



## Message from the FEPS President



Dear physiological friends,

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2022.

Looking back over our previous newsletters it is a pleasure to see how much FEPS, its allied national societies, and of course their members, have achieved. Congratulations to all.

The main focus of this newsletter is the successful Europhysiology2022 meeting, held in Copenhagen. It was the first time many of us had met in person for around two long years – and what a pleasure it was. FEPS is a full partner in the Europhysiology initiative, and I am pleased to announce we will be helping host the IUPS – Europhysiology meeting in 2025. Preliminary details of the shape of the meeting should be available for our next newsletter.

The FEPS general assembly was held during Europhysiology, and we are pleased to confirm Margarethe Geiger as our new Secretary General (SG), Nina Ullrich as Treasurer, and Christian Aalkjaer as a member of the Executive committee of FEPS. It was also the time to say a huge thanks, and sad farewell to Bayram Yilmaz, stepping down from being a true friend to FEPS and an excellent SG. Bayram we wish you every success going forward.

Meanwhile excitement is mounting over our meeting in 2023, which will be in Tallinn and joint with the Baltic societies and SPS. Please go to the meeting website for further details: <https://sps2023.eu/>.

Our thanks to the Croatian society for being the latest national society to share information and insights of their history and activities. If you would like your society featured, please drop us an email.

Wishing everyone a joyful Christmas season, but more importantly, a peaceful new year

Susan Wray

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## News & Events

We welcome all news & events from the FEPS member societies to publish in the Newsletter also at the web page ([www.feeps.org](http://www.feeps.org)). Please send all information to the FEPS secretariat at [info@feeps.org](mailto:info@feeps.org)

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## Impressions from Europhysiology 2022



FEPS Travel award ceremony



FEPS general assembly



Old and new Secretary General



Physiology in Focus 2023 is the first joint physiology meeting of FEPS with the Scandinavian Physiological Society (SPS), and the Baltic Physiological Societies. The meeting will take place at the Original Sokos Hotel Viru Conference Centre located in the historic centre of Tallinn Old Town. Physiology in Focus 2023 presents an exciting programme featuring exceptional plenaries, keynote lectures and cutting-edge symposia. For detailed information please contact <https://feeps2023.eu/>.



## Featured National Society:

### The Croatian Physiological Society

After the dissolution of the Yugoslavian Physiological Society, Croatian Physiological Society (CPS) was founded in 1999 with the purpose of promoting physiology and related biomedical sciences in research and teaching. The idea of forming the society grew over the years from the need to connect physiologists from all Croatian universities and institutes, so that they may share their research and expertise. The first significant step was the Meeting of Chairmen of Physiology Departments which took place in 1997. Representatives from the Universities of Zagreb, Rijeka, Split, and Mostar convened and worked hard to establish CPS mere 2 years later. CPS was represented by its 1st president, academician Daniel Rukavina, and its Executive Council (3 vice-presidents, 4 members and secretary). The first official CPS Meeting took place in 2000 in Zagreb, followed closely by the 1st Congress of the Croatian Physiological Society held in Osijek (Picture 1).



Picture 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Congress of the Croatian Physiological Society, 14-16 September 2000, Osijek, Croatia.

CPS continues to grow and evolve and today numbers 127 active members from 4 largest Croatian universities (Zagreb, Rijeka, Split, Osijek) and prestigious research institutes. Since its inception, it has organized 15 Annual meetings with international participation, 3 regional congresses of physiological societies and 5 congresses of the CPS. The last regional conference took place this autumn in Plitvice Lakes National Park, co-organized with the Slovenian Physiological Society and supported by both the Federation of European Physiological Societies and the International Union of Physiological Societies. The congress was attended by 181 registered participants from 16 countries (Picture 2). A memorable keynote lecture titled „Gas diffusion through membrane proteins“ was delivered by prof. Walter F. Boron. 11 guest speakers from

prestigious European and American universities delivered invited lectures covering a broad range of topics: sport physiology, endocrinology, cardiovascular physiology, neurophysiology, cell physiology and immunology. Registered participants were invited to share their research through either oral or poster presentations, and CPS awarded best 3 presentations in either category.

Over 2 decades, CPS has aimed to encourage, aid and promote physiology research in Croatia. This has been achieved in several ways, one of which is the organisation of Annual meetings where scientists from the field of physiology can gather and share experiences. CPS is also active in encouraging and advancing scientific research and organizes a yearly competition where its members may enter their published research articles and win prizes. On an international level, CPS members hold memberships in various European and American physiological societies and regularly attend their meetings, in this way representing CPS, ensuring greater dissemination of their research results and establishing long-term working relationships between different institutions. Many members are also employed at Croatian Universities, where they teach numerous courses in physiology and help nurture new generations of research scientists and medical professionals. Motivated students are given opportunities to be involved in projects from various physiology areas, helping them deepen their knowledge and providing them with experience needed later on in their careers. Learn more about CPS by visiting our website: [www.hdf.hr](http://www.hdf.hr).

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Picture 2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Congress of Physiological Societies and 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Croatian Physiological Society, 22-24 September 2022, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia.

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