

“Improving women’s journeys through abortion”



12th congress of FIAP  14.-15. October 2016, Lisbon,

“Avoiding unwanted pregnancies in Zagreb”

Vesna Stepanic

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INTRODUCTION

Covered topics / terms:

- Unwanted pregnancies
- Termination of unwanted pregnancies
- Contraception use
- Preventive activities



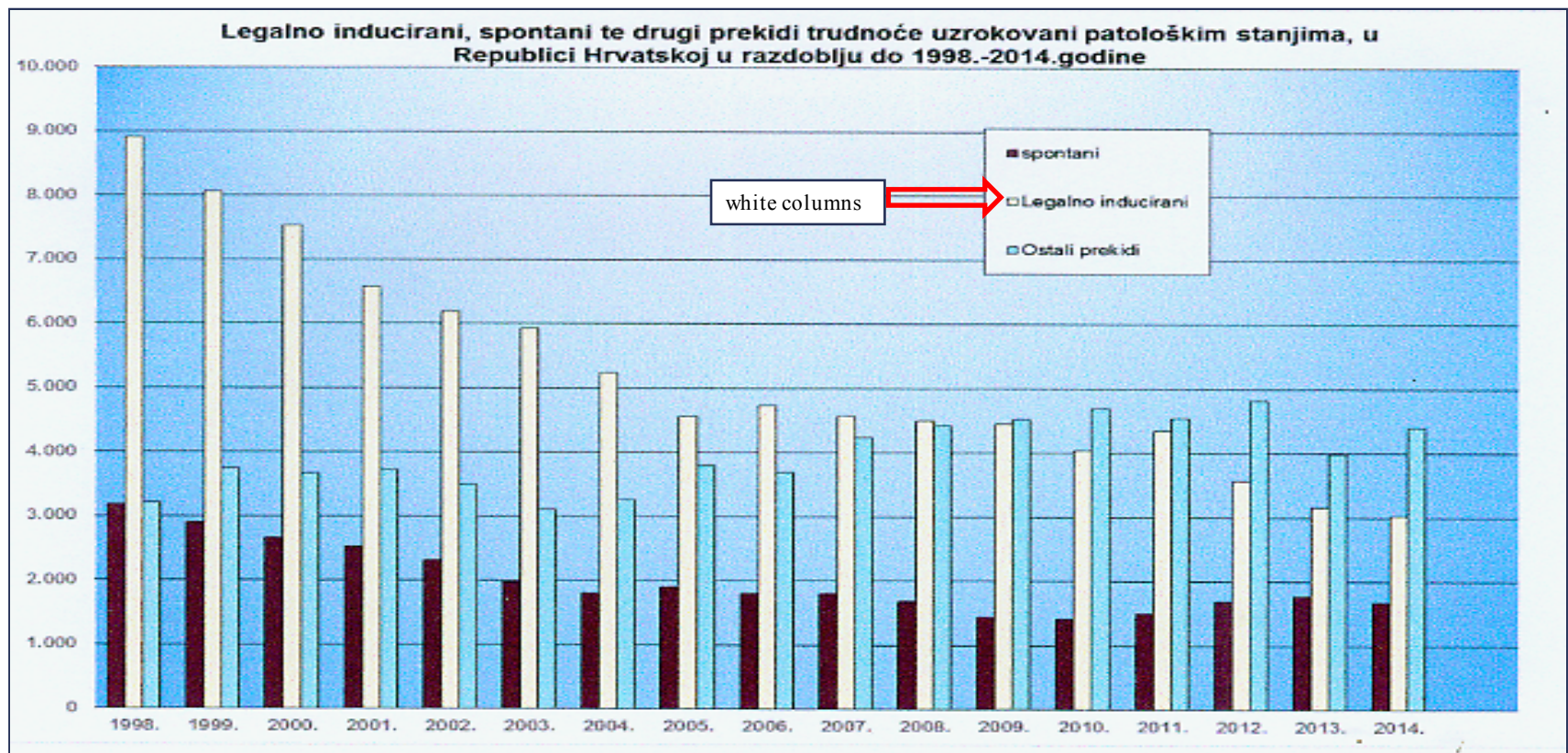
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- ... is associated with an increased risk of problems
...
- ... the termination rate is decreasing, but
- ... just “legal abortion”, not “medical” nor “surgical”
...

