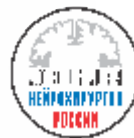


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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is my privilege, honor and pleasure to invite you to take part in the **JOINT MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NEUROSURGEONS OF RUSSIA, RUSSIAN ASSOCIATION OF SPINAL SURGEONS AND SERBIAN NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETY IN CONJUNCTION WITH CROATIAN SOCIETY FOR SPINE SURGERY**, on the occasion of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Serbian Neurosurgical Society and Joint Meeting with Southeast European Neurosurgical Society, which will be held in **NIŠ, SERBIA, OCTOBER 4-7, 2018**.

Russia and Serbia share a long tradition of cooperation and friendship, and this meeting is the result of long-lasting collaboration between Serbian and Russian Neurosurgical Societies, which has only intensified and become more successful over the past years.

The global theme of the meeting is **SPINE SURGERY IN XXI CENTURY – Current Concept, Controversies, Perspectives**. The scientific program will cover all treatment aspects of surgical pathology of the spine, from basic to innovative.

Serbian Neurosurgical Society is delighted that The Fourth Annual Meeting of Serbian Neurosurgical Society will feature renowned international experts, as well as prominent Russian and Serbian neurosurgeons, who will gather together in Niš in order to improve the quality of neurosurgical service and education today, for the sake of a better tomorrow.

Thereby we are also marking three important anniversaries – 95 years since the founding of neurosurgery in Serbia, 80 years of the Clinic of Neurosurgery at the Clinical Center of Serbia and 55 years of the Clinic for Neurosurgery at the Clinical Center Niš.

Continuing the good practice established at The First Annual Meeting of the Serbian Neurosurgical Society held in Belgrade in 2015, we are pleased to announce the annual Serbian Neurosurgical Society Best Young Neurosurgeon Paper Award for 2018, with international participation. Eligible for the award are scientific papers by young neurosurgeons (up to 40 years of age) from Serbia and abroad.

The papers submitted for the award will be presented by their authors and assessed by a jury of national and international experts. We are also pleased to announce Young Neurosurgeons' Forum as a special segment of the academic program of the Congress.

Leaning upon the strong foundations of tradition and experience and following contemporary professional accomplishments, trends and innovations, we strive for neurosurgery and neuroscience without frontiers and aim at building bridges of knowledge and understanding across disciplines, institutions, individuals and generations.

The host city of Niš, with its unique spirit, is a venue that is particularly well-suited to the concept of borderless cooperation. Nowadays the third largest city of Serbia, Niš has from ancient times been considered a gateway between the East and the West. Notably, it is the birthplace of Constantine the Great, who was the first Roman emperor to legalize Christianity along with other religions in the Roman Empire, and the founder of Constantinople as the capital of the Eastern Roman/Byzantine Empire. He was also the first ruler to establish public clinics throughout the Roman Empire where the poor, the injured and the helpless received medical care.

In the spirit of Constantine the Great's wise words – *"With free minds"* – we invite you to join us in Niš in October 2018, convinced that our gathering will provide many memorable scientific and social moments.

We look forward to welcoming you in Niš!



Prof. Dr. Lukas Rasulic
President of the Serbian
Neurosurgical Society
Honorary President of the Congress

WELCOME MESSAGE

N.N. Burdenko National Scientific & Practical Center for Neurosurgery

Dear colleagues, friends!

It is a pleasure for us to invite you to the 4th Annual meeting of the Serbian Neurosurgical Society and joint meeting **"SPINE SURGERY IN 21ST CENTURY - CURRENT CONCEPT, CONTROVERSIES, PERSPECTIVES"** between the Association of Neurosurgeons of Russia, Russian Association of Spinal Surgeons and Serbian Neurological Society in conjunction with Croatian Society for Spine Surgery to be held in **NIS, SERBIA, ON 4-7 OF OCTOBER 2017**.

Rapid development of our specialty, emergence of new technologies, modern neuroimaging techniques, improved methods of diagnostics have determined the main topics for discussions.

The interest towards this event is aroused by participation of outstanding neurosurgical faculty and experienced specialists in spinal neurosurgery from Russia and Serbia.

This is also a chance to outline the tasks for future perspective studies in spinal neurosurgery.

We are absolutely sure that beauty of the countryside and hospitality of the Serbian people will make your visit pleasant and unforgettable.

Welcome to Nis!

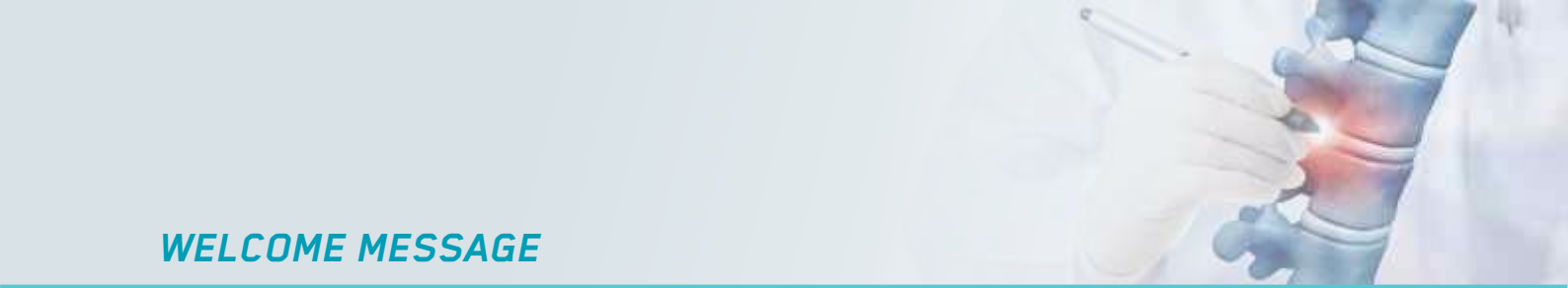
Best wishes,



Alexander Potapov, MD, PhD
Professor of Neurosurgery
Director



Nikolay Konovalov, MD, PhD
Professor of Neurosurgery
Head of Department
of Spinal Neurosurgery



WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear colleagues, dear friends!

