

Dear participants to the 41st ISMH World Congress,

For me it is both, a great honor and an important responsibility, to have been invested, by the international and national/ local organizers of this prestigious scientific manifestation, with the difficult task of chairing this Congress' Scientific Committee.

Considering, Romania's huge and wide capabilities in the field of Balneo-Climatology (an extensive and at the same time, wonderfully balanced, panel with natural resources of sanogenic physical/ chemical factors – mineral waters, therapeutic mud or gases, beneficial climatic influences of some specific geographic, ground or underground areas, with afferent valuable facilities and renown resorts – and no less, human resources with largely acknowledged professional skills, including with almost centenary academic endeavors in the domain; in this respect, I herein want to emphasize the quite particular – which we consider it most adequate – Romanian way of the related medical specialty's structure, i.e. unitary: Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine and Balneology, which might be considered a specific brand, worth being promoted and extended) the decision of the ISMH its future World Congress to be hosted, next year, in Bucharest, is absolutely appropriate and fully deserved by our country.

According also to its motto: "Evergreen Balneology – the way ahead", the 41st ISMH World Congress is an optimal opportunity for specialists working in different zones of the world and focusing on various aspects of such a broad spectrum of connected activities – from strictly medical, to research, and respectively, to dedicated tourism and marketing, approaches – for exchanging and enriching their knowledge and expertise and also, to contribute in designing, together, the best modalities by which Balneo-Climatology could currently valorize its outstanding positive potential and to evolve in the future, too.

So, alongside with all my distinguished fellows involved in the organization of this very important reunion, I warmly welcome you to attend and give valuable contributions to the 41st ISMH World Congress, which will be held in the lovely Bucharest – the Capital/ metropolis of the marvelous Romania – during 19-21 May, 2016 !

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