Foreword

It is a great pleasure to introduce the proceedings of the Romanian-Moldovan Conference of Gastroenterology, organized online on 19 November 2021.

The relation and collaboration between gastroenterologists from Romania and Moldova started more than 30 years ago, after the implosion of the communist regime and of the Soviet Union. The conditions to travel from one side to the other of the Prut River (natural border between Romania and Moldova) have been reestablished after more than 50 years of isolation imposed by the totalitarian regimes in both countries. Therefore, new friendly ties were bound. At the beginning, reciprocal visits have been organized, followed by lectures at each other's' meetings. More initiatives started, including common research projects, trainings, grants.

After several meetings in Chisinau where Romanian colleagues delivered lectures on their favorite topics, after several mixed Romanian-Moldovan sessions during the Romanian Congresses of Gastroenterology, it was time to organize a bilateral meeting. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemics did not allow an onsite meeting. However, the online event was very successful and very well attended by gastroenterologists from both countries. The lectures were all delivered in Romanian language. Now we present to you, in English, the proceedings. You have the opportunity to assess the high quality of the contributors' papers, covering different fields of gastroenterology.

The content of the meeting is displayed in table I in vernacular language.

We wish you pleasure in reading these proceeding papers.

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Table I. Program of the Romanian-Moldovan Meeting, 19 Nov 2021, online (in vernacular language).

PROGRAM Conferința Româno-Moldovenească de Gastroenterologie Dan L. DUMITRAȘCU, Eugen TCACIUC

Sesiunea 1: HEPATOLOGIE Moderatori: Simona GRAD, Teodora SURDEA-BLAGA

15.10 – 15.40 Bolile cronice ale ficatului și COVID-19. Experiența Spitalului Clinic Republican "Timofei Moșneaga" din Republica Moldova Eugen TCACIUC, Chișinău

> **15.40 – 16.10** Sarcina și COVID-19: leziuni hepatice. *Liudmila TOFAN-SCUTARU, Chișinău*

16.10 – 16.40 Biomarkerii neinvazivi ai steatohepatitei Abdulrahman ISMAIEL, Cluj-Napoca

16.40 – 17.10 Impactul steatozei hepatice asupra evoluției postoperatorii a donatorilor vii de lob hepatic drept Angela PELTEC, Adrian HOTINEANU, Irinel POPESCU, Vladislav BRAŞOVEANU, Chişinău – București

17.10 – 17.25 Diagnosticarea bolii Gaucher – o continuă provocare

Dan L. DUMITRAȘCU, Cluj-Napoca

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Sesiunea 2: VARIA Moderatori: Marcel TANȚĂU, Radu BADEA

17.25 – 17.55 Tratamentul nutrițional al pancreatitei Svetlana TURCAN, Chișinău

17.55 – 18.25 Tratamentul dispepsiei funcționale: ce este nou? Dan L. DUMITRAȘCU, Cluj-Napoca

18.25 – 18.55 Interrelația: microbiota gastrică – bolile acidodependente, și nu doar...

Alexandru BABIN, Chișinău

18.55 – 19.25 Inteligența artificială în gastroenterologie *Ștefan L. POPA, Cluj-Napoca*