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To attn: all health-care providers around the globe
(physicians, dentists, pharmacists, nurses,
social workers, scientists, *etc.*)

Re: concert of doctor musicians

November 13, 2016

Dear Colleagues:

I am the founding director of *Asklepios-Med*, which is a private medical practice and research center in Hungary. I have realized that the relatively high number of foreign students in Hungarian medical schools, and the increased call for Hungarian physicians to work abroad including in your country, clearly demonstrate the good relationship and friendly partnership between the two nations with respect to health-care. Moreover, growing interest in and need for establishing both scientific and extra-professional activities exist among Hungarian and foreign doctors. Indeed, serving also as a physician and senior scientist (principal investigator) in an international scientific and medical consortium, I have had time to note that health-care providers, including myself, not only perform the science and art of maintaining and restoring human health, but some of them also provide culture-making services to society. The term *ars medicina*, therefore, is much broader, however people consider us “only” doctors, even though many physicians – as well as treating patients – also play the piano, sing, dance, paint, do sculptures, *etc.*, and some of their performances and art-works are indeed breath-taking, albeit not yet recognized.

In addition to patient care and science, and based on the above observation, *Asklepios-Med* regularly organizes concerts of doctor-musicians and exhibition-series of fine-artist physicians from all over the world. There has never been such a cultural event of this kind in Hungary, and the first few stations of these visual and performing-art shows that we organized were very well received by both medical professionals and the public. Please visit our home page at www.asklepios-med.eu for further details.

Hungary was one of the oldest, largest and most powerful kingdoms in Europe. She has always been a key role-player in the region, and a continuous connection between East and West: several royal summits of kings also regularly took place here. Hungary is now a small country in Central Europe with long history, beautiful landscape, fine cultural heritage, and friendly people. As part of our aim to continue with this tradition, we seek to join together artist-physicians from all over Europe and around the world to demonstrate their creative activities in Hungary, and involve as many nations as possible to both participate and host our events. This would grant doctors, scientists and other health-care providers to exchange ideas both on the artistic front, as well as on the professional horizon.

In order to proceed with these traditions and in continuation of our successful intellectual events, the next chapter of the concert-series of *Asklepios-Med* will be held on **May 20, 2017** in the cultural and conference center of the charming town of **Tokaj, Hungary**. This internationally renowned historic region and tourist destination is conveniently located at the heart of the legendary Tokaj-Hegyalja wine region of the country, and is a world heritage site listed by the United Nations educational, scientific and cultural organization (UNESCO).

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I cordially invite you to join our cultural event in Tokaj (Hungary), and I would also humbly like for you to please kindly distribute this opportunity among all health-care professionals in your country with the following pieces of information and kind requests:

1. Presentations may include singing, playing a musical instrument (*eg. piano, etc*), acting in a music band, dancing, and anything considered performing art. There will be neither selection, nor censorship of any kind. The only criterion to participate is that you have to be a medical professional or work in relation to health-care.
2. **This is a non-profit cultural initiative, therefore no registration or admission fees will apply**, however we greatly value and appreciate your donations (for further information please consult the *research&development* section of our home-page at www.asklepios-med.eu, or visit: www.asklepios-med.eu?donations)
3. Those who wish to perform should address **all of our queries below via e-mail** and in the English language by **no later than January 31, 2017**, using the following electronic address: **palotas@asklepios-med.eu**

3.1. About the show

- what will be performed (*eg. play the piano, debut of a string-quartet, dancing, etc*);
- style (*eg. musical, jazz, rock, pop, classical music, etc*);
- full program to be presented, including name of the author/composer and title (please do not use abbreviations as full names are preferred);
- approximately how long will your performance take (*eg. 20 minutes*);
- kindly also inform us if you have any special requirements.

3.2. About yourself (if you are not a solo artist, each member of the music band should be listed), as follows:

- full name;
- medical specialty;
- affiliation (full name of the hospital/university with city and country) and clinical level/grade if applicable (*eg. chief surgeon, associate professor, etc*);
- artistic role, *eg. vocal, piano, electric guitar, violin, etc.*

When composing the above information, please kindly bear in mind that facts obvious to yourself may be unknown to others, especially for those coming from different countries. Therefore, I kindly request that you please write out the full name of any abbreviation, always provide country not just the town or city, *etc.*

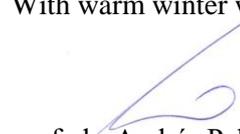
4. The concert will take place on **Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 3pm** at the ceremonial chamber of the **Cultural and conference center of Tokaj** (former Synagogue): *H-3910 Tokaj, Serház út 55, Hungary.*
5. About traveling to the concert venue...
 - 5.1. Please kindly let us know if you need any assistance with transport and/or hotel accommodation? If so, the travel section of *Asklepios-Med* will be more than happy to provide you with a variety of discounted hotel rooms (ranging from 5-star to budget) and/or transportation (return train- or air-ticket, *etc*) for the event. Please quote *medical-concert* as a reference for a discount and kindly contact the fully registered **travel agent division of Asklepios-Med** using any of the following details, **tel: +(36)(30)515-8623, or e-mail: budapest@asklepios-med.eu**
 - 5.2. In order to get everything ready for the event, including setting up the musical instruments on the podium with a possible rehearsal before the show, may I suggest that you please arrive in Tokaj no later than the **morning of May 20, 2017 or even the day before.**
6. We will provide microphones and basic items such as chair and music stands, as well as heavy instruments which you might not be able to carry with you, including a piano. Other than these, however, it will only be possible to use your own completely functional musical devices: renting or fixing at the spot will not be feasible, therefore please kindly make sure that your pieces are performance-ready. Should you have any special requirements, please do inform us in advance.
7. *Asklepios-Med* cannot reimburse any expenses to participants or accompanying persons, nor can we provide a travel grant or any sort of financial assistance.

8. The splendid concert-series of *Asklepios-Med* is a non-profit cultural initiative, therefore no registration or admission fees apply to save your own budget, however every step has been funded by our own personal resources and money. As there are no sponsors involved whatsoever, and our private funds are also limited, **we would greatly value and appreciate your donations. Your generous financial assistance will support all aspects of our international activities, including the one-of-its-kind medico-cultural events of *Asklepios-Med*, as well as our fight for healthy brains which involves innovative scientific research into Alzheimer's disease and related memory problems. By donating, please work together with us towards a dementia-free world.** For further information please consult and browse through the *research&development* section of our home-page at www.asklepios-med.eu, or find additional details directly on www.asklepios-med.eu?donations
9. **Important notice!** At our artistic event, everybody is participating solely at their own risk. In case of need/necessity to have personal travel, health and/or property insurance, including cover for the musical instruments, everyone is cordially asked to arrange for them personally, also involving their accompanying partners and persons. The organizers will not take any responsibility and will not be held liable for damages arising from the impairment, defacing, getting lost, disappearance or theft of the musical devices, whatever the causes may have been; nor will they be responsible and/or liable for any kind of damages occurring as a result of the event's alteration/modification, possible cancellation, any accident, health-related problems or injury, or any other causes. **Participating at the concert shall automatically be deemed to be an acceptance of the above conditions and our terms of business.**

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

I look forward to meeting you during this exciting international concert the coming spring. In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a happy, successful new year.

With warm winter wishes:



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