

## **Guest Editors Introductory Words**

Dear readers,

A traditional joint meeting of the Czech and Slovak Physiological Societies (the 97<sup>th</sup> Physiological Days) was organized by the 1<sup>st</sup> Faculty of Medicine of the Charles University in Prague on February 8-9, 2022. Although the meeting was originally planned to be held in 2021 it had to be postponed to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite extensive anti-epidemic measures and restrictions, we had the opportunity to meet in person again after a relatively long period of two years. This gap represents a completely unique situation in the history of Physiological Days. We do believe that such a situation will not repeat in the future and we will meet regularly every year.

There are two noteworthy features of the 97<sup>th</sup> Physiological Days which represented an extraordinary experience not only for the participants, but also for the organizers. First, we were able to meet again in person after a long period; second, we were able to welcome the participants in completely renovated building of the Institute of Physiology of the 1<sup>st</sup> Faculty of Medicine. Both these facts contributed to a very nice

and friendly atmosphere of the meeting that traditionally brings together scientists from various academic and research departments of both participating countries. And now we are really looking forward to the next meeting which is planned for February 2023.

And last but not least we would like to express many thanks to all registered participants of the meeting and particularly to contributors to this Supplement of Physiological Research which represents an overview of the work of members of both societies. We would like to acknowledge also reviewers who performed a great job by evaluating the submitted papers, the Editorial Board, and all people who participated in preparing this special issue of the Physiological Research journal.

On behalf of the organizers of the 97<sup>th</sup> Physiological Days and the Editorial Board of this Supplement

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