Abstract: First idea to organize a Mediterranean meeting on rheumatology came from Prof. H. Roux in 1981 and he realized it by holding a meeting in Marseille 1982 by naming it as “Premieres Journees Mediterraneenes De Rhumatologie”. Despite of a good number of presentations, only 6 Mediterranean countries were represented (Fr, It, Sp, Gr and Tr). Next meeting was in Napoli 1984 organized by Prof. M. Giordano again by an initial title of “II Giornate Mediterraneene di Reumatologia” which was named into MCRs. Our Turkish Rheumatism Soc. supported the Congress in Napoli and this was the first meeting for me. At the end of this meeting Roux, Giordano, Hamza, Hadidi and I decided to continue these meetings every 2 years in another Mediterranean country under the name of Mediterranean Congress of Rheumatology, next one to take place in Tunis 1986. These have continued up to Sarajevo as the 16th meeting.


Now there are 8 countries left to organize further MCRs: Monaco, Malta, Slovenia, Montenegro, Albania, Syria, Palestine, Israel, Cyprus and Libya. I wish them great energy and power for success!

I congratulate cordially Prof. Sekib Sokolovic and organizers to hold such a successful meeting of 16 MCR in Sarajevo.

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