Welcome to the joint meeting SPINE SURGERY IN XXI CENTURY - Current concept, controversies, perspectives organized by Association of Neurosurgeons of Russia, Russian Association of Spinal Surgeons and Serbian Neurosurgical Society in conjunction with Croatian Society for Spine Surgery, which will be held in Niš, Serbia, from October 4-7, 2018.

This important meeting will be held on the occasion of the 4th Annual meeting of Serbian Neurosurgical Society as a Joint meeting with Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society

Thanks to the collaborative work of our societies a comprehensive scientific program will be put together covering all areas of interest in spinal neurosurgery.

No doubt, the spectrum of spine-related problems to be discussed and participation of outstanding neurosurgeons from different countries will make this event especially interesting.

We hope that picturesque surroundings, mild climate and exciting social programme will make your visit pleasant.

Welcome to Nis!

Yours sincerely,



Alexander Konovalov, MD, PhD
President of the Association
of neurosurgeons of Russia

WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the Honorary President of SouthEast Europe Neurosurgical Society and President of Croatian Society for Spine Surgery it is my great pleasure and honor to announce and invite You to to the 4th Annual meeting of the Serbian Neurosurgical Society and joint meeting "SPINE SURGERY IN 21th CENTURY-CURRENT CONCEPT, CONTRO-VERSIES, PERSPECTIVES" between the Association of Neurosurgeons of Russia, Russian Association of Spinal Surgeons and Serbian Neurological Society in conjunction with Croatian Society for Spine Surgery and the Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society, to be held in Niš, Serbia, on October 4-7 2018.

The Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society (SeENS, www.seens.eu) has been founded in 2012. SeENS has succeeded to rebuilt liasons and to make new once after a period of almost 20 years of poor comunication between colleagues in the SE Europe region. Currently SeENS is gathering neurosurgeons from 14 countries of the Southeast Europe region.

Rapid development of spine surgery, improved methods of diagnostics, new technologies and modern neuroimaging techniques have urged the need to organize such an event.

Concerning the attractiveness of spine surgery the list of the invited speakers at this Joint meeting is impressive and includes the EuroAsian and World's leading experts in the field of neurosurgery. Over 100 active participants are expected to attend the Joint meeting.

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 Joint meeting and to discover and enjoy the beautiful city of Niš, were Emperor Constantin, the „Emperor of the Christian people“ was born.

I cordially invite You to Niš, Serbia, to experience and share noteworthy scientific and social moments.

Sincerely,



Prof. Dr Kresimir Rotim
SeENS Honorary President
President of the Croatian Society for Spine Surgery
Honorary President of the Congress

WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Joint Meeting of Spinal Surgery organized by the Association of Neurosurgeons of Russia, Russian Association of Spinal Surgeons and Serbian Neurosurgical Society in conjunction with Croatian Society for Spine Surgery, under the title: **SPINE SURGERY IN XXI CENTURY-Current concept, controversies, perspectives.**

This meeting will take place in Niš, Serbia, between October 4-7th, 2018. on the occasion of the 4th Annual meeting of Serbian Neurosurgical Society as a Joint meeting with Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society.

Extremely rapid developments in the field of spine surgery have led to the need for permanent connections, and mutual exchange of knowledge and experience, between a large number of medical experts involved in the diagnosis, surgical treatment, and significant post-operative physical therapy procedures of spinal diseases. The active approach to dealing with degenerative diseases, injuries, tumor processes and deformities of the spine is imperative for the forthcoming period because it allows a lot of patients to quickly return to normal life and thus be less of a burden to society.

Cutting-edge technology solutions, materials, and equipment have been very aggressive in trying to impose their vision of spine surgery. Therefore, critically important application of appropriate technical possibilities, harmonization of different viewpoints on the selection of surgical techniques and the use of adequate materials and equipment form a base for mutual exchange of experience, towards the making of the best decisions for the benefit of patients.

The city of Niš, where this important international gathering will take place, is one of the oldest cities in the Balkans – the birthplace of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great who proclaimed Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire as early as 1700 years ago. The city with a big heart, Niš stands at the crossroads of historical developments and future prospects. We are truly honored to invite you to be a part of this valued event.



Prof. Dr. Nebojsa Stojanovic
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PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

Thursday, 4th October 2018

- 09.00 - 9.15 Registration
- 09.15 - 14.15 **WORKSHOP "PERCUTANEOUS LASER DISC DECOMPRESSION - PLDD "**
BY DIODE LASER, A MINIMAL INVASIVE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT
Venue: Clinical center Nis, Serbia
This Workshop has limited number of up to 20 participants based on the principle first come first served. Registration fee for this workshop is included in the Congress registration fee.
- 09.15 - 09.30 **Biolitec company and Laser introduction,**
Dr Ninoslav Ribic, Serbia
- 09.30 - 10.00 **Percutaneous Laser Disc Decompression-PLDD,**
Dr Georg Kienbacher, Austria
- 10.15 - 10.30 *Coffee break*
- 10.30 - 11.30 **1st Live surgery,**
Prof. dr Ivan Stefanovic, Serbia
- 11.30 - 11.45 **PLDD experience – My first 30 patients,**
Prof. dr Ivan Stefanovic, Serbia
- 11.45 - 12.30 *Brunch*
- 12.30 - 13.30 **2nd Live surgery,**
Prof. dr Ivan Stefanovic, Serbia
- 13.30 - 13.45 **Percutaneous Laser Discectomy by Lumbar Chronical and Hard Disc Herniation,**
Prof. dr Ivan Stefanovic, Serbia
- 13.45 - 14.15 *Discussion,*
Dr. Georg Kienbacher, Austria
- 14.15 Certificates
- 20.00-22.00 **Welcome Faculty Reception, Hotel "Tami Residence**



PRE-MEETING COURSE

Thursday, 4th October 2018

09.00 - 09.15 Registration

13.00-18.00 **PRE-MEETING COURSE - SPINAL INSTRUMENTATION**

Venue: Clinical center Nis, Serbia

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20.00-22.00 **Welcome Faculty Reception, Hotel "Tami Residence**





