

Dear colleagues,

Croatian Council of Physiotherapists is pleased to invite you to participate at the National Congress in Physiotherapy. The congress will be held from 5th October until 7th October 2018 in Crikvenica, Croatia. Congress' venue will be Hotel Omorika, Crikvenica. It would be an honour if you would contribute to the Congress by sharing your experiences in physiotherapy, and related and complementary fields, with the purpose of continuous professional development and lifelong learning within the broad context of healthcare.

Congress topics are:

1. Challenges in physiotherapy profession
2. Education in physiotherapy
3. Clinical experiences in physiotherapy and case reports
4. Free topics

We would kindly ask you to confirm the acceptance of this invitation, and send us an abstract **until 1st May 2018**. We also accept full papers (**until 1st June 2018**). Abstracts and/or full papers will be published in Congress's Proceedings Book. Instructions for authors are listed below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

The submitted abstract and/or full paper should be presented by one of the co-authors as oral presentation (the format will be PowerPoint presentation which should be pre-uploaded at the Conference Office before the session). Oral presentation time will be 15 minutes. Submissions can be in the form of review papers and original research papers according to the Congress topics.

All abstracts and/or full papers will be reviewed by double blind peer review. Please note that after your submission, further changes to the paper cannot be accepted, except in extraordinary circumstances. All accepted papers will be published in the Proceedings

Book. All content of the abstract/full paper is in the sole responsibility of the author(s) of the paper.

Besides oral presentations, papers can also be presented in the form of e-poster presentation. E-posters should be prepared in the Power Point as a single-slide presentation file which needs to be delivered to the organisers before the e-poster session. Predicted time for the e-poster presentation is 5 minutes. Alternative poster formats like printed posters are not considered for acceptance.

Authors and co-authors propose desired form of the presentation (oral presentation or e-poster), and Scientific Committee, after review process, informs authors on their decision regarding the form of the presentation.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **1st May 2018** and full papers is **1st June 2018**. The notice of acceptance will be sent to the corresponding author no later than 15th June 2018. The surname of the presenting author must be underlined. Presenting author must register as the Congress delegate.

Technical Instructions

Abstracts and/or full papers should be written in English or Croatian language. Abstracts are restricted up to 300 words and can be followed by a full paper. They may not contain any tables and graphs. Please include 3-5 key words. Abstract, in case of original research, should be structured and include following: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusion. If submitted paper is a review paper, the abstract should be unstructured.

The title of the manuscript should be written in UPPER CASE letters. The title of the manuscript should be written in font Times New Roman, font size 14pts, bold. The rest of the manuscript should be written in font Times New Roman, font size 12pts, single-spaced with no indentations, alignment left.

List of authors should include last name, initials of the first and middle names and academic title. After the authors' list please include authors' institutions in order: Institution, City,

Country. Indicate all affiliations with a lower-case superscript letter immediately after the author's name and in front of the appropriate institution. Below the list of institutions, state the name, address and e-mail address of the corresponding author. Results of the review and the notice of the acceptance of the paper will be sent to the corresponding author.

The length of the full paper is not limited. Full papers should include the abstract, according to instructions for authors. Content of the full paper should have, for research papers, following chapters: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusion. Review articles should be divided into several adequately named chapters, including obligatory Introduction and Discussion and Conclusion chapters.

Figures and tables should be adequately numbered, and title and legends of the figure and/or table explained below the figure and/or table. Please include figures and tables at the end of the manuscript, after the references. Total number of figures and tables is restricted to 5.

References in the text should be cited according to Harvard style (e.g. last name of the first author and year of publishing: Lukić, 2016). Please send your abstract and/or full paper in MS Word file format. Abstracts and/or full papers should be sent to the following e-mail address: kongresfizio2018crikvenica@gmail.com with „congress hkf 2018“ in the subject of e-mail.

We can promise you an interesting and dynamic programme and relaxed gathering in the beautiful seaside town Crikvenica in Croatia.

Kind regards,

Scientific and Organising Committee

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Sports, Recreation and Wellness“. Vukovar: College of Applied Sciencesd “Lavoslav Ružička” in Vukovar; 2016. pp 222-233.

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James D, Steer PJ, Weiner CP, Gonik B, Crowther CA, Robson SC. High risk pregnancy: management options. 4th Ed. Philadelphia: Elsevier Saunders; 2011.

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Yeung J, Wearing SC, Hills AP. Environmental factors and physical activity in children: implications for active transport programs. In: Hills P, King NA, Byrne NM, ur Children, Obesity and Exercise. Prevention, treatment and management of childhood and adolescent obesity. New York: Routledge; 2007 p. 130-142.

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