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## SUBJECT: Croatian Student Summit 18 invitation letter

Dear colleagues,

it is my great pleasure to invite you to this year's CROSS, entitled 'Body & Mind'. The Croatian Student Summit, commonly known as CROSS, is a congress organized for the eighteenth consecutive year by the Student Council of the School of Medicine at the University of Zagreb. I can proudly announce that CROSS is almost exclusively student-run, which shows the motivation and dedication of our students, and that brings great pride to our faculty and the university as a whole. Participants can get involved both passively and actively, while students of our faculty can choose CROSS as an elective class. This further shows the value the congress holds at our faculty, which has in turn supported and aided us through the years.

The connection between body and mind is indisputable in the 21st century – we know that contemporary medicine regards each patient as a whole, an indestructible link between organ systems united by homeostasis. Therefore, it is vital to regard the patient as a complete person and see the whole picture, instead of dismissing symptoms that fall outside of our speciality. The body and the mind are in constant conflict: which will prevail? What will be the final outcome? These are some of the questions that motivated us in choosing this interdisciplinary topic – body & mind – for this year's CROSS.

The Croatian Student Summit is an opportunity for all participants to learn something new that will serve them in their future studies and career. I am certain all participants will be satisfied by our carefully planned program, which will provide them with new skills, knowledge and motivation – from lectures by leading experts in the biomedical field to well-structured and practical workshops, there will be something to leave an impact on everybody. Except for the scientific component, CROSS also offers a social program, with the aim of bringing together students and young doctors and enriching them with life-long connections.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly invite you to join us at the eighteenth annual Croatian Student Summit, which will take place from the 25th – 28th of April, 2023 and be part of a beautiful story – a story of science, youth and connection.

Respectfully,

Dino Žujić President of CROSS 18

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