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Friday, 5th October 2018

HALL 1

07.30 Registration

OPENING CEREMONY

08.00-09.00 **Welcome Addresses**

- Prof. Dr Lukas Rasulic, Co-President of the Congress, SNSS President, SeENS President
- President of Republic of Serbia
- Ministry of Health of Republic of Serbia
- Prof. Dr Nikolay Konovalov, Co-President of the Congress
- Prof. Dr Alexander Potapov, Honorary President of the Congress, Director of N. N. Burdenko Neurosurgical Institute
- Prof. Dr Alexander Konovalov, Honorary President of the Congress, President of the Association of Neurosurgeons of Russia
- Prof. Dr Mehmet Zileli, Chair of the WFNS Spine Committee
- Prof. Dr Artem Gushcha, President of the Association of Spinal Surgeons of Russia
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- Prof. Dr Nebojsa Stojanovic, President of the International Organizing Committee
- Mr. Darko Bulatovic, Mayor of Nis

SNSS Tribute: MILIVOJE KOSTIC LECTURE 1

09.00-09.30 **Where Will We Be Tomorrow: The Future of Minimally Invasive Surgery**
Kevin Foley, USA
INTRO Lukas Rasulic

SNSS Tribute: MADJID SAMII LECTURE

09.30-10.00 **Problems and Solutions in Geriatric Spine Surgery**
Mehmet Zileli, Turkey
INTRO Lukas Rasulic

PLENARY SESSION 1

Moderators: Lukas Rasulic, Nikolay Konovalov, Kresimir Rotim

HALL 1

- 10.00-10.20 **Tumor Surgery of Craniovertebral Junction**
Madjid Samii, Germany
- 10.20-10.40 **Lumbar dynamic pedicle-based stabilization versus fusion in degenerative disease: preliminary results of the DYNORFUSE prospective randomized trial**
Bernhard Meyer, Germany
- 10.40-11.00 **Surgical treatment of intramedullary tumors: experience of more than 700 cases**
Nikolay Konovalov, Russia
- 11.00-11.20 **Spine Surgery Today: Appropriate or Over Indication?**
Francesco Tomasello, Italy
- 11.20-11.40 **Spinal Surgery in Russia - Trends, Highlights, Outstanding Issues**
Artem Gushcha, Russia
- 11.40-12.00 *Coffee break*

MAIN SCIENTIFIC SESSION 1: DEGENERATIVE SPINE

Moderators: Mehmet Zileli, Artem Gushcha, Petar Vulekovic

HALL 1

- 12.00-12.15 **KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Cervical myelopathy – new insights into pathophysiology and treatment
Peter Vajkoczy, Germany
- 12.15-12.30 **KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Retrospective single-surgeon study of 1,123 consecutive cases of anterior cervical discectomy and fusion: A comparison of clinical, outcome parameters and costs between outpatient and inpatient surgery groups with a literature review
Kenan Arnautovic, USA
- 12.30-12.45 **KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Surgical Management of Intradural tumors at the craniovertebral junction region
Ioan Stefan Florian, Romania
- 12.45-13.00 **Electrophysiological Monitoring in Spinal Disease**
Francesco Sala, Italy
- 13.00-13.15 **Surgical Outcome Prognosis for Degenerative Lumbar Spine Disease**
Anton Nazarenko, Russia
- 13.15-13.30 **Three and Four Level ACDF: How I Do It**
Ibrahim Omerhodzic, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 13.30-14.15 *Lunch*
- 13.30-14.15 **Serbian Neurosurgical Society EC Meeting - Board room**



MAIN SCIENTIFIC SESSION 2: DEGENERATIVE SPINE

Moderators: Bernhard Meyer, Alberto Delitala, Ioan Stefan Florian

HALL 1

- 14.15-14.30 KEY NOTE LECTURE**
The anterior unkoforaminotomy in treatment of patients with radicular pain caused by lateral stenosis at degenerative cervical spine pathology
Vladimir Klimov, Russia
- 14.30-14.45 KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Experiences with „percutaneous laser disc decompression“ by a diode laser - a minimal invasive outpatient treatment for contained disc herniations
Gregor Kienbacher, Austria
- 14.45-15.00 Intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring in degenerative cervical spine surgery**
Petar Vulekovic, Serbia
- 15.00-15.15 Degenerative lumbar spine: protocols and when the unusual approaches are better**
Dmitry Dzukaev, Russia
- 15.15-15.30 Failed back surgery**
Tomislav Cigic, Serbia
- 15.30-15.45 New concepts for using the arthroplasty in the degenerative changes of the cervical spine**
Matjaz Vorsic, Slovenia
- 15.45-16.00 Reconstructive surgery of the cervical spine - Indications**
Nebojsa Stojanovic, Serbia
- 16.00-16.15 My Experience with Cervical Spine Surgery and Stabilization**
Venko Filipce, Macedonia
- 16.15-16.30 Lumbar spine stenosis: prevalence and morphology of ossification of the ligamentum flavum**
Vladimir Sorokovikov, Russia
- 16.30-16.45 Discussion*
- 16.45-17.00 Coffee break*

ORAL PRESENTATIONS 1

Moderators: Dmitry Dzukaev, Miroslav Vukic, Goran Pavlicevic

HALL 1

- 17.00-17.10 **Dr. Vladimir Petrovich Pasek - the first registrated neurosurgeon?**
Milan Spaic, Serbia
- 17.10-17.20 **Degenerative lumbar spine**
Vesna Nikolov, Serbia
- 17.20-17.30 **Dynamic Stabilization with Polyetheretherketone (PEEK) Rods: Mid-term Results (5 Years) in Lumbar Spine Degenerative Diseases in a Comprehensive Patients Series-Radiological and Clinical Assessment**
Ahmet Öğrenci, Turkey
- 17.30-17.40 **Cervical Radiculopathy vs. Carpal Tunel Syndrome – the shared theritory**
Miljan Bulatovic, Serbia
- 17.40-17.50 **Iatrogenic injuries of the paravertebral vessels at operative treatment of the lumbal vertebra disc hernias - presentation of the two cases**
Andrej Prlja, Slovenia
- 17.50- 18.00 **Anesthesia in spine surgery with neuromonitoring: current concept and our experience**
Sanja Maricic Prijic, Serbia
- 18.00-18.10 **Anterior sacral meningocele in children – diagnostic and therapeutic strategies**
Mirjana Raicevic, Serbia
- 18.10-18.20 **Does transvers diametere of the cervical spinal canal play a role on CSM development?**
Murat Sayin, Turkey
- 18.20-18.30 **Pedicle screw fixation in osteoporotic fractures**
Mohamed Mohi Eldin, Egypt
- 18.30-18.40 **Our experience with Caspar microsurgical discectomy**
Tomaz Velnar, Slovenia
- 18.40-18.50 **Prognostic value of intraoperative monitoring in spinal surgery**
Boban Joksimovic, Serbia
- 18.50-19.00 *Discussion*
- 08.00 -19.00 **E-POSTER PRESENTATION**
Area for Poster presentation
- 20.00-00.00 *Gala dinner*

