

Dear Friends,

This year we are meeting for the fifth time at the European Congress on Physiotherapy and Balneology. During the previous years, this Congress has found a stable place in the calendar of scientific events, and in addition, it should be emphasized that it is also the largest event of its kind in Slovakia.

The aim of this Congress is to connect physiotherapists with physicians of various specializations, because physiotherapy covers almost all clinical medical disciplines. This makes our Congress significantly different from other professionally focused events, and so we have filled the missing segment on the science scene. Every year we get used to changing the proposal of topics. We have currently chosen telemedicine, telerehabilitation and respiratory rehabilitation in the context of the global uproar over the declared pandemic. As part of technological progress, we recommend robotics and technical aids in rehabilitation.

This year, the Institute of Physiotherapy, Balneology and Medical Rehabilitation (IFBLR) is transformed into the Faculty of Health Sciences (FZV), making it the fifth faculty within the University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava (UCM). The number of partners participating in the organization of the Congress has also expanded – In addition to our FZV, there are other universities from the Czech Republic, Poland, Georgia and, of course, the Slovak Chamber of Physiotherapists.

We are looking forward to the event taking place again in the picturesque spa town of Piešťany, where physiotherapy as such naturally belongs. I believe that you will gain new strength here and get creative inspiration for your work and, last but not least, make new friends during informal discussions.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I wish our joint European conference every success.

Piešťany, 9 May 2020

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