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March-April 2018 Reviewer of the Issue - Matjaž Kopač Matjaž Kopač



Dr. Matjaž Kopač is currently an assisstant professor in the department of nephrology in the University Medical Centre Ljubljana. Below is his career history in his own words:

I graduated at Faculty of Medicine, Ljubljana University, in 1999 and was awarded the student's Prešeren award for a research on genetic susceptibillity for lung cancer in Slovenian population in 1997.

Post-graduate education: I completed Master of Science degree, entitled Induced sputum in asthma in 2002. I was pediatric nephrology research fellow and resident of pediatrics

at University Medical Centre Ljubljana between 2002 and 2007 and completed the Doctor of Science thesis, entitled Indirect voiding urosonography for detecting vesicoureteral reflux in children during that time. I was appointed for Assistant Professor in Pediatrics in 2013 (all at Faculty of Medicine, Ljubljana University).

Special training: I completed international Course in ultrasonography of the urinary tract at the University Medical Centre Ljubljana, Slovenia, under the auspices of Jefferson Ultrasound Research and Education Institute in 2002 and Internship in pediatric radiology with emphasis on ultrasonography of the urinary tract at the Division of Pediatric Radiology at the Medical University Graz (Austria) in 2007. I also attended several other regional courses on ultrasonography of the urinary tract recently since I regularly perform these investigations in children. I completed practical training in dialysis at the Dialysis Centre, University Medical Centre Ljubljana in 2004, and attended several Dialysis courses afterwards. I completed Observership with training in pediatric nephrology (3 months) at the Nephrology Division, Department of Pediatrics, at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (USA) in 2008. I actively participated at Pediatric Urology (in 2003), Pediatric Nephrology (in 2006) and Pediatric Nephrology and Endocrinology (in 2011 and 2014) Seminars in Salzburg (Austria) and received The Certificate for Academic Excellence (in 2011 and 2014). I completed Urodynamic Course at Bristol Urological Institute / Warrell Unit Manchester (UK) in 2013 and have regularly performed urodynamic investigations in children since then. I have published more than thirty papers in Slovenian and international peer reviewed journals. »Being a reviewer for Urology Journal is an honor, as you are allowed to contribute to the scientific level of this journal. The Urology Journal has a unique approach with a Review form that enables concise and systematic review process. Careful evaluation of scientific articles is an important scholarly contribution and a gratifying duty in academics. Peer review is a vital process for any journal and enables publication of innovative research that meets the highest standards of quality.«

Kopač, was chosen by editorial board of The Urology Journal for his valuable and timely review of manuscript".