MAIN SCIENTIFIC SESSION 3: SPINE TRAUMA AND INFECTIONS

Moderators: Vadim Manukovsky, Ljubodrag Minic, Fatos Ollidashi

HALL 2

- 12.00-12.15 **KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Current concept of chronic spondylitis
Aleksandr Mushkin, Russia
- 12.15-12.30 **KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Modification of short-segment fixation with pedicle screws in fracture site without fusion for thoracolumbar fractures
Vladimir Lalosevic, Serbia
- 12.30-12.45 **KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Adverse effects of steroid therapy in acute spinal cord injury management
Victor Rerikh, Russia
- 12.45-13.00 **MIS instrumentation in trauma**
Nikolay Gabrovsky, Bulgaria
- 13.00-13.15 **Early surgery and instrumentation in cervical spine tuberculosis - rationale and decision making**
Harjinder Bhatoe, India
- 13.15 - 13.30 **Unilateral recurrent lumboschialgia of unknown cause – a diagnostic and therapeutic challenge**
Ivan Stefanović, Serbia
- 13.30-14.15 *Lunch*
- Russian Neurosurgical Society EC and WFNS Spine Committee Business Meeting - Residence Room*

MAIN SCIENTIFIC SESSION 4: BASIC SCIENCE AND SPINE TUMORS

Moderators: Sergey Kolesov, Andreas Demetriades, Stefano Ferraresi

HALL 2

- 14.15-14.30 **KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Treatment of chronic pain after transpedicular fixation
Tito Perilla, Colombia
- 14.30-14.45 **KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Complications in spine surgery
Keki Turel, India
- 14.45-15.00 **Spine and spinal cord disorders: advanced treatment concept**
Dmitry Asyutin, Russia
- 15.00-15.15 **Endovascular treatment of spinal AVMs and vascular tumors**
Teodor Tissen, Russia
- 15.15-15.30 **Radiosurgery For Spinal Metastasis**
Selçuk Peker, Turkey
- 15.30-15.45 **Chronic spinal cord stimulation in the treatment of failed back surgery syndrome**
Emil Isagulyan, Russia
- 15.45-16.00 **Intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring for spinal cord tumors surgery**
Slavko Djuraskovic, Montenegro

16.00-16.15 **Results of surgical treatment of spinal cavernous malformations**
Bahramkhon Zakirov, Russia

16.15-16.30 **Spinal cord tumors in Montenegro**
Novak Lakicevic, Montenegro

16.30-16.45 *Discussion*

16.45-17.00 *Coffee break*

ORAL PRESENTATIONS 2

Moderators: Sergey Mlyavykh, Novak Lakicevic, Venko Filipce

HALL 2

17.00-17.10 **Cervical spinal stenosis treatment by interlaminar full endoscopy**
Marcio Ramalho da Cunha, Brazil

17.10-17.20 **Severity of the spinal stenosis - a novel classification method**
Milenko Stanic, Serbia

17.20-17.30 **Economic costs in discitis treatment**
Mustafa Ogden, Turkey

17.30 - 17.40 **Transcorporeal anterior cervical microforaminotomy; a motion preserving surgery in pure brachialgia**
Moshiur Rahman, Bangladesh

17.40-17.50 **Role of the O-arm and neuronavigation in the management of complex spine surgery cases**
Walid Attia, Saudi Arabia

17.50-18.00 **Cervical Spondylotic Myelopathy**
Drazen Ivetic, Serbia

18.00-18.10 **Use of nitinol rods for fixation of the lumbar spine (prospective multi-center study)**
Kazmin Arkadii, Russia

18.10-18.20 **The role of endoscopy in treating spinal stenosis**
Miljan Mihajlović, Serbia

18.20-18.30 **Age-related prevalence of degenerative cervical pathology**
Niamen Patrice Koffi, Morocco

18.30-18.40 **Factors affecting outcome after lumbar disc surgery - How close are we to good outcome prediction?**
Mladen Karan, Serbia

18.40-18.50 **CT accuracy of percutaneous vs open and manually-registered pedicle screw techniques: a single center non-randomized clinical trial**
Alexandros Brotis, Greece

18.50-19.00 *Discussion*

08.00 -19.00 **E-POSTER PRESENTATION**
Area for Poster presentation

20.00-00.00 *Gala dinner*



Saturday, 6th October 2018

07.30 Registration

PLENARY SESSION 2

Moderators: Madjid Samii, Francesco Tomasello, Andrey Grin

HALL 1

08.00-08.20 **Adult Scoliosis and Complication Management**
Jesus Lafuente, Spain

08.20-08.40 **Microsurgical education today and the role of neurosurgical organizations**
Torstein Meling, Norway

08.40-09.00 **From simulation through cadaver training to patient care:
a safe way to educate spinal surgeons**
Karl Schaller, Switzerland

09.00-09.20 **Surgical Treatment of Cervical Spine Trauma**
Vadim Manukovsky, Russia

09.20-09.40 **Occipito-Cervical Fixation: Evolution and Current Concepts**
Miguel Arraez Sanchez, Spain

SNSS Tribute: MILIVOJE KOSTIC LECTURE 2

09.40-10.10 **Low-grade infection in spinal instrumentation: is this the real cause of screw loosening?**
Bernhard Meyer, Germany
INTRO Lukas Rasulic

SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE

10.10-10.30 **Computational modeling of spine and spinal implants**
Nenad Filipovic, Serbia
INTRO Lukas Rasulic

