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| November 10, 2007 8:00-10:00 | **BEN and associated urothelial cancer**<br>Chairpersons: G.A. Mueller, C.A. Tatu, J. Nortier, N. Basic Jukic, D. Toncheva<br>Animal models and cell culture experiments in the study of Balkan endemic nephropathy: are they relevant? Calin A. Tatu, William H. Orem, Nikola Pavlovic, Harry E. Lerch, Joseph E. Bunnell et al. Timisoara, Reston, Nis<br>Proteomics in Nephrology - new diagnostic tools in the future Gerhard A. Mueller, Goettingen<br>Some clinical and genetic aspects of Balkan Endemic Nephrology Emil Paskalev, Sofia<br>Genetic predisposition to Balkan Endemic Nephropathy Draga Tonceva, Ivanka Dimova, Sofia<br>Molecular characteristic of upper urothelial carcinoma from endemic regions associated with and without Balkan endemic nephropathy Marina Savin, Belgrade<br> Late onset of bladder urothelial carcinoma after renal transplantation for end-stage aristolochic acid nephropathy: a case series with 15-year follow-up Joelle Nortier, Brussels<br>High risk for development of urothelial cancer after renal transplantation in patients with Balkan endemic nephropathy Nolikina Basic Jukic, Zagreb<br>10:00-11:00 | Round table: Morphological studies in BEN and urothelial cancer<br>Overview Dusan Ferluga, Ljubljana<br>Immunohistochemistry in the diagnosis of Balkan endemic nephropathy Jovan Dimitrijevic, Belgrade<br>Immunopathogenetic studies of urothelial cancer Jasmina Markovic Lipkovski, Belgrade<br>11:00-12:00 | Round table: Collaborative studies of Balkan endemic nephropathy and associated urothelial cancer<br>Arthur Grollman, Volker Art, Bojan Jelakovic, Momir Polenakovic, Vladisav Stefanovic<br>12:00-18:00 | Visit to endemic villages in the Kolubara valley, and to the Institute for Endemic Nephropathy in Lazarevac Lunch in Lazarevac

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November 9, 2007
9:00-10:00
Welcome address
Academician Nikola Hajdin, President of SASA
Introductory remarks
Academician Ljubisa Rakic, Belgrade
Project Balkan endemic nephropathy of the Interacademy Council of South-East Europe
Corresponding Member Vladislav Stefanovic, Nis
Cocktail (Mezanine)
10:00-11:30
Epidemiology of BEN and associated urothelial cancer
Epidemiologic aspects of the present and future BEN research
Zoran Radovanovic, Belgrade
Fifty years of study of the upper urothelial cancer in Serbia
Jovan Nikolic, Belgrade
Urothelial cancer in the South Morava region of Serbia in the last fifty years
Rade Cukuranovic, Ivan Ignjatovic, Branislav Petrovic, Vladislav Stefanovic, Nis
Epidemiological and biochemical aspects regarding the relationship between Aristolochia clematitis and Balkan Endemic Nephropathy in Romania
Long-term outcome of patients with Balkan nephropathy
Dana Bukvic, Lazarevac
Balkan Endemic Nephropathy in North-Eastern Bosnia – Renal Registry Report
Enisa Mesic, Tuzla
11:30-12:30
Round table: Diagnostic criteria for BEN
Vladislav Stefanovic, Ljubica Djukanovic, Bojan Jelakovic
12:00-12:30
Press Conference (Hall of Presidency)
Discovery of Endemic Nephropathy and first studies
Professor Spira Strahinjic, Nis,
Professor Tsvetan Dimitrov, Sofia
Dr Stjepan Ceovic, Slavonski Brod
Professor Zoran Radovanovic, Belgrade
Academician Zoran Maksimovic, Belgrade
Academician Dragoslav Marinovic, Belgrade
Academician Momir Polenakovic, Skopje
12:30-13:30 Lunch break
13:30-15:30
Etiology of BEN and associated urothelial cancer
The etiology of Balkan Endemic Nephropathy:
Many hypotheses much debate
Nikola Pavlovic, William H. Orem, Colin A. Tatu, Harry E. Lerch, Vuk Maksimovic et al., Nis, Reston, Timisoara, Belgrade
Genetic toxicology of candidate etiological agents for BEN and associated urothelial cancer
David Phillips, Surrey
An Environmental Science Approach to BEN:
Role of Exposure Analysis
David T. Long, Thomas C. Voice, East Lansing
An Environmental Science Approach to BEN:
Critical Evaluation of Exposure Agents
Thomas C. Voice, David T. Long, East Lansing
Links Between Coal-Derived Organic Substances in Drinking Water and Balkan Endemic Nephropathy (BEN) and other Kidney Diseases: A Review of the Evidence
William H. Orem, Colin A. Tatu, Nikola A. Pavlovic, Joseph E. Bunnell, Harry E. Lerch, Anne L. Bates et al., Reston, Timisoara, Nis
15:30-18:30
Etiology of BEN and associated urothelial cancer
Comparing exposure to ochratoxin A in countries such as Canada with that in countries with BEN to determine whether this mycotoxin is a likely risk factor for BEN
Tineke Kuiper, Ottawa
New molecular and field evidence for the implication of mycotoxins but not aristolochic acid in human nephropathy and urinary tract tumor
A. Pfohl-Leszkowicz, M. Tozlovanu, R. Manderville, M. Peraica, M. Castegnaro, V. Stefanovic, Toulouse, Lyon, Nis
Recent findings on ochratoxinogenic renal tumourigenesis, and on comparative metabolomics of urines from Romanian and Bulgarian BEN areas
Peter Mantle, London
The role of aristolochic acid in the etiology of BEN and upper urothelial cancer
Bojan Jelakovic, Arthur Grollman, Zagreb, New York (two presentations)
Aristolochic acid mutagenesis:
new insights into the etiology and pathogenesis of Balkan endemic nephropathy-associated urothelial tumors
Artt Volker, Surrey
Metabolic activation and detoxication of aristolochic acid, a risk factor for Balkan endemic nephropathy-associated urothelial tumors
Marie Stiborova, Volker M. Arlt, Eva Frei, Heinz H. Schmeiser, Prague, Surrey, Heidelberg