Croatian Orthopaedic Society - CrOS
of Croatian Medical Association

The Croatian Medical Association (CMA), founded on 26 February 1874, is a non-governmental organisation of physicians whose purpose is to promote the health protection of the citizens, professional and scientific practice, to foster medical ethics and to protect the interests of their profession. The CMA is the head professional and scientific organisation of physicians in Croatia.

Our Croatian Orthopaedic Society (CrOS), founded in 1930, is one of about 120 professional societies of the CMA. At present CrOS accounts about 210 orthopaedic surgeons and residents of orthopaedic surgery, which is more than 95% of total number of orthopaedic surgeons in the Republic of Croatia. Membership is voluntarily, with the transparency of the activities, and democracy in decision making, at the national level. To serve the orthopaedic profession and science as well as our patients for a whole century is a reason to be proud, but at the same time a demanding commitment to lifelong improvement.

The Croatian Orthopaedic Society is liable for all major issues regarding orthopaedics in the Republic of Croatia. The Croatian Ministry of Health must consult us when approving or establishing new reference medical centres in the field of orthopaedics. In the process of giving professional titles to the physicians practicing orthopaedics and performing orthopaedic surgery, our society must give its expertise.

The Croatian Orthopaedic Society is in charge of creating educational programmes for the orthopaedic surgery residency and subspecialties; it is regularly consulted regarding undergraduate and postgraduate students’ education, and court of law experts and mentors could be elected only according to CrOS recommendation.

Since 1996, the CMS has been an associate member in the UEMS and an active accessory in the UEMS Section of Orthopaedics and EBOT. Finally, in 2010 we became a full National Member Society of EFORT.
In other words, CrOS is the acknowledged professional society in the field of orthopaedics, orthopaedic surgery, and bone and joint surgery in general in Croatia. We regularly have meetings, symposia, education courses and a national congress every 4 years. Members of the society are active in publishing both professional and scientific articles in appreciated journals, and they are active in international congresses, in particular EFORT and CEOC congresses.

In 2008, the CMA celebrated "A Hundred Years of Orthopaedic on Croatian Territory" in time of the Croatian orthopaedic congress with international participations. We are waiting for all of you in the next congress year 2012!