10.30-10.45 *Coffee break*

MAIN SCIENTIFIC SESSION 5: BASIC SCIENCE AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Moderators: Miguel Arraez Sanchez, Vladimir Klimov, Karl Schaller

HALL 1

10.45-11.00 **KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Image guidance for cervical spine surgery. Is there an added value?
Experience of 170 cases
John Duff, Switzerland

11.00-11.15 **KEY NOTE LECTURE**
New technologies for the treatment of degenerative scoliosis
Sergey Kolesov, Russia

11.15-11.30 **Adverse Events Related to Peripheral Nerves Following Spine Surgery-Complications,
Sequellae, Mistreatment: Avoidance, Treatment Modalities and Outcome**
Lukas Rasulic, Serbia

- 11.30-11.45 **Cervical arthroplasty with discover; long term results and influence on the cervical biomechanics**
Miroslav Vukic, Croatia
- 11.45-12.00 **Spinal navigation: past, present and future**
Francesco Costa, Italy
- 12.00-12.15 **MISS (minimally invasive spinal surgery, the concept. MISS is not a miss-surgery)**
Nikolay Peev, Ireland
- 12.15-12.30 **New Philosophy in Spine surgery**
Michalakos Spyrou, Cyprus
- 12.30-12.45 **CT scan and navigation assisted spinal surgery**
Maria Martynova, Russia
- 12.45-13.00 **A neuro-fuzzy model for supporting the diagnosis of lumbar disc herniation**
Miodrag Peulic, Serbia

13.00-13.30 *Lunch*

12.45-13.30 **Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society EC Business Meeting - Board Room**

13.30-14.15 **RAPID CROSSFIRE SESSION 1**
COMPLEX AND COMPLICATED CASES - OPEN ACCESS PANEL SESSION
Moderators: Mehmet Zileli, Artem Gushcha, Jesus Lafuente, Enrique Osorio-Fonseca, Nebojsa Stojanovic

MAIN SCIENTIFIC SESSION 6: SPINE TRAUMA
Moderators: Torstein Meling, Aleksandr Mushkin, Nebojsa Stojanovic

HALL 1

- 14.15-14.30 **KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Management of fractures in ankylosing spondylitis
Mehmet Zileli, Turkey
- 14.30-14.45 **KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Minimal invasive surgery in spine trauma
Tiberiu Maior, Romania
- 14.45-15.00 **CSF leakage following spine surgery: prevention and management**
İhsan Solaroğlu, Turkey
- 15.00-15.15 **War injuries of the spinal cord**
Ljubodrag Minic, Serbia
- 15.15-15.30 **Cervical spine fracture**
Fatos Ollidashi, Albania
- 15.30-15.45 **Trauma of the spinal column - what should be seen by a neuroradiologist in order for the neurosurgeon to do what needs to be done**
Zoran Radovanovic, Serbia
- 15.45-16.00 **Central cord syndrome**
Panagiotis Selviaridis, Greece
- 16.00-16.15 **Spine injuries and disorders - emergency centre as a crossroad for right treatment**
Miljan Jovic, Serbia
- 16.15-16.30 *Discussion*
- 16.30-16.45 *Coffee break*

MAIN SCIENTIFIC SESSION 7: SPINE TUMORS
Moderators: John Duff, Panagiotis Selviaridis, Tomislav Cigic

HALL 1

- 16.45-17.00 KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Surgery around the neuroforamen. Indications and technique for dumbbell pathology in the cervical area
Stefano Ferraresi, Italy
- 17.00-17.15 KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Results of surgical treatment of extramedullary spinal cord tumors
Roman Onoprienko, Russia
- 17.15-17.30 Spinal AVM**
Mohammad Al-Olama, UAE
- 17.30-17.45 Intradural Spinal Tumors: Surgical Considerations and Institutional Experience**
Tomislav Sajko, Croatia
- 17.45-18.00 Extent of surgical resection of malignant astrocytoma of the spinal cord**
Vincenzo Paterno, Germany
- 18.00-18.15 Spinal Schwannomatosis**
Martin Smrcka, Czech Republic
- 18.15-18.30 Spinal Tumours Treatment-Our Experience**
Rasim Skomorac, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 18.30-18.45 Spine Surgery in XXI century - Anesthesiologist Point of view**
Inga Mladic Batinica, Croatia
- 18.45-19.00 Intradural Spine Tumor Surgery-Institutional Experience**
Djula Djilvesi, Serbia
- 19.00-19.15 Discussion*
- 08.00-19.15 E-POSTER PRESENTATION**
Area for Poster presentation
- 20.30-00.00 Traditional Serbian Dinner**

MAIN SCIENTIFIC SESSION 8: MINIMAL INVASIVE SPINE SURGERY

Moderators: Sergey Mlyavykh, Marko Markovic, Mitja Benedicic

HALL 2

10.45-11.00 KEY NOTE LECTURE

Endoscopic approaches in lumbar degenerative diseases

Enrique Osorio-Fonseca, Colombia

11.00-11.15 KEY NOTE LECTURE

The use of minimally invasive techniques for segmental correction

Alexander Krutko, Russia

11.15-11.30 KEY NOTE LECTURE

Percutaneous approaches in cervical procedures

Giovanni Broggi, Italy

11.30-11.45 **Percutaneous endoscopic transforaminal approach for foraminal and extraforaminal disc herniations: 5-year experience**

Natale Francaviglia, Italy

11.45-12.00 **Full-endoscopic system utilization for decompression of nerve structures on lumbar level of the spine. first experience report**

Vasily Korolishin, Russia

12.00-12.15 **Lumbar angiolipoma removal via percutaneous endoscopic interlaminar approach**

Marcio Ramalho da Cunha, Brasil

12.15-12.30 **Mini-invasive and innovative technologies in the surgery of the pathological processes of the skull base and the craniovertebral junction**

Alexey Shkarubo, Russia

12.30-12.45 **Minimally invasive approach for surgical treatment of craniovertebral junction meningiomas**

