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# Days of Preventive Medicine International Congress

48. Дани превентивне медицине - Међународни конгрес

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear colleagues and  
Dear friends,

The imperial city of Niš is a birthplace of Constantine the Great, a Roman emperor who issued the Edict of Milan and gave Christianity an aura of statehood.

Niš is a city which remembers the brightest and the hardest moments of The Great War and epic history of Serbia.

Our Institute cherishes the sacred tradition of the first Pasteur Institute in the Balkans which was founded in 1900, only 12 years after the founder in Paris. Today, it is a health, educational and scientific institution, the teaching base of the Medical Faculty in Niš.

Days of preventive medicine have lasted for 48 years and passed a long way from a symposium up to an international congress in the field of preventive medicine, the only one of this kind in the Balkans.

We managed to keep the continuity of this scientific symposium even in the hardest periods respecting scientific and professional postulates in the service of preservation and improvement of public health.

Variety of topics and great number of attendees from the field of preventive medicine but also from clinical medicine which is a foresign of prevention, speaks in favor of a well-chosen strategy of the European and world doctrinal approach to science contribution, blending theory and practice.

It is my pleasure and duty to welcome you on behalf of the employees of Public Health Institute in Niš and at the same time, together with my wishes that you have prosperous and comfortable stay in our city, I wish to quote our great writer, Nobel prize winner Ivo Andric: "Life is not time that passes but moments which last forever"!

By this, I declare the 48th international Congress „Days of preventive medicine“ opened.

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