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**3<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Southeast Europe  
Neurosurgical Society  
SeENS 2017  
in conjunction with the 43<sup>rd</sup> RSN Congress  
September 13-16, 2017  
Grand Hotel Italia, Cluj-Napoca, Romania**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> SeENS Congress in conjunction with the 43<sup>rd</sup> Congress of RSN was held in Cluj-Napoca, Romania under the auspices of the "Iuliu Hatieganu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj-Napoca.

The 13<sup>th</sup> of September was dedicated to two pre-congress courses: the French Course and the Workshop on Basics of Neurosurgical Cranial Endoscopy.

The French Course, at its 22<sup>nd</sup> edition, organized along with the Societe de Neurochirurgie de Langue Francaise (SNCLF) was chaired this year by Professor Evelyn Emery.

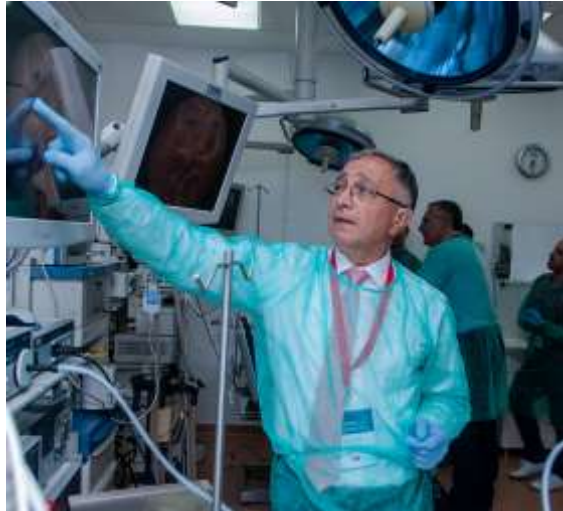


Along with Professor Emery, Professors François Caire and Michel Lefranc also held lectures. As for the Romanian delegation, lectures were delivered by Professor Ion Poata, Associate Professor Bogdan Costachescu, the RSN representative at the SNCLF and Assistant Professor Dr. Cristian

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Abrudan, from Cluj-Napoca, Romania. This year's course theme was The Cranio-Cerebral Traumatology and benefited from the participation of 170 registered residents and students.

At the Endoscopy Precongress Workshop, organized at the Center for Practical Skills and Simulation in Medicine of the "Iuliu Hatieganu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj-Napoca, with the support of the Storz Company, which offered 4 Capabianca kits for endonasal endoscopic surgery and 2 Lotta Kits for ventriculo-cisternostomy, along with cranial models for 6 stations. The lectures were delivered by invited speakers such as Prof. Christian Matula, from AKH Viena, Austria, Prof. Mustafa Berker from Ankara, Turkey,



and Prof. Petar Vulekovic from Novi Sad, Serbia, as well as by Dr. Daniel Rotariu, from Iasi, Romania. The workshop works were chaired by Associate Professor Horatiu Stan, from Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

30 participants registered for this workshop. During the day, they had the opportunity to attend and practice diverse cranial endoscopic methods and acquired the basics of these neurosurgical techniques.





The appreciation was unanimously favorable and we take this opportunity to thank again our lecturers who have made efforts to share from their experience the basic notions of cranial endoscopic surgery. The presentation of intraoperative videos during the hands-on sessions, the discussions and even the controversy made this day an extremely appreciated one by the workshop participants.

The congress works were opened on the 14th of September, at 8.30, by the Congress President, Prof. Ioan Stefan Florian, who addressed a welcome word to all participants and stressed the importance of this event to the Cluj-Napoca neurosurgery center, to Romania and to the southeast part of Europe.



During the opening ceremony, speeches were delivered by Prof. Dan Dumitrascu, vice-rector of the "Iuliu Hatieganu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj-Napoca, Prof. Kresmir Rotim, president of SeENS, and Prof. Lukas Rasulic, President elect of SeENS.

498 participants registered for the congress is the largest number of participants ever registered for a neurosurgical congress organized in Romania.

The large number of registered participants was not the only premiere for us. The great number of submitted papers, 195, determined the scientific committee to organize three parallel sessions for all three days of congress.

Plenary presentations were organized in 30 oral presentations, 10 minutes each, grouped in 6 sessions on 14th and 16th of September. During these sessions younger doctors and even medical students were offered the possibility to present their scientific research achievements in the context of an international congress in order to increase their confidence and courage to present themselves in front of a larger audience, a useful exercise for their future professional development on a national and international level.



A number of 81 scientific papers were grouped in 15 main sessions, with 15 minutes allotted to each presentation, so that the experienced neurosurgeons could present the results of their work and research in their field of expertise.



The discussions around these presentations have been very useful and largely interactive and became great occasions to share experience and exchange opinions.

Some invited lecturers had the occasion to share their experience in their field of excellence during the 5 sessions of key-note lectures, with a number of 18 lectures of 25 minutes each being organized during the three days of congress. These presentations represented the real peak moments of the congress when lecturers not only shared their expertise, but also offered models of rhetoric, professional and scientific behavior.

