

5th Conference of Serbian Society of Medical Oncology (UMOS)
GERIATRIC ONCOLOGY – CHALLENGES AND DILEMMAS
13 – 14 May 2011, Kladovo, Serbia

The 5th Conference of Serbian Society of Medical oncology (UMOS), “Geriatric oncology – challenges and dilemmas”, was held in Kladovo, Serbia, on 13th and 14th May 2011. It was supported by ESMO and the Serbian Ministry of Health. This year there were more than 100 participants from our country, with the majority medical oncologists, but also participating were oncology surgeons and radiotherapists. Doctors from other internal medicine fields were also present, including specialists on geriatrics and cardiology. The majority of medical oncologists are ESMO members.

The risk of malignant disease increases with years, especially for some types, including breast, prostate, colon and lung cancer. Elderly patients usually have different needs than younger, so the treatment of these patients becomes more complicated. The most important facts are worse chemotherapy tolerance and presence of comorbidity.

The aim of the Conference was to point out the problem of cancer treatment of geriatric patients and:

- to highlight the most important facts about treating the older cancer patients
- to analyze new treatment approaches
- to discuss “pro and contra” of new drugs
- to discuss, explain and compare different stands

The participants had an opportunity to listen about

- physiological mechanisms of aging
- new insights in surgical and radiotherapy methods in geriatric patients treatment
- treatment of specific cancer localization (breast, colon, prostate, haematology)
- use of hormonal treatment in elderly cancer patients
- supportive care of elderly cancer patients

The sessions lasted around 45-60 minutes and after each session a discussion was held. The speakers were eminent Serbian oncologists and geriatrics. We also had a guest lecture, Dr Elisabeth Carola, from Paris, France, recommended by ESMO.



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There was an *Abstract book* provided, which can be downloaded from our web site.

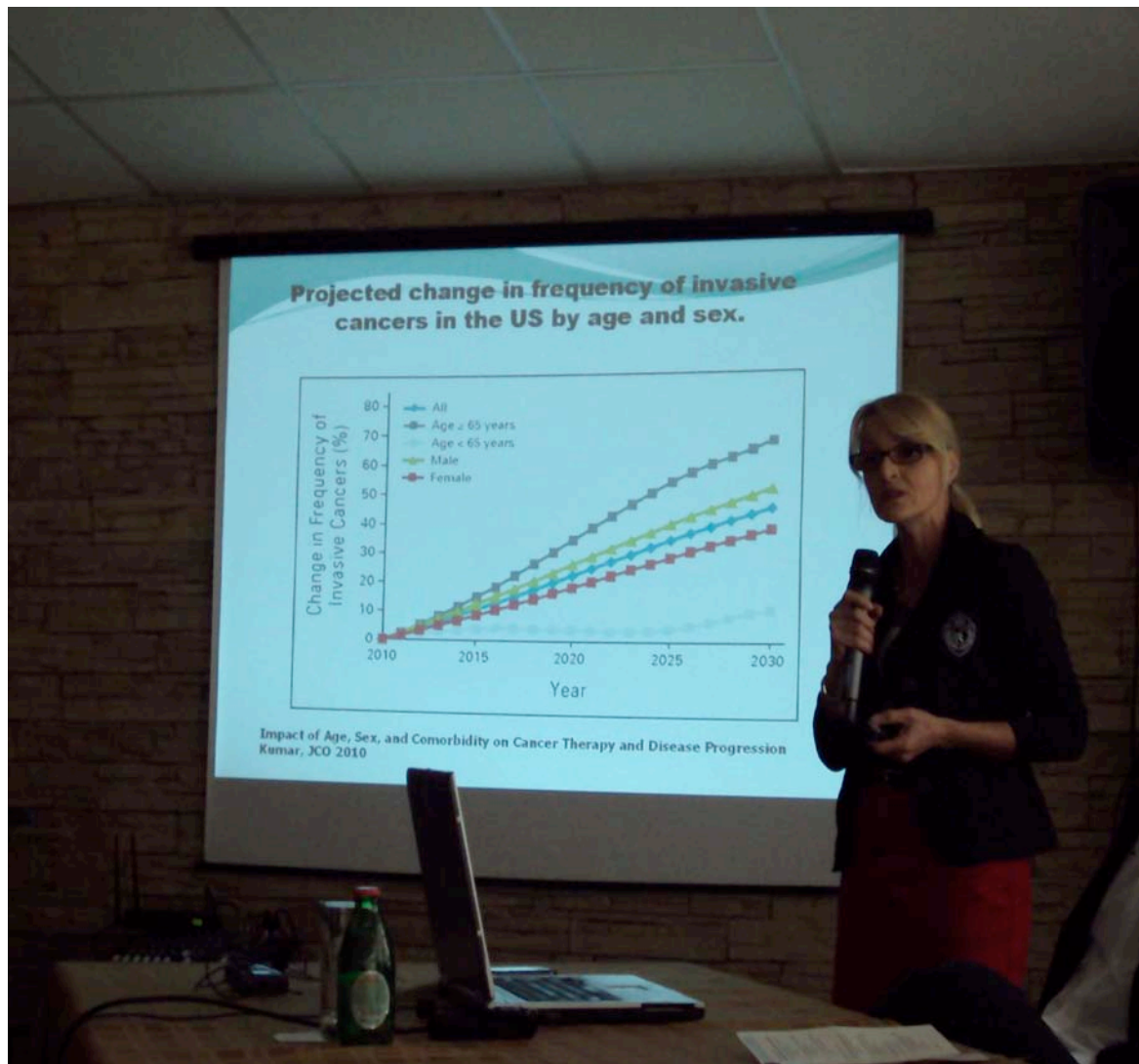
At the end of the Conference, all participants were requested to complete an evaluation form and from the forms completed it showed that all participants were very satisfied with the quality of lectures, speakers and location facilities. The overall conclusion can be that this Conference was extremely successful.

