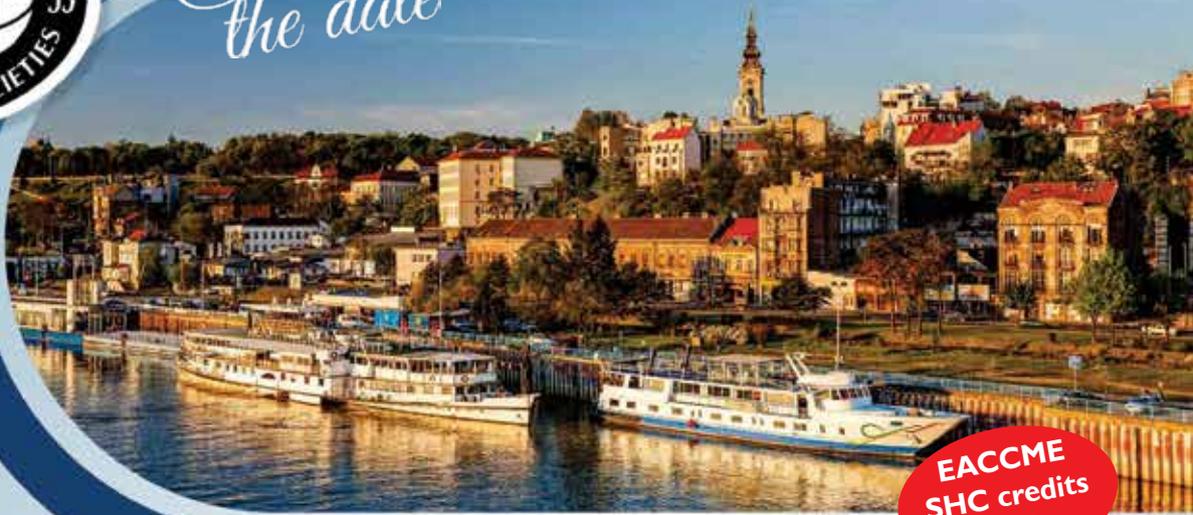




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WFNS 2019 INTERNATIONAL MEETING

March 21st-24th 2019
Crowne Plaza, Belgrade



Serbian Neurosurgical Society (SNSS)

organized by



Italian Society of Neurosurgery (SINCH)

in conjunction with



Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society (SeENS)

Endorsed by

Ministry of Health, Republic of Serbia
Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Republic of Serbia
School of Medicine, University of Belgrade
Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts

TOPICS:

- Neuro-oncology
- Neurovascular
- Neurotrauma and Intensive Care
- Spine and Peripheral Nerve
- Pediatrics
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- Varia

WFNS PRE-MEETING COURSES

- Education
- Endoscopy
- Surgical Anatomy

PRE-MEETING COURSES

- AO Neuro
- AO Spine
- Spine Intraoperative Navigation





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WELCOME ADDRESSES

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Welcome!

Prof. Dr. Franco Servadei, Italy
President WFNS
Past President SINch





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The WFNS 2019 INTERNATIONAL MEETING, which will be held in Belgrade on March 21-24, 2019, is expected to be a memorable scientific and networking event!

I have the great honor, as Co-President, to serve this important event which will represent a novelty in the European Neurosurgical Scenario as a result of an exciting and renewed synergy between Serbian, Italian and South east European Neurosurgical Societies.

There is to some extent a common ancient history between Italy and Serbia, named Moesia Superior in the Roman era lasting about 400 years.

It was the birthplace of seventeen Roman Emperors, including Constantine the Great. There is evidence of this Roman presence in some archeological sites as Palace of Galerius, Gamzigrad-Romuliana, inscribed in UNESCO's world heritage list.

It is noteworthy that the President of WFNS has approved this joint project in order to have an high standing Neurosurgical platform where these Societies will share the latest advances with the global Neurosurgical community!

This event witnesses that the relationships between Serbian, Italian and South eastern Neurosurgery were strengthened in recent years and their role was growing up in the EANS as well in the WFNS initiatives.

All these scientific organizations are working hard to join the best resources and promote the most advanced opportunities in the area of Education, Research and Care in order to benefit patients worldwide!

Belgrade, with its great neurosurgical tradition and its geographical position of cultural connection between East and West, is an ideal venue for this Meeting. This will open new perspectives in sharing neurosurgical knowledge and meeting the healthcare demands in different settings.

