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# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Serbian Neurosurgical Society with international participation

"Neurovascular supersessions: Exo? Endo? Hybrid? Quo vadis?"

Kragujevac, Serbia, October 24th -27th, 2019

## **OFFICIAL REPORT**

The 5th Annual Meeting of Serbian Neurosurgical Society with international participation took a place at Hotel Sumarice, Kragujevac, Serbia, from October 24th-27th, 2019. This Meeting was organized as a Joint venture with EANS Section for Vascular Neurosurgery, Hungarian Neurosurgical Society and Japan Neurosurgical Society, Section for Vascular Neurosurgery, hosted by: Serbian Neurosurgical Society (SNSS) in conjunction with Croatian Society for Cerebrovascular and Endovascular Neurosurgery and joint meeting with Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society and WFNS Cerebrovascular Diseases & Therapy Committee.

The Meeting has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 27 European CME credits (ECMEC®s), as well as by the Health Council of the Republic of Serbia as an International Congress.

"Neurovascular supersessions: Exo? Endo? Hybrid? Quo vadis?" gathered 424 participants from 27 countries worldwide, in total.

The Meeting was held under the auspices of the President of Republic of Serbia, H.E. Mr. Aleksandar Vucic and endorsed by Ministry of health Republic of Serbia and Minister of health Assist. Prof. Zlatibor Loncar and Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development and Minister Mladen Sarcevic. The importance of the event has been recognized by all relevant institutions in Republic of Serbia.

In order to stimulate neurosurgeons, especially young ones, 20 grants (free registration and accommodation) for the best papers selected by the Scientific Committee were provided. Through Serbian neurosurgical society philanthropic education and support program, thanks to many socially responsible companies and individuals, additional 100 grants were afforded (free registration) as well as free registration and accommodation for faculty and members of the Organizing & Scientific Committee.



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# The Meeting in pictures

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 2 Pre-meeting workshops "Neurovascular Surgical Anatomy" and "Neurosonology in Neurointensive care" were held at the Faculty of Medical Sciences University of Kragujevac. Workshops were held by 10 national and international faculty members and gathered more than 50 participants in total. Both faculty and participants agreed that these workshops were a great success and a perfect introduction for the Meeting.



Picture 1. Pre – meeting workshops, October 24th, 2019

Prof. Lukas Rasulic, Honorary President of the Meeting and President of the Serbian Neurosurgical Society and Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society, along with Prof. dr Ferenc Vicko, State Secretary in the Ministry of Health Republic of Serbia, Prof. Dr Viktor Nedović, Assistant Minister for International Cooperation and European Integration in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia, Prof. Dr. Basant Misra, the 1st Vice President, World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, Prof. Andreas Demetriades, EANS President - Elect, Prof. Dr. Kenan Arnautovic, AANS, Chair, International Collaboration Committee, Prof. Dr Bruno SPlavski, on behalf of Prof. Dr. Krešimir Rotim, Honorary President of the Meeting, SeENS Honorary President and President of the Croatian Society for Cerebrovascular and Endovascular Neurosurgery, Prof. Dr. Peter Banczerowski, on behalf of the Hungarian Neurosurgical Society, Prof. Dr. Hidetoshi Kasuya, on behalf of Japan Neurosurgical Society, Prof. Dr. Nenad Filipovic, Rector, University of Kragujevac, Prof. Dr Vladimir Jakovljevic, Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Kragujevac, Prof. Dr. Predrag Sazdanovic, Director, Clinical Center of Kragujevac, Doc. Dr. Radivoje Nikolic, Organizing Commitee President and Mr. Radomir Nikolic, Mayor of Kragujevac, officially opened the Meeting and welcomed invited speakers, participants and guests.



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Picture 2. Opening ceremony, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Kragujevac, October 24th, 2019

After the Opening ceremony, Welcome reception was held in the Restaurant "Kafana Balkan".



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Picture 3. Welcome reception, October 24th, 2019

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, after Opening remarks, Multimodal expert forum session was held along with the special guest lecture delivered by Prof. Madjid Samii via skype. Numerous sessions were held along with 1 Rapid crossfire session, Young neurosurgeons award session and Course Scientific Research in Neurosurgery: Facing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges. Prof. Ben Roitberg, Editor in chief of the Journal Neurological Research, was a special guest lecturer at this course that gathered 20 participants. In the evening, Serbian traditional dinner for all participants took place in hotel Sumarice.



Picture 4. Scientific sessions, October 25th, 2019



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Picture 5. Serbian traditional dinner, October 25th, 2019

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, lectures were presented within various sessions in 2 halls and Nursing symposium was held as well. After the scientific part of the program, Social dinner was held in hotel Sumerice. Prof. Rasulic awarded honorary memberships in Serbian Neurosurgical Society and Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society.



Picture 6. Nursing symposium, October 26th, 2019



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Picture 7. Social dinner, October 26th, 2019



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Vaso Antunović Miroslav Samardžić Ljubomir Popović Ivo Berisavac Rađenko Tadić Zoran Milenković On October  $27^{th}$ , 2019, 3 scientific sessions and 1 Meet the experts session were held. Within the Closing ceremony, Young neurosurgeons and the best oral presentations awards were announced.