Stanislav Kaprovoy, Russia

12.45-13.00 *Discussion*

13.00-13.30 *Lunch*

13.30-14.15 RAPID CROSSFIRE SESSION 2

COMPLEX AND COMPLICATED CASES - OPEN ACCESS PANEL SESSION

Moderators: Bernhard Meyer, Nikolay Konovalov, Kevin Foley, John Duff, Rok Vengust



MAIN SCIENTIFIC SESSION 9: DEGENERATIVE SPINE

Moderators: Kenan Arnautovic, Dmitry Dzukaev, Yavor Enchev

HALL 2

- 14.15-14.30 KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Lumbar disc herniation: is microsurgery exceeded?
Alberto Delitala, Italy
- 14.30-14.45 KEY NOTE LECTURE**
Degenerative low and high grade spondylolisthesis
Andreas Demetriades, UK
- 14.45-15.00 Lumbar Spine Instrumentation**
Milos Jokovic, Serbia
- 15.00-15.15 Different Microsurgical Non-fusion Techniques for Cervical Radiculopathy**
Yury Shulev, Russia
- 15.15-15.30 Anterior cervical corpectomy in the treatment of degenerative and tumorous processes of the cervical spine**
Mitja Benedicic, Slovenia
- 15.30-15.45 Anterior cervical approach for the treatment of cervical myelopathy**
Danilo Radulovic, Serbia
- 15.45-16.00 Biological nucleoplasty - emerging treatment**
Vladimir Papic, Serbia
- 16.00-16.15 Central Cord Syndrome - Surgical Treatment Nuances**
Nenad Novakovic, Serbia
- 16.15-16.30 Discussion**
- 16.30-16.45 Coffee break**

MAIN SCIENTIFIC SESSION 10: GROWING SPINE AND ADULT DEFORMITIES

Moderators: Aleksandr Mushkin, Bruno Splavski, Zdeslav Milinkovic

HALL 2

16.45-17.00 KEY NOTE LECTURE

Sagittal balance in spinal neurosurgery
Evgeny Brinyuk, Russia

17.00-17.15 KEY NOTE LECTURE

Accurate Placement of Percutaneous Pedicle Screws without the Use of Neuronavigation/O-arm Technology and Reduction-fixation of Lumbar Spondylolisthesis by Percutaneous Pedicle Screws and a Minimal Access approach
Sujoy Sanyal, India

17.15-17.30 Treatment of the degenerative diseases of vertebral column

Branko Djurovic, Serbia

17.30-17.45 Corner osteotomy for treatment of fixed sagittal malalignment following previous spinal fusion; case series

Rok Vengust, Slovenia

17.45 -18.00 Comparative analysis of surgical treatment of patients with congenital thoracic spine deformities using thoracic expansion devices and spinal correction and fusion

Sergey Vissarionov, Russia

18.00-18.15 Segmental stabilisation of pathologic fractures of thoracolumbar spine

Stanko Milickovic, Serbia

18.15-18.30 Post operative pain in lumbar degenerative spine surgery

Said Ait Benali, Morocco

18.30-18.45 Modern treatment options for degenerative scoliosis

Goran Pavlicevic, Serbia

18.45-19.00 Our experience in treatment of single level cervical degenerative disc disease with ACDP

Aleksandar Chaparoski, Macedonia

19.00-19.15 Discussion

08.00-19.20 E-POSTER PRESENTATION

Area for Poster presentation

20.30-00.00 Serbian Traditional Dinner



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PLENARY SESSION 3

Moderators: : Dmitry Ptashnikov, Peter Banczerowski, Roberto Delfini

HALL 1

08.00-08.20 **Outpatient Cervical Spine Surgery**
Eirik Helseth, Norway

08.20-08.40 **The videoendoscopic techniques in the surgical treatment of patients with thoracolumbar trauma**
Andrey Grin, Russia

08.40-09.00 **Current concept in minimal invasive spine surgery**
Kresimir Rotim, Croatia

09.00-09.20 **The correction of degenerative scoliosis of adults with the use of minimally invasive technologies (LLIF, ALIF, MIS posterior fixation)**
Vladimir Klimov, Russia

09.20-09.40 **Surgical management of the vascular malformations of the spinal cord**
Marcel Ivanov, UK

09.40-10.00 **multilevel vcr in the treatment of complex spinal deformities in adults**
Dmitry Ptashnikov, Russia

SNSS Tribute: MADJID SAMII LECTURE 2

10.00-10.30 **Modern aspects of minimally invasive spinal surgery**
Nikolay Konovalov, Russia

INTRO Lukas Rasulic

10.30-10.45 *Coffee break*



MAIN SCIENTIFIC SESSION 11: MINIMAL INVASIVE SPINE SURGERY

Moderators: Jesus Lafuente, Eirik Helseth, Alexander Krutko

HALL 1

10.45-11.00 KEY NOTE LECTURE

Evolution of minimally-invasive techniques in instrumented thoraco-lumbar surgery: our experience

Roberto Delfini, Italy

11.00-11.15 KEY NOTE LECTURE

Role of minimal invasive techniques and new classification system in the surgical treatment of pathologies situated in the spinal canal

Peter Banczerowski, Hungary

11.15-11.30 Do obese patients benefit from minimally invasive lumbar fusion techniques?

Wolfgang Senker, Austria

11.30-11.45 MIS Techniques in Our Adult Deformity Practice: Real Opportunities and Pitfalls

Sergey Mlyavykh, Russia

11.45-12.00 Full-endoscopic operations of lumbar disc herniation and spinal stenosis - state of the art, possibilities and retrospective review of overall 1054 operated patients

Marko Markovic, Serbia

12.00-12.15 Transforaminal endoscopic discectomy - why this is the best surgery what we can offer to our patients

Robert Saftic, Croatia

12.15-12.30 Endoscopic-assisted fenestration and discectomy in lumbar disc hernia using EasyGo

Roman Bosnjak, Slovenia

12.30-12.45 Percutaneous minimally invasive procedures for osteoporotic vertebral compression fractures – current concepts

Yavor Enchev, Bulgaria

12.45-12.55 Discussion



YOUNG NEUROSURGEONS FORUM - SNSS & SEENS AWARD SESSION

Moderators: Djula Djilvesi, Ibrahim Omerhodzic, Ivan Stefanovic,
Ljubodrag Minic, Tomislav Sajko