*Source: Croatian Institute of Public Health (CIPH),
2014.*

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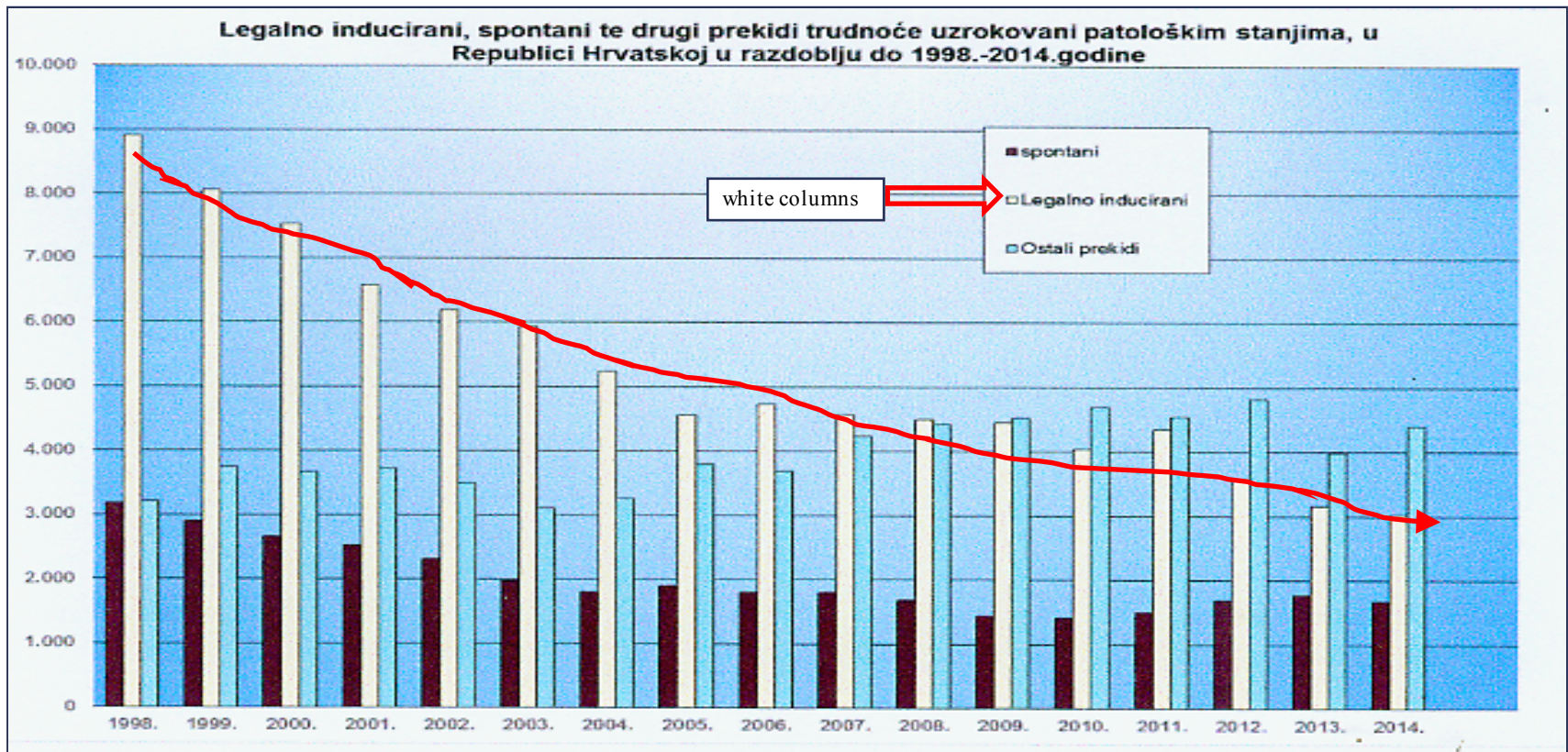


