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THE Association for Social medicine - Public health of B&H was re-established at General Assembly in Tuzla in March 2000 as part from previous Yugoslav Association for Social medicine and Health Care Organization established in the year 1978 by Prof Arif Smajkic, MD, PhD with office in Sarajevo. This Association had its own professional journal *Materia Socio-medica Jugoslavica* which existed from 1978 to 1990. During last twenty five years, using the methods of the systems analyses, the operational researches, epidemiologic and the statistic methods and by engagement of their eminent experts in the area of Social medicine - Public health this Association spread out experiences from scientific and research work in B&H and wider. The most significant segments of the research were: Social-medical diagnostics, Health economics, Health management, Health promotion, Health ethics, Health information systems and Planning and programming of health care protection at every level of organization including: the problems of healthcare and diseases at the level of categories of the inhabitants and the community; the studying of the healthcare systems; the evaluation of the needs, the requests in use of the healthcare services; the studying of the relations between the community and the users; the studies of qualities; the studies of the structures, the source and the distribution of the means; the studies of the technology and its transfer of the giving of the healthcare protection; the methodological studies, etc.

In year 2001 the Association of Social medicine - Public health of B&H organized in Sarajevo First congress of Social medicine - Public health with international participation with theme "The healthcare systems in the countries of the Stability Pact". The sessions of the congress were: "Health status of population and possible trends in member-states of Stability Pact", "Public health measures in investigation of health care needs in countries under transition", "Reform, management and information systems as condition to approach the European countries". Participants were from countries of the Southeastern Europe. The works were published in the journal "Medical archives" (www.pubmed.gov). Also, every year Association organizes STC conferences: Public health days (in Tuzla - 2003, in Zenica - 2004 and in Cazin - 2005), during which members of Association presented actual themes from public health aspects. Papers are published in official journal of Association - "*Materia Socio Medica*".

Scientific and research journal "*Materia Socio Medica*" followed the official journal of the Association for Social medicine of Yugoslavia established in 1978. In this journal, with interruptions, from the establishment until today was published over 600 papers from over 1.000 authors and co-authors. The journal plays significant role in the promotion of the Social medicine/public health care in former Yugoslav countries, and especially of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Editorial Board is placed in Sarajevo from 2000 and members of the journal are respective public health experts and researches from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

From this issue journal *Materia Socio Medica* is in new design - all papers are in English, since we pretend to be leading journal on regional level - for Public Health Association of Southeastern Europe.

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