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***“Controversies in Neurotraumatology”:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of Serbian Neurosurgical Society  
and 21<sup>st</sup> Congress of Euroacademia Multidisciplinaria  
Neurotraumatologica  
in Conjunction With 5<sup>th</sup> Congress in the Danube -  
Carpathian Region and  
Joint Meeting with Southeast Europe Neurosurgical  
Society  
Novi Sad, Serbia, October 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2016***

## OFFICIAL REPORT

The Congress “Controversies in Neurotraumatology” was held in Novi Sad, the capital of Vojvodina, northern Province of Serbia. Novi Sad is city with rich tradition and turbulent history, well known as midpoint of cultures and religions, with notable influence in science, culture and art of Southeast Europe.

In the town of good people, warmest welcome had found 392 participants from 28 countries. Neurosurgeons from 3 continents, Asia, North America and Europe came here to learn and enjoy. At the end, participants agreed that the organizers of the Congress, Serbian Neurosurgical Society, Euroacademia Multidisciplinaria Neurotraumatologica and Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society did excellent job.

Leaning upon the strong foundations of tradition and experience and following contemporary professional accomplishments, trends and innovations, these societies strive for neurosurgery and neuroscience without frontiers and aim at building bridges of knowledge and understanding across disciplines, institutions, individuals and generations. In pursuit of enhancing knowledge, sharing and support through borderless cooperation, this unique interdisciplinary event had focus on one all-important and everlasting theme – *controversies in neurotraumatology*.

World's leading experts in the field of neurosurgery and neurotraumatology gave the extraordinary lectures, with many appropriate videos, generously giving advices when and how to operate and how to avoid complications. Congress was interesting and visited, not only by neurosurgeons, but also by scientists from related disciplines, as well as spinal surgeons, neurologists, neuroradiologists, psychiatrists, nurse oriented in neurosciences, psychiatrists, professionals of different types of health studies, undergraduate and postgraduate students and other professionals closely related with neurosurgery and neurotraumatology.

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The Congress was granted by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME), with 18 European CME credits and by the Health Council of the Republic of Serbia with appropriate number of credits for lecturers, oral presentations, poster presentations and passive participation.

The Congress was attended not only by the leading experts in the neurosurgical profession, but also leaders of continental, regional and national neurosurgical associations.

The importance of the Congress have been recognized by all relevant institutions in Republic of Serbia and it was held under the Auspice of the **H.E. Mr Tomislav Nikolic, President of the Republic of Serbia**, who officially opened the Meeting and gave us the honor to welcome important names in neurosurgery and neurotraumatology, who were our distinguished faculties and guests. President of Government of Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Mr. Igor Mirović, State Secretary of Minister of Health of the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Ferenc Vicko and other representatives of relevant authorities and institutions, also gave their support and welcomed guests at the Opening ceremony.

## The Congress in pictures

The night before the opening of the Congress, honorary presidents of Congress officially welcomed distinguished guests to Novi Sad with Welcome faculty reception, hosted in the Hotel Master.



Picture 1. Welcome Faculty reception (Hotel Master, October 19th, 2016).

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H.E. Mr Tomislav Nikolic, President of the Republic of Serbia, officially opened the Meeting along with representatives of all important authorities and institutions in Republic of Serbia and Autonomous Province of Vojvodina.



Picture 2. Opening ceremony (Master centar, Novi Sad, October 20th 2016)



Picture 3. President of Serbia, Mr. Tomislav Nikolic



Picture 4. President of SNSS, Honorary President of Congress, Prof. dr Lukas Rasulic

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Picture 5. Young Neurosurgeons SNSS and EMN award with international participation



Picture 6. Welcome reception (City Hall of Novi Sad, October 20th 2016)

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Picture 7. Presidential dinner (Restaurant Pancetta, October 20th 2016)

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Picture 8. Nurses Symposium



Picture 7. Networking dinner (Restaurant Ribarac, October 21st 2016)

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## The Congress in numbers

The Congress was attended by total of 392 participants from 28 countries. Attendees were medical students, doctors, residents, consultants, but also well known neurosurgeons and world leading masters in neurosurgery and neurotraumatology. During the extraordinary three Key note lecturer sessions, attendees were able to hear 10 excellent key note lectures and one Special guest lecturer. In the 5 plenary sessions and 5 main sessions additional 70 lectures of experts were presented. All was followed with 10 free topics presentations, 31 poster presentation and 2 additional sponsored demonstration. First day of the Congress had a special session for *Young Neurosurgeons SNSS and EMN award presentations* and the last day of the Congress *Young neurosurgeons forum* was happened with 15 presentations.

Apart of the Congress was **SeENS Nursing Section Symposium "Practice management guidelines in neurotrauma patients"** with 12 presentations.

All together, 157 different topics and lectures were given.

## Instead of conclusion

During the Congress 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 world of neurosurgery, topics and lectures, but also social and tourist program have contributed to this event to be evaluated by the participants with the highest grade. The days of Congress have been imbued with good mood and friendly atmosphere.

On behalf of Serbian Neurosurgical Society and Organizing Committee,

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