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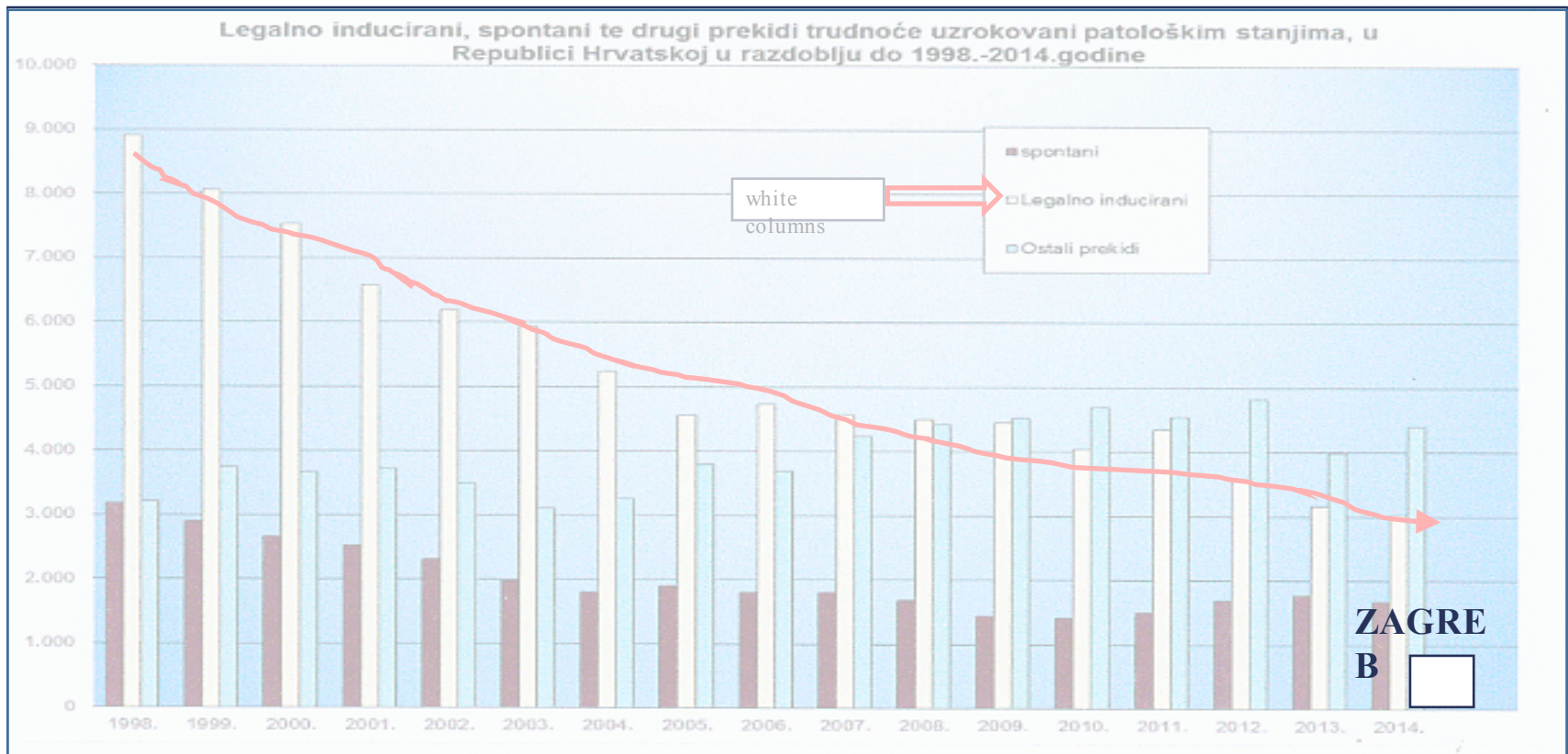


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Picture 2.

Abortion in Zagreb – legal, 2014 → *Questionnaire.*

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GODINA	Broj prekida trudnoće UKUPNO	OD TOGA						Broj legalno* induciranih prekida trudnoće na 100 rodilja
		spontani	%	Legalno inducirani	%	Ostali prekidi trudnoće	%	
1998.	15.292	3.180	20,8	8.907	58,2	3.205	21	19
1999.	14.700	2.894	19,7	8.064	54,9	3.742	25,5	18
2000.	13.870	2.666	19,2	7.534	54,3	3.670	26,5	17
2001.	12.814	2.521	19,7	6.574	51,3	3.719	29	17
2002.	12.002	2.313	19,3	6.191	51,6	3.498	29,1	16
2003.	10.999	1.971	17,9	5.923	53,9	3.105	28,2	15
2004.	10.288	1.802	17,5	5.232	50,9	3.254	31,6	13
2005.	10.255	1.906	18,5	4.563	44,5	3.786	37,0	11
2006.	10.224	1.803	17,6	4.733	46,3	3.688	36,1	11
2007.	10.609	1.804	17	4.573	43,1	4.232	39,9	11
2008.	10.616	1.691	15,9	4.497	42,4	4.428	41,7	10
2009.	10.417	1.442	13,8	4.450	42,7	4.525	43,4	10
2010.	10.150	1.413	14	4.043	39,8	4.694	46,2	10
2011.	10.401	1.501	14,4	4.347	41,8	4.553	43,8	11
2012.	10.088	1.696	16,8	3.572	35,4	4.820	47,8	9
2013.	8.922	1.772	19,9	3.161	35,4	3.989	44,7	8
2014.	9.103	1.681	18,5	3.020	33,2	4.402	48,4	8



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2000.	4 0,0%	38 0,5%	384 5,1%	426 5,7%	2.628 34,9%	3.312 44,0%	916 12,2%	0 0,0%	252 3,3%	7.534 100%
2001.	6 0,1%	51 0,8%	396 6,0%	453 6,9%	2.420 36,8%	2.917 44,4%	685 10,4%	1 0,0%	98 1,5%	6.574 100%
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2002.	1.503 24,3%	1.104 17,8%	2.274 36,7%	817 13,2%	319 5,2%	14 0,2%	7 0,1%	153 2,5%	6.191 100%
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II USE OF CONTRACEPTION

- ... less than 40% of couples/women use contraception ...
- ... the vast majority had not considered using any contraceptive methods ...
- ... major objection related to OHC was cost ...

