



# CURRENT CONCEPT IN MILITARY NEUROSURGERY THE STATE IN THE FIELD

December 07<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Military Medical Academy, Belgrade, Serbia

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## **8<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of Serbian Neurosurgical Society with international participation** ***“Current concept in military neurosurgery – The state in the field”*** **Belgrade, Serbia, December 7-10, 2022**

### **OFFICIAL REPORT**

8th Annual meeting of Serbian Neurosurgical Society took a place at the Military Medical Academy, Belgrade, Serbia, from December 7-10, 2022. This Meeting was organized and hosted by the Serbian Neurosurgical Society (SNSS) joint meeting with the Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society.

The Meeting has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 27 European CME credits (ECMEC®s) and the Health Council of the Republic of Serbia as an International Congress with up to 15 credits.

“8th SNSS Annual meeting” gathered 427 participants from 36 countries worldwide, in total. Additionally, on December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Nursing symposium “Current concept in neurosurgery nursing - the state in the field” was held and it gathered 256 nurses from Serbia and region.

The importance of the event has been recognized by all relevant institutions in Republic of Serbia and it was held under the auspices of the President of Republic of Serbia, H.E. Mr. Aleksandar Vucic and endorsed by Ministry of defence and Ministry of Education, and Ministers Milos Vucevic and Branko Ruzic, respectively.

### The Meeting in pictures

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Pre-meeting courses: Augmented & Virtual Reality Course, Theoretical and Practical Course on MIS, Basic course on scientific writing and publishing in neurosurgery, See ORBEYE used by neurosurgeons, and Radiosurgery course, were held.



**Augmented & Virtual Reality Course**



**Theoretical and Practical Course on MIS**



**Basic course on scientific writing and publishing  
in neurosurgery**



**Radiosurgery Course**

**Picture 1. Pre-meeting courses, Military Medical Academy, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Opening ceremony was held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Prof. Lukas Rasulic, Meeting Co-President and President of the Serbian Neurosurgical Society, along with Prof. Dr. Andreas Demetriades, EANS President, Colonel Prof. Dr. Miroslav Vukosavljevic, Head of Military Medical Academy welcomed invited speakers, participants and guests.

Minister of education in the Government of the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Branko Ruzic, gave his support and officially opened the Meeting. After the Opening Ceremony the welcome reception was held.





Picture 2. Opening Ceremony and Welcome reception, Military Medical Academy, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022



On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, after the opening remarks the first Military neurosurgery 1 – Head & brain trauma session started followed by the General Scientific Session 1 – Expert forum and exquisite special guest lecture delivered by prof. Madjid Samii.



**Picture 3. Opening and Plenary sessions, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The scientific program continued with Military neurosurgery 2 - General session, General scientific session 2 - Peripheral nerves, Reconstructive surgery & Functional restoration, and 2 Parallel sessions: Spine & Nerves, and Head & Brain. The SNSS EC meeting also took place. At the end of the scientific program, on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Faculty dinner was held in the “Guard home” in Belgrade.

Prof. Rasulic awarded honorary memberships in Serbian Neurosurgical Society and Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society.







**Picture 4. Faculty Dinner (December 8th, Guard home)**

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Nursing symposium Current concept in neurosurgery nursing - the state in the field was held. Within the main scientific program Military neurosurgery 3 - Craniofacial surgery session, General scientific 3 - Global Neurosurgery: Mass Casualties & CIMIC, Neurovascular Supersession, Technology & Innovations session, Complications in Neurosurgery session and Anesthesiology and intensive care session were held, as well as the Southeast Europe Neurosurgical society EC Meeting.

In the evening, Social dinner for faculty and participants took place. Prof. Rasulic awarded acknowledgments for partners and supporters of the Serbian Neurosurgical Society.



**Picture 5. Social Dinner, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Military neurosurgery 4 – Spine session, General scientific session 4 – History & Ethic, Young Neurosurgeons Forum & Awards Session were held. Within the Closing ceremony, Young neurosurgeons, 4 best oral presentation awards were announced.



