Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 19th International Congress on Hyperbaric Medicine (ICHM 2017). The Centre for Hyperbaric Medicine and the University of Belgrade School of Medicine will be very happy to host you in Belgrade, Serbia in May 11th -14th 2017.

The Scientific Programme will include invited speakers, oral and poster presentations. Key topics will include discussions on the research pathways in Hyperbaric Medicine, controversial and new/promising indications, and as usual worldwide experience.

Practical problems orientated pre-congress workshop and post-congress courses are also planned, both for physicians and nurses and technicians.

The International Congress on Hyperbaric Medicine (ICHM) is the first organisation for physicians and scientists involved in hyperbaric and diving medicine. It is also the only world-wide association in this field. Since the first congress held in Amsterdam in 1963, ICHM has its meetings, now every third year, every time on different continent, to be able to widen the idea of hyperbaric medicine and promote it worldwide. In year 2017 ICHM is back to Europe, for the first time in south-east region.

We shall host you in Belgrade, one of the oldest capitals of Europe, in an exciting mixture of rich and diverse history, culture and urban spirit. Our Conference will take place in the central business district of New Belgrade in the vicinity of natural oasis and the heart of the city that is never sleeping.

Dear guests and friends, please get ready for hard work and good fun.

Welcome to Belgrade!

Miodrag Zarić
ICHM President
**Scientific Committee**

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**Venue**

Sava Centre is situated in one of the most attractive parts of Belgrade, only five minutes away from the city centre and fifteen minutes away from Belgrade International Airport. In the immediate vicinity of Sava Centre, there are several five-star and four-star hotels. Hotel Crowne Plaza Beograd is connected to Sava Centre by an enclosed passage, creating a unique conference complex.

**ICHM 2017 Main Topics**

New frontiers of the HBO (controversial and new and promising indications)  
Research pathways in hyperbaric medicine  
Pathogenesis of DCI  
Non-decompression diving illnesses  
Basic research  
Cost-effectiveness

**ICHM 2017 Preliminary timetable**

October 10\(^{th}\) 2016 - second announcement / registration opening  
January 10\(^{th}\) 2017 - deadline for submission of abstracts  
February 10\(^{th}\) 2017 - notification of accepted abstracts  
February 15\(^{th}\) 2017 - Early bird registration deadline

**Language:** The official language of the conference will be English.  
**Currency:** Dinar (RSD). Major credit cards are widely accepted.
Climate: Belgrade has a moderate continental climate with average temperature in May of 12-23°C (17°C Average).

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