First Annual Meeting of Serbian Neurosurgical Society was held on October 31st on the occasion of two big anniversaries of the neurosurgery in Serbia: 92nd Anniversary of the neurosurgery in Serbia and 77th Anniversary of the Clinic for neurosurgery, Clinical Center of Serbia and School of Medicine, University of Belgrade.

The importance of the First Annual Meeting of Serbian Neurosurgical Society have been recognized by all relevant institution 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, who were our distinguished faculties and guests. Ass. Dr. Zlatibor Lončar, Minister of Health of the Republic of Serbia also gave his support and announced the beginning of work of National Gamma Center in Clinical Center of Serbia. Gamma Knife is recognized worldwide as the preferred treatment for brain tumors, arteriovenous malformations and brain dysfunctions and it is one of the biggest investments in our public health.

This Meeting is accredited by the Health Council of the Republic of Serbia as an International Course of the first category and it gathered 170 participants from Serbia and region. In the first part of the Meeting, 8 internationally renowned faculties from Germany, Turkey, Romania, Croatia and Greece gave their lectures and present the latest trends in different areas of Neurosurgery. Second part of the Meeting was dedicated to 8 presentations by head of all neurosurgery departments in Serbia, addressing the current status and perspectives in their institutions.
In third part of Meeting was inauguration of the annual Serbian Neurosurgical Society (SNSS) Best Young Neurosurgeon Paper Award (40 years). Eligible for the award were scientific papers by young neurosurgeons, which have been assessed by a jury of national and international experts. Nine young neurosurgeons presented their papers and award - Full Participation in EANS 2016 Congress in Athens went to Dr Mladen Karan for paper “Clinical management of mild traumatic brain injury patients – place of magnetic resonance imaging in the acute phase”. The same author has received an award from Professor Amir Samii - full participation in the 5th Symposium of WFNS in Tehran, Iran, 2016.

A special part of the program was a roundtable discussion in which we had participants from 9 countries of Southeast Europe Region (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Greece, Turkey and Macedonia) and special guest of this round table was Professor Madjid Samii, Honorary President of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies Endowment/Foundation (WFNS). After welcome addresses and introduction there were presented Insights of Neurosurgical practice and service, Education and International Cooperation with the aim of progress of Neurosurgery in Southeast Europe, Experiences from Turkish
Neurosurgical, Report from Chairman of SeENS Education and training Committee about Academic collaboration, Report from 2 SeENS Congress, Report from SeENS Secretary about SeENS activities.

This part of the meeting has provided a rich exchange of experiences and knowledge and provided basis for further directions of development of neurosurgery in the region.

Rich social program fulfilled high scientific level of the Meeting. Welcome dinner for faculties on October 30th and Gala Dinner for 230 guests on October 31st accomplished the fact that neurosurgeons from Southeast European Region together with the colleagues from all over the world gather together to learn from each other, enjoy each other’s company, and celebrate the great specialty of neurosurgery. The whole experience of the First Annual Meeting of Serbian Neurosurgical Society is evaluated as wonderful and outstanding.

The SNSS continues to work efficiently, effectively and collectively with other societies to advance our specialty and the welfare of our patients.

I am excited about where we are heading and look forward to seeing all of you in Novi Sad 2016 on the occasion of 2nd Annual Meeting of Serbian Neurosurgical Society.

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