We must mention here the names of our mentors Madjid Samii, Francesco Tomasello, Rudolf Falbusch, Yoko Kato, or Uwe Kheller, Christian Raftopoulos, Christian Matula, Alexandros Andreou, Hotetsu Shimamoto, Stefano Ferraresi, who enchanted the audience with their presentations.





Time and space being finite, some papers had to be included into the e-poster presentation program. The best e-poster presentations were awarded by the organizers both in cash (1st prize - 200 Euros, 2nd prize 150 Euros, and two 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes of 100 de Euros each) and by offering scholarships for the future edition of the "Silk Road of Neurosurgery" organized by SeENS in Split in 2018.

Maintaining the initiative of SeENS, a Nursing Symposium has been organized as part of the neurosurgery congress so that the neurosurgery nursing personnel could share their own experience with their colleagues. During the Nursing Symposium, organized on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September as a parallel session, a number of 17 lectures were presented, the session being attended by 93 medical nurses. The role of nursing plays a key role in a successful outcome of the patients and thus organizing more nursing symposiums as part of future neurosurgery events has been taken into consideration.

At the end of the scientific sessions of the first day of congress, the **SeENS General Assembly** was held to be presented the report of the SeENS President, Prof. Kesmir Rotim. Prof. Ihsan Solaroglu gave a report about the 1st SeENS Education Course „Walking the silk road“ that was held in Istanbul August 17-20th 2017. Professor Solaroglu stated that there were 75 participants present from 44 different countries. Course was held at the Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey. Topic of the Congress was Neurooncology. Professor Florian reported about the 3rd SeENS Congress in Cluj **September 12-17 2017**. 498 participants wereregistered. Prof. Florian stated that this was the largest Neurosurgical Congress in Romania ever held. The SE Europe



Neurosurgical Nursing Section has held an equally successful Symposium organized by Ms. Biljana Kurtović and Ms. Carmen Hotea. Professor Rotim and all the EC members congratulated Professor Florian for his effort in organizing the 3rd SeENS Congress in Cluj, Romania. **Professor Rasulić** reported about the Madjid Samii International Neurosurgical Congress in Budva, Montenegro, **October 12-15 2017**, the WFNS Plexus Brachialis Committee Symposium taking place in Belgrade, Serbia October 31-November 3 2017 and Spine Congress in Niš, Serbia, **October 2018**. **Asist. Professor Sajko** reported about the 2nd SeENS Education Course titled“Giants of neurosurgery walking the silk road“ that will be held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Hercegovina and Split, Croatia on September 24-30 2018. Topic will be: Neurotraumatology and Functional Neurosurgery. **Dr. Omerhodžić** reported about the next BHAAS meeting in Bosnia and Herzegovina in May 2018. The SeENS EC proposed the next SeENS administrative office: Professor Lukas Rasulić as SeENS President, Professor Tomislav Sajko as 1<sup>st</sup> VicePresident, Professor Stefan Florian as 2<sup>nd</sup> VicePresident, Professor Venko Filipče as Secretary, dr Ibrahim Omerhodžić as Asistant Secretary, Professor Feridun Acar as Treasurer, dr Domagoj Gajski as Asistant Treasurer and Professor Krešimir Rotim as SeENS Honorary President. All elected nominees have been confirmed at the General Assembly at the 3rd SeENS Congress in Cluj, Romania.



At the end of the first day of congress, a welcoming ceremony has been organized at the National Theatre in Cluj-Napoca, where together with the congress president, Prof. Stefan Florian, highly inspiring and encouraging welcome words have been addressed by the Cluj-Napoca Mayor, his excellency Prof. Emil Boc,

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by Associate Professor Patriciu Achimas Cadariu, Manager of the Oncological Institute of Cluj and former Health Minister, Prof. Madjid Samii, Prof. Francesco Tomasello, as top personalities who have supported and promoted SeENS around the globe, Prof. Kresmir Rotim as Honorary president by now and Prof. Lukas Rasulic as SeENS president. On the same occasion, a series of diplomas of excellence have been awarded to the neurosurgery personalities that contributed to the development and the growing prestige and worldwide recognition of SeENS. The ceremony closed with an artistic show of instrumental artists, opera singers and ballerinas, who offered delightful moments to the public.

The end of the second day of congress came with the organization of the Gala Dinner, on which occasion several honorary memberships have been awarded to 5 international neurosurgery personalities who have supported the promotion of SeENS worldwide.





On the same occasion the e-poster prizes have been awarded. Then, the artistic moment of the Gala was offered by the Arpy & Zip band who created a very electrifying and joyful atmosphere, offering a memorable evening to all those present.



The congress works ended on the 16th of September, where, at the closing ceremony, a surprisingly large number of participants took part, and where the closing remarks offered by Prof. Madjid Samii, Prof. Alexandru Vlad Ciurea, Prof. Tomislav Sajko and by the Congress President, Prof. Stefan Florian underlined once more the high quality of all scientific and social manifestations and the excellent organization, thus making the 3rd congress one of the most successful scientific events organized so far.

On behalf of the SeENS Presidency and Organizing Committee,

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