The information about next year conference will be available soon at our web site:
www.umos.org.rs

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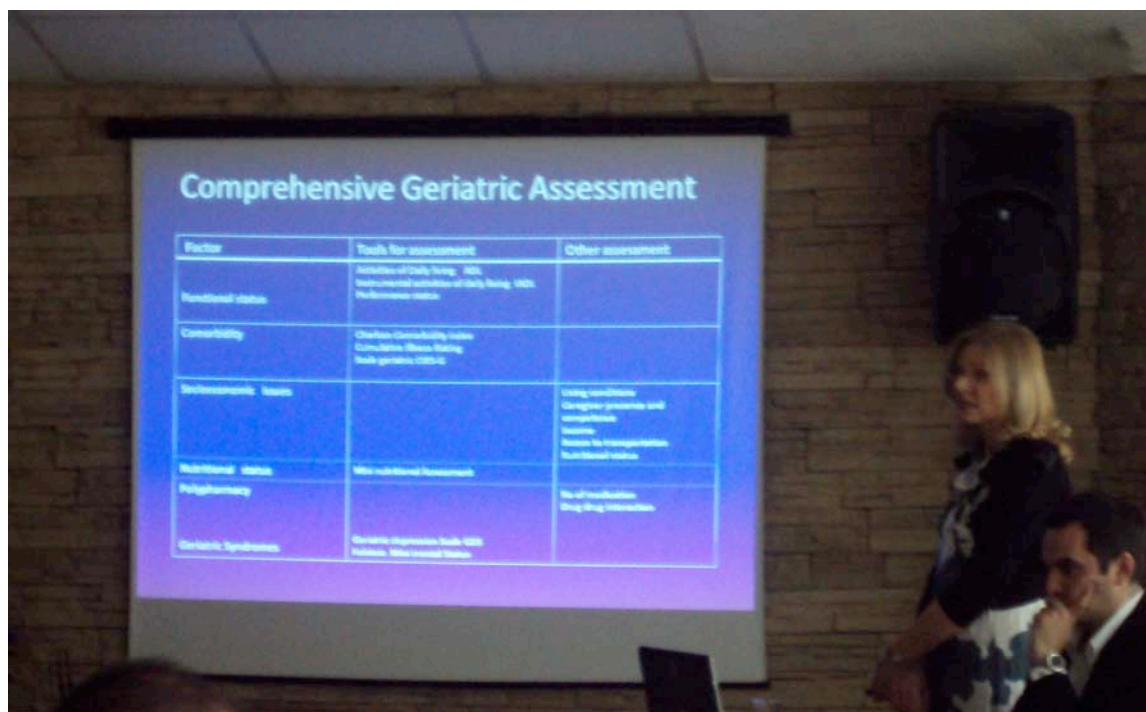
Dr Elisabeth Carola, guest lecture from France



Dr Nebojsa Despotovic, geriatric specialist, speaker



Dr Dusan Ristic and Dr Miroslav Kreacic, medical oncologists



Dr Natasa Jovanovic, radiotherapist, speaker