I would like to emphasize the educational impact of the pre-meeting Courses with learning objectives which will be fulfilling the expectations of the young Neurosurgeons and even more the Mission of WFNS.

I had the privilege to appreciate the warm hospitality of Belgrade Neurosurgical Team since the time of my participation at the first SeENS Congress. I am absolutely confident that colleagues and friends will find the nice atmosphere I always appreciated in Belgrade!

Definitely, there are all the ingredients to make the WFNS 2019 INTERNATIONAL MEETING as an exciting and unforgettable event!

Prof. Dr. Francesco Tomasello,
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Welcome!

**Prof. Dr. Lukas Rasulic,
Serbia**
Co-President of the Meeting
SNSS President
SeENS President





WELCOME ADDRESSES

It is with great pleasure to announce the forthcoming WFNS 2019 INTERNATIONAL MEETING – organized by Serbian Neurosurgical Society (SNS), Italian Society of Neurosurgery (SINch), and Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society (SeENS) – to be held in Belgrade in March 21-24, 2019.

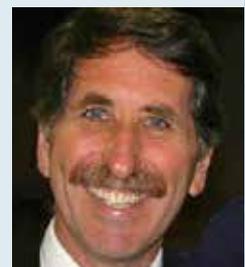
On behalf of SINch, I would like to kindly invite you to participate to this extraordinary event; this time the congress will feature an incredible exchange of scientific information at the highest level and will provide a glimpse over the most advanced neurosurgical treatments and care along with recent innovations. This sounds timely for the modern neurosurgical scenario, boosted by easier diffusion of ideas and methods throughout the new technologies. Innovation is the key for progress and no doubt that neurosurgery fits this requirement.

This Congress is going to take place in the “white city”, the scientific and multicultural capital of Serbia. This city is an emblematic example of optimization of results, through perseverance and devotion for working. All of us are strongly tied to the Belgrade group, and the past, present and future collaborations remain dedicated to build bridges of knowledge and experience for keeping a scientific, professional, academic and social networking.

I trust in the Serbian hospitality and in our friendship for having a memorable social and scientific moment.

Thank you.

Prof. Dr. Paolo Cappabianca,
Italy
SINCH Secretary
Co-President of the Meeting





WELCOME ADDRESSES

Dear Colleagues, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure and honor to announce and invite You to the WFNS 2019 INTERNATIONAL MEETING, hosted by Serbian Neurosurgical Society (SNSS), Italian Society of Neurosurgery (SINch) in conjunction with the Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society (SeENS) and taking place in Belgrade, Serbia, on March 21st -24th 2019.

The Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society (SeENS, www.seens.eu) has been founded in 2012. In a 5 years period (2012-2017) SeENS has become an affiliated member of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS) and full member of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS). SeENS has succeeded to rebuilt liasons and to make new once after a period of almost 20 years of poor communication between colleagues in the SE Europe region. Currently SeENS is gathering neurosurgeons from 14 countries of the Southeast Europe region and Turkey. SeENS is recognized as a very active Society organizing or co-organizing up to 10 events each year.

Co-organizing the WFNS INTERNATIONAL MEETING represents a great honor and privilege for our Society, but also highlights the confidence of WFNS in our Society being able to participate in organization of such an important event.

Concerning the attractiveness of invited speakers at this WFNS INTERNATIONAL MEETING we expect a strong academic and high social level event.

This Meeting will have the patronage and support of all important State and Academic Institutions of Republic of Serbia.

It is my great honor to invite You to participate at this WFNS INTERNATIONAL MEETING and to discover and enjoy the beautiful city of Belgrade, capital of Serbia, the only European city built on the confluence of two great rivers, a city that «never sleeps».

I cordially invite You to Belgrade, Serbia to experience and share noteworthy scientific and social moments during the WFNS INTERNATIONAL MEETING 2019.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Kresimir Rotim,
Croatia
SeENS Honorary President
Co-President of the Meeting





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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM - SCHEME

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WFNS 2019 INTERNATIONAL MEETING HOST CITY - BELGRADE

Welcome to Belgrade, capital of Serbia!

City of many nations, BELGRADE is a city with a tumultuous, but also frequently tragic past, primarily due to its unique position at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers, on the border between the East and the West. Due to its position it was rightfully named “Gates of the Balkans” and the “Doors of Middle Europe”. Belgrade is one of the oldest cities in Europe with a 7000-year history. The space around the large rivers of the Sava and Danube was already populated in the Stone Age. The Celts named the populated fortress SINGIDUNUM, where the first part of the word „Singi“ means round, and „dunum“ fortification or town. In the Byzantine Age, Singidunum became an important city of the vast empire. The Slavic name BEOGRAD (Beli grad – White City – probably because its ramparts were made of white limestone) may first be found in records from the 9th century.

