

# REPORT OF THE 13th BCLF MEETING, TIRANA

Number of participants: c. 200.

Participants registered from each country were:

1. Albania 120 participants
2. Macedonia 10 participants
3. Serbia & Montenegro 13 participants
4. Bosnia & Herzegovina 4 participants
5. Greece 16 participants
6. Bulgaria 20 participants
7. Romania 5 participants
8. Turkey 13 participants

The Meeting was organized into 7 scientific symposiums. There were two plenary lectures, 13 lectures (25 min) and 16 oral presentations (12 min), two workshops and 140 poster presentations. All lectures, oral presentations and abstracts were published in the 13th BCLF Abstract Book.

The scientific program was focused on the diagnostic perspective. We found in this program many research studies which will contribute to the advance of numerous new and interesting observations, studies, and discoveries in all branches of laboratory medicine.

According to the BCLF bylaws, each country, full member of BCLF, was asked to present in the 13th BCLF meeting at least one lecture (25 min) and 2 oral presentations (12 min). Also, according to Minutes of Sinaia, Romania 2000, the Organising Committee of the 13th BCLF Meeting, respecting the BCLF bylaw, covered for all executive board members the fee registration and hotel expenses.

Lecturers from the Balkans and European countries like Italy, France, Belgium, Finland, Cyprus, England, participated in this meeting

Dr Emina Kiseljakovic from Bosnia & Herzegovina, who had problems in the Vienna airport, and missed the flight to Tirana was absent from this meeting.

A comprehensive exhibition space, dedicated to international and Albanian companies in the field of laboratory medicine, as Olympus, Abbott, DPC, Bio-merieux, Radim-Seac, Biochem, Fedos, Montal, Albos, was present in the 13th BCLF Meeting.

BCLF meetings offer all of us, besides science, an opportunity to meet and discuss our common problems, such as quality control, continuous education system, laboratory accreditation, informatisation, bylaws of reagent registration, private laboratory system control, etc. and to try and find the best solutions for resolving them.

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