HALL 1

- 13.00-13.08 **Microsurgical Discectomy – Discectomy or Segmental Decompression, a Technical Approach**
Igor Popovic, Serbia
- 13.08-13.16 **Spinal Stenosis Patophysiology – Histological Analysis of the Ligamentum Flavum**
Vuk Aleksić, Serbia
- 13.16-13.24 **Stenosis versus Ischemia of the Spinal Canal – Contact Endoscopy Blood Flow Patterns**
Nenad Zivković, Serbia
- 13.24-13.32 **Ataxia of the Legs – Lumbar Spinal Stenosis vs. Alzheimer Disease**
Marko Samardžić, Serbia
- 13.32-13.40 **Current trends in lumbar disc surgery: Is there the right way?**
Jagoš Golubovic, Serbia
- 13.40-13.48 **Short term outcome of surgical treatment of patients with lumbar disc herniation**
Miroslav Fimic, Serbia
- 13.48-13.56 **Is a picture worth a thousand words? Correlation between MRI findings and clinical presentation in patients with lumbar disc herniation and nerve root compression**
Filip Pajicic, Serbia
- 13.56-14.04 **Complications after surgery for thoracic disc herniation: a systematic review and network meta-analysis**
Christos Tzerefos, Greece
- 14.04-14.12 **Experience of using laser effects on the intervertebral disc with puncture access**
Angelina Gorodnina, Russia
- 14.12-14.20 **Comparative analysis of allo and auto transplants in cervical myelopathy solutions - multisegmental approach**
Luka Berilazic, Serbia
- 14.20-15.00 **YOUNG NEUROSURGEONS AWARD
BEST ORAL PRESENTATION AND E-POSTER AWARDS
CLOSING CEREMONY**

MAIN SCIENTIFIC SESSION 12: GROWING SPINE AND ADULT DEFORMITIES

Moderators: Sergey Vissarionov, Ibrahim Omerhodzic, Danilo Radulovic

HALL 2

10.45-11.00 KEY NOTE LECTURE

The cervical spine congenital and genetic abnormalities and deformities
Alexander Gubin, Russia

11.00-11.15 KEY NOTE LECTURE

Neurophysiological aspects to motor control of lumbar cord and spine
Milan Dimitrijevic, USA

11.15-11.30 Surgical techniques and planning in treatment of 3D spinal deformities
Zdeslav Milinkovic, Serbia

11.30-11.45 Evaluating management strategies and outcome measures for patients with synovial cysts of the lumbar spine
Bruno Splavski, Croatia

11.45-12.00 Non-traumatic cervical-thoracic surgical spinal pathology in children
Alexander Mushkin, Russia

12.00-12.15 Efficacy of DREZ lesioning in managing pain following spinal cord injury
Milan Spaic, Serbia

12.15-12.30 Surgery of adolescent idiopathic scoliosis
Onur Yaman, Turkey

12.30-12.45 Cheap and efficient lumbar fixation and fusion
Imad Talahma, Palestine

12.45-12.55 Discussion

E-POSTER EVALUATION AND DISCUSSION SESSION
Moderators: Martin Smrcka, Anton Nazarenko, Vladimir Papic

HALL 2

- 13.00 - 14.00** **Use of X-RAY guided transforaminal periradicular infiltration for sciatica**
Nenad Zivkovic, Serbia
- A novel approach in isthmic spondylolisthesis; spino-semilaminafacet sparing**
Ahmet Öğrenci, Turkey
- The Effect of the Location of Dural Tear and Repairment in Pneumocephalus After Spinal Surgery**
Ahmet Öğrenci, Turkey
- Spinal Dysraphism in Children: Our Experience in Ninety-Nine Patients**
Mirjana Raicevic
- The effect of intraoperative positioning on lumbar lordosis**
Murat Sayin, Turkey
- Full-Endoscopic radiofrequency ablation for treatment of facet joint pain**
Nenad Zivkovic, Serbia
- Spontaneous regression of cervical disc herniation in a patient with myelopathy**
Danilo Radulovic, Serbia
- Cervical spondylotic myelopathy: 4 years of retrospective outcome analysis**
Danilo Radulovic, Serbia
- Intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring during anterior cervical discectomy and fusion**
Vedrana Karan, Serbia
- Recovery of the patients operated from lumbar disc hernia: risk factor - smoking**
Aleksandar Kostic, Serbia
- Comparsion of cortical bone trajectory screws vs. transpedicular screws for spinal fusion at L4-L5 level**
Pen Matic, Slovenia
- Cervical spine trauma associated with multiline skull fracture (case report)**
Boris Djurovic, Montenegro
- Surgical treatment for lumbar disc herniation in the Clinical centre of Montenegro: statistical results from 2006-2018**
Boris Djurovic, Montenegro
- Isolated human intervertebral disc cells as a useful platform for in vitro toxicology assessment**
Tomaz Velnar, Slovenia

The combination of spinal degeneration and oscillation may result in atypical cervical spinal cord injury: a case series

Tomaz Velnar, Slovenia

Patient satisfaction and functional outcome after standard lumbar discectomy and microdiscectomy

Vojin Kovacevic, Serbia

Factors that correlate with favorable outcome in surgical treatment of lumbar disc herniation

Vojin Kovacevic, Serbia

Complications in Treating the Patient with Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumor-Case Report

Andrija Savic, Serbia

Full-Endoscopic Decompression of Spinal Canal for Patients with Spinal Stenosis: Prospective Randomized Trial of Overall 108 Patients

Marko Markovic, Nenad Zivkovic, Serbia

Idiopathic Spontaneous Spinal Epidural Hematoma: Case Presentation and Literature Review

Jagos Golubovic

Intramedullary melanocytoma of the cervical cord: case report

Paschalis Tsolpidis, Greece

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Distance from Headquarters Hotel: 2,4 km

Set in a central location right across the main square, New City Hotel offers modernly decorated and spacious rooms and a restaurant. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the property. Constantine the Great Airport in Niš is located at a distance of only 4 km.



