

Preface

BANTAO Journal is an official publication of the BANTAO Association. The aim/intention of the Journal is to cover the issues of early diagnosis, prevention and treatment of kidney diseases, as well as other specific problems Balkan nephrologists are facing with.

The Journal should improve the medical education and knowledge of nephrologists and other doctors through an integrative process for appropriate management of chronic kidney disease (CKD) as an increasing worldwide problem.

After the successful 7th BANTAO Congress in Ohrid, September 2005, a need to improve Balkan renal registry, the early diagnosis of CKD, prevention and management of renal diseases in order to postpone the development of end stage renal failure (ESRF) was imposed.

Papers published in this volume are dedicated to aforementioned problems, presented during our last BANTAO Congress. At the General Assembly of our BANTAO Association, A. Basci (Izmir) was elected Editor in Chief. A. Covic (Iasi) and G. Spasovski (Skopje) were elected as Deputy Editors. We congratulate them and wish a good and successful work in the Journal.

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