**Picture 6. Closing ceremony, Military Medical Academy, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

## The Meeting in numbers

The meeting was attended by total of 427 participants from 36 countries from 5 continents, including faculty, participants, industry partners, guests, medical students and volunteers. During the extraordinary 4 General Scientific Sessions, 4 Military Neurosurgery Sessions, 2 Parallel Sessions, 1 Reconstructive Surgery & Functional Restoration Session, 1 Neurovascular Supersession, 1 Technology and Innovations Session, 1 Complications in Neurosurgery Session, 1 Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Session, 1 Round Table, 5 Pre-Meeting Courses and 1 Young Neurosurgeons' Forum & Awards Session, 220 accepted presentations were held in the following topics: Head & Brain, Neurovascular, Neurotrauma and intensive care, Global neurosurgery, Spine and peripheral nerve. The four best oral presentations were awarded by the SNSS and SeENS.

The Nursing symposium gathered 256 participants and provided them with the opportunity to listen 38 lectures covering topics from all neurosurgical subspecialties.

## They said after the Congress

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*"Dear Lukas: I want to express special thanks for your gracious hospitality extended to me during my stay in Belgrade. The meeting was fully exciting. I think we were able to deepen the friendship even more. I shall invite you to Japanese congress in the near future..."*

*Best, Hiro*  
Hiroki Kurita, Japan

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*"Dear Lukas, I have no word to express what a wonderful congress it has been. The organization was excellent and the scientific program was high level indeed. Thank you for your kind and welcoming attention. With best regards, Shimon"*

Shimon Rochkind, Israel

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*Dear Lukas, the 8th Congress of the Serbian Neurosurgical Society was truly impressive. The atmosphere was dominated by friendship and good will!! Congratulations, congratulations, congratulations! I send the best wishes and regards to all of you! Unfortunately, I had to leave quite early. I will see you at the 100 years anniversary of Neurosurgery in Serbia! Best Regards! "*

Alexandru Vlad Ciurea, Romania

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*"Greetings Lukas - The MMA was most informative and enjoyable - thanks to you and your organizers! Pls keep me up to date on SeENS, etc! Thanks, Russ*

Russell Andrews, USA

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*"Dear SNSS team and Dr Lukas,  
Thank you for a wonderfully conducted and organised meeting.  
I really appreciate all your hard work, thorough coordination, punctuality and attention to detail.  
It is truly inspirational and exemplary.*

*Warm regards, Avinash "*  
Avinash Haridas, India



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*„Thank you for the Perfect organization!! It was a joy!!!  
Kind regards and looking forward to seeing you again!!”*  
Arya Nabavi, Germany

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*“Dear Lukas, I wish you well. I am writing to tell you that I thoroughly enjoyed the conference. I made new friends and will cherish the meeting. I am looking forward to visiting Belgrade again.  
Regards, Ketan”*  
Ketan Desai, India

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*“Dear Mr. Professor Rasulić, My name is Tomaž Velnar, I am from the Clinical Center in Ljubljana and we were together with Mr. Professor Bošnjak at the Congress of Military Medicine. I wish you all the best to thank for the warm reception and organization, we enjoyed it very much and met a lot of new things, from medical science to new colleagues. I wish you all the best and I warmly greet you from Ljubljana, Tomaž Velnar”*  
Tomaz Velnar, Slovenia

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*“Dear Lukas, what can be said? I would like to thank you for everything - for friendship, for support and hospitality. It is always a great pleasure for me to visit Serbia; not only Belgrade but also Kragujevac, Kopaonik and even those places I had never been to. The meeting was wonderful, both scientific and social programs. I met my friends with great pleasure and made new acquaintances.... Hugs. See you soon.*

*Dear Committee members,  
Let me take this opportunity to thank you for a wonderfully organized forum, friendship, hospitality and warm relations.  
Warmest regards from Siberia.  
Kind regards, Jamil”*  
Jamil Rzaev, Russian Federation

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*„ Dear Lukas, I want to thank you for your warm hospitality and for giving me the opportunity to present our work to your colleagues. It was a very nice experience and I am glad I could contribute. Let's hope to meet again soon. All the best, Olga”*  
Olga Politikou, Switzerland

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*Hi! Thank you! Great meeting! See you soon!  
Regards, Mynzhylky!”*  
Mynzhylky Berdikhojayev, Kazakhstan







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## **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 program have contributed to this event to be evaluated by the participants with the highest grade.

Report brought by Prof. Dr. Lukas Rasulić  
SNSS President