Sources:

Croatian Society for Gynecologic Endocrinology and Human Reproduction.

Questionnaire (Q), 2014.





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III PREVENTIVE ACTIVITIES

- counseling about responsible sexual behaviour, contraception, unintended pregnancies ...
- responsibility of gynaecologists, GPs, other professionals ...
- participations of media and politicians ...
- intention of nongovernmental sources to hire doctors to advise and educate about this issues ...

- ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM -

With the help of **ESC grant** the
First International Symposium, entitled
Avoiding Unwanted Pregnancies
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 **KNJIGA SIMPOZIJA**

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Picture 3. Poster of the Symposium.

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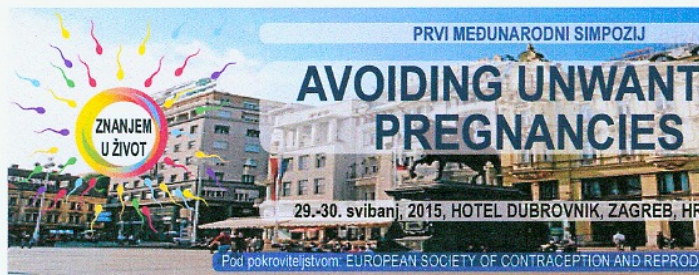
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- The idea was to convene experts in this field at the same place at the same time.
- Important topics were:



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Rok za slanje sažetaka

7. svibanj 2015.

Rana registracija

10. svibanj 2015.

Sudionici

ginekolozi, epidemiolozi, novinari, psiholozi, LOM, pravnici, studenti...

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Pod pokroviteljstvom: EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CONTRACEPTION AND REPRODUCTION

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TEME

- Statistički i epidemiološki pokazatelji o primjeni kontracepcije i namjernom pretrudnoće u Hrvatskoj i ostalim članicama Europske unije
- Zakoni i namjerni prekid neželjene trudnoće u Hrvatskoj i ostalim članicama EU
- Posljedice namjernog prekida neželjene trudnoće na opće, mentalno i reproduktivno zdravlje
- Kako odabrati najprimjereniju metodu kontracepcije
- Najčešći razlozi protiv uporabe kontracepcije
- Kontracepcija i neželjena trudnoća u medijima
- Uloga ginekologa, medija i društva u edukaciji o odgovornom spolnom ponašanju

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May 7th 2015

Early registration until

May 10th 2015

Participants

Gynecologists, Epidemiologists, Journalists, Psychologists, GPs, Lawyers

1ST INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON

AVOIDING UNWANTED PREGNANCIES

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MAN HAS A CHOICE AND IT'S A CHOICE THAT MAKES HIM A MAN

John Steinbeck, East of Eden

TOPICS

- Statistics and epidemiology about contraception and termination of unwanted pregnancies in Croatia and in other countries of the European Union
- Laws regarding termination of unwanted pregnancies in Croatia and in other countries of the European Union
- Consequences of terminating unwanted pregnancies on women's general, mental and reproductive health
- Helping women choose the best contraception method
- Most common reasons for women not to use contraception
- Portrayal of contraception and unwanted pregnancies in the media
- Role of gynecologists, media, and society in educating about responsible sexual behavior

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About the Symposium – Important topics.

- ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM -

Something to highlight from the Symposium:

- The experiences with the medical abortion was discussed.
- Laws regarding termination of unwanted pregnancies was presented.
- The institution of conscious objection was discussed.
- The preventive programs were presented.



CONCLUSIONS

- The number of unwanted pregnancies and its termination is still high.
- The number of contraception users are still unsatisfactory.
- Preventive programmes are promised, but should be more “aggressive”.
- Institution of conscious objection should not only be discussed, but discussion should reach some results in form of laws.
- Laws regarding pregnancy termination should be



THANK YOU

Avoiding unwanted pregnancies in Zagreb, Vessio Stepanic, Croatia, 12th congress of EAPAC, 14.-15. October, Lisbon, Portugal.