Belgrade flourished in 19th and 20th centuries during the reign of the Obrenovic dynasty and Karadjodjevic dynasty. It was then and it still is an important strategic point, the crossroads from the East to the West and one of the most significant cities in the Balkans.

Visitors who come to Belgrade for the first time, never leave indifferent, and always come back to it with joy.

More importantly, Belgraders like everyone, so get to know Belgrade by getting to know Belgraders!



WFNS 2019 INTERNATIONAL MEETING VENUE & ACCOMODATION



CROWNE PLAZA BELGRADE 4*
HEADQUARTER HOTEL

<https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotelsus/en/belgrade/begcp/hoteldetail>



HYATT REGENCY 5*

<http://hyattregencybeograd.rs/>



FALKENSTEINER 4*

<https://www.falkensteiner.com/en/hotel/belgrad/the-hotel>



IN HOTEL 4*

<http://www.inhotel-belgrade.rs/rs>



HOLIDAY INN 4*

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/belgrade/begbg/hoteldetail>



HOTEL PALACE 4*

<http://www.palacehotel.co.rs/en/>



TULIP INN PUTNIK BELGRADE 3*

<http://www.tulipinnputnikbelgrade.com/>



HOSTEL SAN ART

<http://www.sanarthostel.rs/>



HOSTEL ARKABARKA

<http://arkabarka.net/>



HOSTEL GREEN HOUSE

<http://www.greenhouse.rs/>

TOS recommendation for accommodation in Belgrade:

<http://www.srbija.travel/accommodation/accommodation-search.600.html>



WFNS PRE-MEETING COURSES

March 21st, 2019

Registration 10:00h

- **EDUCATION**
Chairmen of the **WFNS Education & Training Committee:**
Prof. Dr. Isabelle Germano and Prof. Dr. Hiroyuki Kinouchi
Venue: Hotel Crowne Plaza Belgrade
- **ENDOSCOPY**
Chairmen of the **WFNS Neuroendoscopy Committee**
Prof. Dr. Mahmood Qureshi and Dr. Chandrashekhar E. Deopujari
Venue: University of Belgrade, Institute for Anatomy "Niko Miljanic"
- **SURGICAL ANATOMY**
Chairmen of the **WFNS Neurosurgical Anatomy Committee:**
Prof. Dr. Vladimir Benes and Prof. Dr. Imad N. Kanaan
Venue: Hotel Crowne Plaza Belgrade

PRE-MEETING COURSES

March 21st, 2019

Registration 10:00h

- **AO NEURO**
Prof. Dr. Christian Matula
Venue: Hotel Crowne Plaza Belgrade
- **AO SPINE**
Prof. Dr. Ihsan Solaroglu
Venue: Hotel Crowne Plaza Belgrade
- **SPINE INTRAOPERATIVE NAVIGATION**
Venue: Hotel Crowne Plaza Belgrade

Each Course has limited number of 40 participants.

Endoscopy Course has limited number of 20 participants.



REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete online Registration on our website www.wfnsbelgrade2019.talkb2b.net

PRE-MEETING COURSES, MARCH 21ST, 2019

Each Course has limited number of participants based on principle first come first served. Endoscopy Course has limited number of up to 20 participants and all other Courses have limited number of up to 40 participants.

Course	Registration fee
WFNS Education	FREE
WFNS Endoscopy	TBA
WFNS Surgical Anatomy	€50,00
AO Neuro	€50,00
AO Spine	€50,00
Spine Intraoperative Navigation	€50,00

WFNS 2019 INTERNATIONAL MEETING, March 22nd-24th, 2019

Registration is mandatory for all categories

Category:	Early registration by October 01 st , 2018	Late registration from October 02 nd 2018 until February 01 st , 2019	On-site registration
Faculty	FREE	FREE	FREE
Board exam neurosurgeons	300 €	350 €	400 €
Reduced Category*	100 €	150 €	150 €
Medical students	FREE	FREE	FREE

*Residents / Young neurosurgeons below age of 40 / Participants from Low income Countries [link 1](#) / Lower middle income [link 2](#) (refer to list qualified by World Bank). Please upload the photocopy of passport with registration form.

REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDES: Congress materials, admission to all scientific sessions, buffet lunches, refreshments and coffee breaks indicated in the program and VAT.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Social Dinner, March 23rd, 2019	50 €
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REGISTRATION CANCELLATION TERMS

- Requests for registration cancellation must be submitted in writing to the Secretariat at wfns2019belgrade@snss.org.rs
- For cancellations received until October 01st, 2019 refund of registration fees will be 100%.
- For cancellations received until February 01st, 2019 refund of registration fees will be 50%.
- After that the registration fee will not be refunded.
- Please note that registration refunds will be processed within 30 days after the end of Meeting, bank charges will be deducted from the refund.
- If no refund is required but a change in participant registration is needed, then the Secretariat must be informed in writing via email to wfns2019belgrade@snss.org.rs



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract guidance & Online submission

The Scientific Committee of the WFNS 2019 International Meeting welcomes the submission of scientific abstracts. Authors are invited to submit abstracts in the following sub-categories:

- Neuro-oncology
- Neurovascular
- Neurotrauma and Intensive Care
- Spine and Peripheral Nerve
- Pediatrics
- Functional and Stereotactic Neurosurgery
- Varia

Abstract(s) should be submitted on line on the web site

The abstract should be submitted by October 01st, 2018.

All abstracts will be reviewed. Accepted abstracts will be published in the Abstract Book.

Carefully read the guidelines before submitting your abstract. Acknowledgement of receipt of your submission will be returned to your e-mail address. Please note, that acknowledgement of receipt of your abstract submission does not mean that your abstract is accepted by the Scientific Committee.

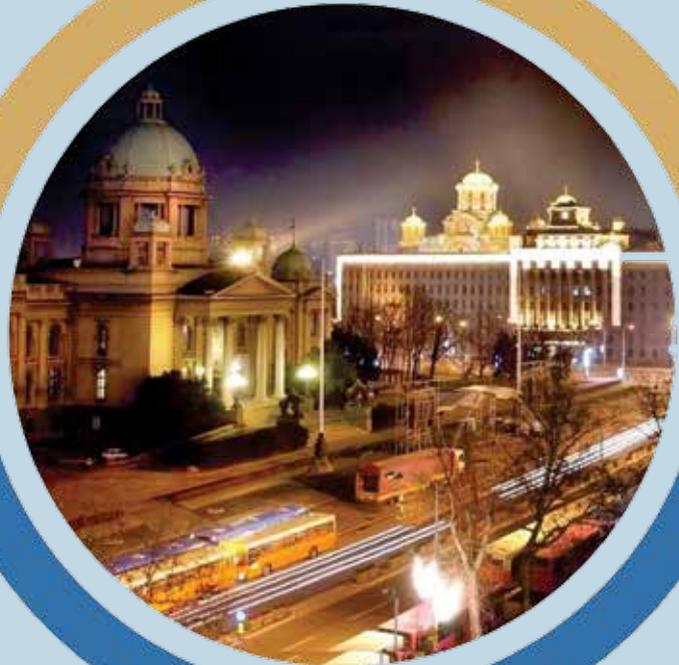
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- Titles should contain no more than 200 characters.
- Abstract text should contain no more than 300 words.
- Use standard abbreviations. Place a special or unusual abbreviation in parenthesis after the full word when it appears for the first time.
- Abstracts must be written in comprehensible English and must conform to the guidelines or they will not be accepted. It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract.
- Any tables, graphs or diagrams should be upload together with the abstract.
- The organizers of this event take no responsibility for any published abstracts submitted. Any issues or errors arising from the abstracts are solely the responsibility of the authors.
- Changes to abstract can only be accepted until the deadline
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NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

- Upon submission, you will receive an acknowledgement email notifying that your abstract has been received with your Abstract ID.
- Once the Abstract Submission closes, all abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to select the abstracts relevant to the sessions and decide on the final form of presentation.
- Notification of acceptance/rejection will be e-mailed to you no later than November 01st, 2018. (contact Scientific Committee if you have not received your notification e-mail by wfn2019belgradeabstract@snss.org.rs).
- If the abstract is accepted, applicant MUST register and pay registration fee.
- All successfully accepted abstract submitters must present their abstract in the form of Oral or Poster Presentation during the Congress.
- The corresponding author will receive any correspondence concerning the abstract.

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