr. Danielides said that more information is needed about any congress that is going to be organized, such as health facilities, which could be an important issue for the participants. He recommended that the presentations should include all these details.

8 Next Turkish National Congress & Balkan Board Meeting, 28 October- 1 November 2015, Antalya

- Dr. Uzun conveyed the invitation of Congress President Prof Mustafa Gerek to the next Turkish National Congress for all Balkan Society of ORL-HNS Board Members. He told that this invitation cover all registration fees, hotel accommodation and flights. He asked to the board members to send their topics for this congress as soon as possible.

9 – Balkan Journal of ORL & HNS.

- Dr. Uzun talked about the necessity of Balkan ORL Journal. He said that if decided to start this journal, at least 30 articles per year (15 clinical researches and 15 case

reports) are needed, so every country must guaranty at least 2-3 quality scientific articles per year.

- Dr. Triaridis talked about the difficulties to publish a high quality scientific journal.

- Dr. Ozgirgin recommended to publish online journal at the beginning. He talked that this way would be easy and cheap. Dr Triaridis confirmed this recommendation.

- Dr. Uzun asked to Dr. Sallavaci if pdf format of the article (e-publishing) was enough for colleagues from Balkan Countries or not.

- Dr. Sallavaci answered that published article in pdf format would be enough.

- Dr. Ozgirgin also talked about the difficulties to get high quality scientific manuscripts for a new journal and said that every scientist want to send their manuscripts to high level journals. For this reason, this journal must be strong.

- Dr. Triaridis recommended to publish the presentations during the next Balkan Congress as full text articles for the new journal.

- It was also indicated that national societies should support the journal. The articles should be objectively selective.

- To create a committee for this topic was recommended. Dr. Sallavaci, Dr. Uzun, Dr. Triaridis, Dr. Katotomichelakis, Dr. Mario Milkov and Dr. Kalcioğlu were proposed and elected for this committee. They would discuss the foundation of the journal and give information at the next board meeting.

10 Wishes and desires;

- Dr. Myers and Dr. Saunders talked about the American Academy of Otorhinolaryngology and they added that they are ready to help to the Balkan Society with an open invitation to collaborate.

- Dr. Katotomichelakis gave information about their program in Greece. He said that they had an international master of science program on rhinology and they accept 20 students each year.

- The Meeting adjourned with sincere and friendly atmosphere.

Dr. Cem Uzun

General Secretary, Balkan Society of ORL-HNS