SNSS 2020 VIRTUAL e(xceptional) Meeting
Serbian Neurosurgical Society 2020
6th Annual meeting SNSS with international participation

Coronavirus Outbreak
COVID-19 & Neurosurgery

November 28th-29th, 2020

In conjunction with:

97th Anniversary of Neurosurgery in Serbia
82nd Anniversary of Clinic for Neurosurgery, Clinical center of Serbia
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OFFICIAL REPORT

Hosted by the Serbian Neurosurgical Society (SNSS) in conjunction with the Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society, World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies and European Association of Neurosurgical Societies, the 6th Annual Meeting gathered together eminent speakers from Serbia, region and continental associations of neurosurgical societies.

This meeting was not aimed to replace a traditional Annual Meeting but to address the impact of the Coronavirus Outbreak on a neurosurgical community. Therefore, the global theme of the meeting was “COVID-19 & Neurosurgery”.

The Meeting in pictures

Since the conditions to safely attend the Meeting were not warranted and the health and safety of all attendees, speakers and staff are of a great importance, the 6th SNSS Annual Meeting was held electronically.
The meeting in numbers

The total of 256 participants from 54 countries from 5 continents, including faculty and participants were attending this Meeting via zoom platform and YouTube livestream.

On November 28th, 2020, 8 presentations by directors and heads of neurosurgical clinics and departments in Serbia, addressing the impact of virus on everyday practice, were held. Prof. Danilo Radulovic and Prof. Miodrag Rakic, Clinical Center of Serbia, Belgrade; Prof. Nebojsa Stojanovic, Clinical Center of Nis; Asst. Prof. Djula Djilvesi, Clinical Center of Vojvodina, Novi Sad; Prof. Goran Pavlicevic, Military Medical Academy, Belgrade; Dr. Miodrag Peulic. Clinical Center of Kragujevac; Dr. Miljan Mihajlovic, Clinical Hospital Center Zemun, and Dr. Moma Jovanovic General Hospital Cuprija, shared with participants experiences in their centers from the beginning of the pandemic. This session was in Serbian language.

During the second day, on November 29th, 2020, a remarkable lineup of internationally renowned guest speakers and representatives of continental neurosurgical associations, within 16 lectures, presented their experiences, and tentative recommendations for dealing with pandemic. This session was in English language.

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The recordings are available on the youtube channel.

November 28th, 2020 – Day 1 (Session in Serbian)
November 29th, 2020 – Day 2 (Session in English)

They said after the Meeting

"Dear Lukas, dear All, many thanks for this unusual but very educative initiative. Looking forward to a better time. All the best."
Maurizio IACOANGELI, Italy

"Great Virtual Conference...Thanks n Regards to Prof Lukas n all the speakers".
Krishnan YADAV, India

"it was great to see you all and hear your experience. Thank you, Lukas, to unite us again."
Roman BOSNJAK, Slovenia
“Thank you, Lukas and SNSS, and everyone, for a very informative and educational initiative.”
Andreas DEMETRIADES, UK

“Thank you very much Lukas for this outstanding effort, stay safe!”
Basant MISRA, India

“First of all thank you for your time for holding a conference in this „new normal“ way, and also sharing and transferring a knowledge about patient treatment during Covid - 19 pandemic. The effort you put in organizing this forum did not go unnoticed. It is my honor to be a part of these lectures.”
Momir JOVANOVIC, Serbia

Instead of conclusion
During the Meeting many thought-provoking themes were raised and experiences and ideas were exchanged. The initiative for joint publication that will summarize experiences presented during the Meeting was accepted unanimously.

This meeting was the first of its kind in the history of the Serbian Neurosurgical Society. We are confident that, although exceptional, it was extraordinary as well, thanks to our speakers and their importance in the world of neurosurgery.

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