Picture 8. Closing ceremony - Prof. Hiroki Kurita from Japan received the Serbian Neurosurgical Society honorary membership



Picture 9. Closing ceremony - Young neurosurgeons awards



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# The Meeting in numbers

The meeting was attended by total of 424 participants from 27 countries, including faculty, participants, industry partners, guests, nursing technicians, medical students and volunteers. First day, pre-meeting workshops were held.

During the extraordinary 3 Multimodal Experts Forum sessions, 4 SNSS Tribute lectures dedicated to Prof. Milivoje Kostic and Prof. Madjid Samii, 2 neurovascular supersessions, 7 Exo vs. endo vs. hybrid discussion sessions, 1 Quo vadis session, 2 Stroke symposia and 1 Carotid surgery symposium more than 100 experts introduced participants in all relevant topics from the field of vascular neurosurgery. Around 50 oral presentations within 2 sessions and Young neurosurgeons award session were presented as well.

The streaming of the event is available at:

October 25th, 2019 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPMYwm7cY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPMYwm7cY</a> 8&feature=youtu.be October 26th, 2019

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# They said after the Meeting

"Dear Lukas, I want to thank you for your hospitality and the wonderful meeting you put together. It was an honor for me to attend and participate. I thank you for considering me and allowing me to speak at the meeting. It was a wonderful event. Thank you again! Carlos David, USA

Dear Professor Rasulic, dear Lukas, I would like to thank you very much for a professionally organized, highly educative and perfectly entertaining congress. It is a petty that we could spend a only a short time with you.

Istvan Szikora, Hungary

"Dear Prof. Lukas Rasulic, Thank you for your great friendship, hospitality, and efforts. I and my wife were really enjoy staying in Serbia...I was deeply impressed by passion and brightness of Serbian neurosurgeons. I'd like to say congratulation to you and all Serbian neurosurgeons for great success on this meeting, again.

Akitsugu Kawashima, Japan

Dear Professor Rasulic, I would like to express my deepest thanks and appreciation for brilliantly organized meeting, your hospitality and wonderful present from the Organizing Committee... Me and my colleagues are waiting for you and our Serbian colleagues in Novosibirsk in December.

Jamil Rzaev, Russian Federation



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Vaso Antunović Miroslav Samardžić Ljubomir Popović Ivo Berisavac Rađenko Tadić Zoran Milenković Dear Prof. Rasulic and SNSS/SENSS secretariat and organizing committee, Thank you for having me as part of this important conference. It was an important achievement and a step towards greater international integration and academic prominence for neurosurgeons from Southeastern Europe. Looking forward to future cooperation, including with our journal – Neurological Research. Sincerely,

Ben Roitberg, USA

Dear Lukas, Congratulation again for the Congress you organised. It was, like always, outstanding!..

Ioan Stefan Florian, Romania

Dear Lukas, I hope that you are doing well. The meeting was successful like usual. Another great educational event:). Congratulations

Nikolay Gabrovsky, Bulgaria

Dear members of the SNSS Secretariat, It was my sincere pleasure and privilege to have been part of this wonderful meeting! The science was strong, the environment was pleasant, the food was fantastic, and the commitment to making the meeting a success was clearly noted in all members of the faculty, staff and attendees! Though I was there a short time, I made wonderful friends and enjoyed sharing our experiences!

Charles Prestigiacomo, USA

Dear prof. Rasulic, Dear Lukas, First of all, I would like to extend my deepest heartfelt congratulations for the excellent meeting which you have organized. Only you can bring together people in this particular way and the results are extraordinary. Everything about the meeting has been top-notch and I look forward to welcoming you to Rotterdam. Serbia is truly a powerhouse of neurosurgery and it is the rightful host of the EANS Congress in 2020... Victor Volovici, The Netherlands



Picture 10. After the Meeting

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#### Instead of conclusion

Serbian Neurosurgical Society expresses sincere gratitude to colleagues from the JAPAN Neurosurgical Society, HUNGARIAN Neurosurgical Society, Croatian Society for Cerebrovascular and Endovascular Neurosurgery, EANS Section for Vascular Neurosurgery and WFNS Cerebrovascular Diseases & Therapy Committee, for entrusting us with the opportunity to host this joint internationally important scientific event.

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> SNSS Annual meeting held in Belgrade in 2015, we have succeeded in increasing the visibility and presence of Serbian neurosurgeons in the international neurosurgical community, and many renowned international experts have accepted to attend our meetings. During the Meeting many new contacts were achieved, experiences and ideas were exchanged, plans for further development of mutual cooperation and prosperity of the profession have been agreed. An impressive number of attendees, number of speakers and their importance in the field of vascular neurosurgery, topics and lectures, but also social program have contributed to this event to be evaluated by the participants with the highest grade.

During the Closing ceremony, Prof. Rasulic, on behalf of Serbian Neurosurgical Society, invited all to the 20th European Congress of Neurosurgery - EANS 2020 Congress that will be held in Belgrade, Serbia from October 18-22, 2019. He also announced the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Serbian Neurosurgical Society with international participation in Belgrade from November 27-29, 2020.

Serbian Neurosurgical Society owes a special thanks to City of Kragujevac, Faculty of Medical Sciences University of Kragujevac, Clinical Center of Kragujevac and Tourist Organization of Kragujevac for their hospitality, help and support.

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