HOTEL ALEKSANDAR 3*

Njegoševa 81 A, Niš, Serbia
Distance from Headquarters Hotel: 0,7 km

Boasting panoramic views over Nis, Hotel Aleksandar is only 4 minutes from the city center, providing 3 restaurants, free guarded parking and free Wi-Fi. Constantine the Great Airport in Niš is located at a distance of only 4 km.

ACCOMMODATION CANCELLATION TERMS

- Requests for accommodation cancellation must be submitted in writing to the Congress Secretariat at spineserbia2018@snss.org.rs. Refund will be made only after the conference and only applicable under following circumstances.
- For cancellations received until September 1st 2018 refund of accommodation fees will be 100%.
- For cancellations received between September 2nd and September 20th 2018 refund of accommodation fees will be 50%.
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- Please note that registration refunds will be processed within 30 days after the end of Congress, 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 spineserbia2018@snss.org.rs
- For more information about accommodation in Nis, please see recommendation of the Tourism Organization of Nis at <http://www.visitnis.com/hotels.html>.

HOW TO GET TO NIS

By Air

Serbia has two international airports, the main one being Belgrade's Nikola Tesla International Airport (BEG) with an ideal location at the crossroads of major air routes with 37 airlines connecting the capital of Serbia with more than 70 destinations throughout Europe, Middle East and North Africa in scheduled, charter and cargo air traffic.

By Bus

E-70 and E-75 international routes connect all major towns in Serbia (Belgrade, Novi Sad, Subotica, Niš...). Belgrade lies along the E-70 and E-75 connecting Western and Northern Europe on one side and Southern and Eastern Europe on the other. Serbia has 40,000 km of roadways, including 600 km of expressways.

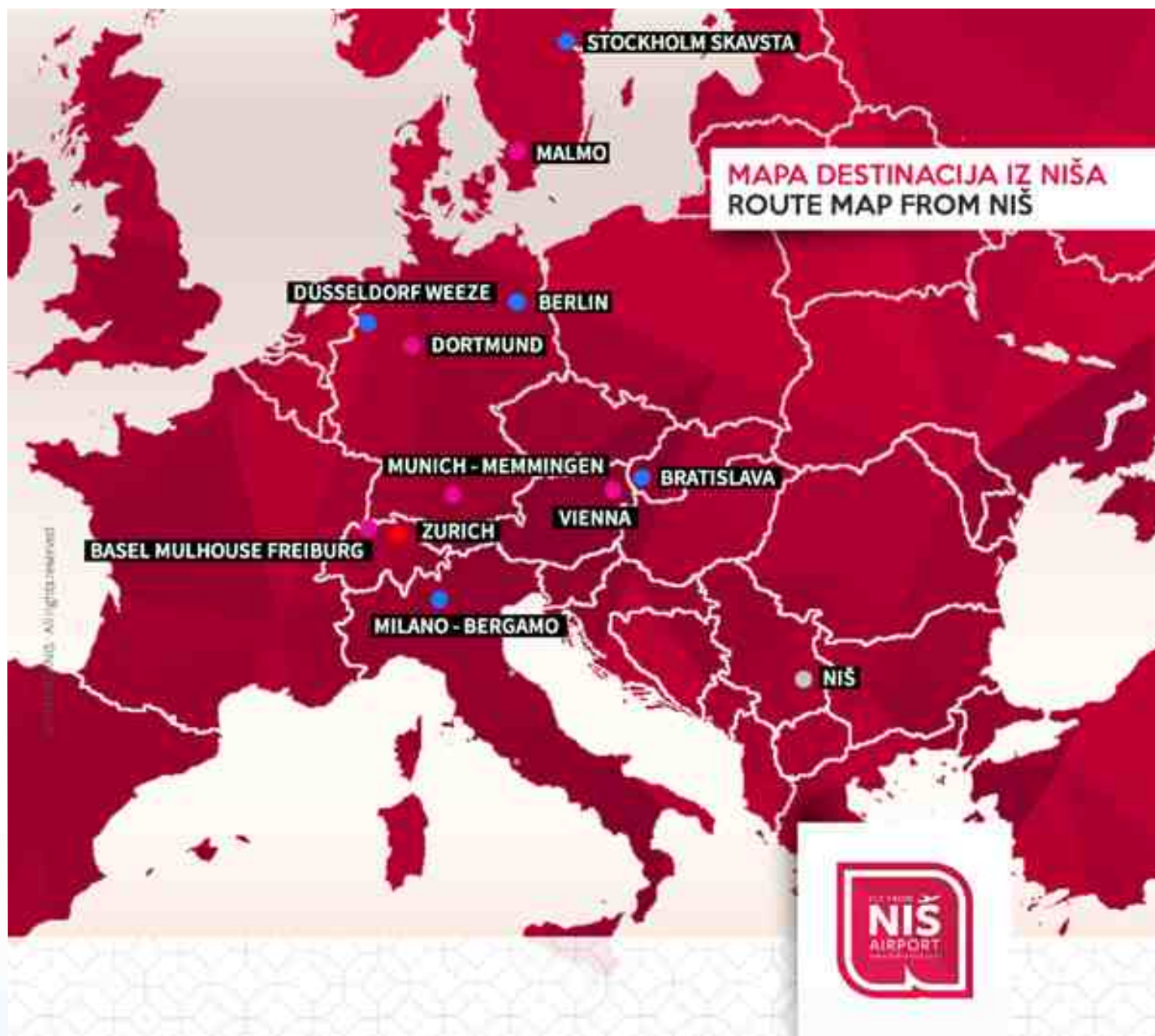
By Rail

The capital city, Belgrade, has regular and direct rail connections with capital cities in Central and Eastern Europe. International passenger trains include a regular day and night train, the 'Avala', that goes from Belgrade to Budapest, and Vienna. There are also trains on every-day basis running from Belgrade to Zurich (Switzerland), Munich (Germany), Ljubljana (Slovenia), Banja Luka (Bosnia), Sofia (Bulgaria), Bucharest (Romania), and Thessaloniki (Greece).

Niš is well connected to the European and Serbian railroad network. The train station is not far from the city centre while main bus station is 10 minutes walking distance. Only 10 minutes from the centre is the airport, Constantine the Great. Its huge runway is adequate for landing big planes and suitable for charter flights.



DIRECT FLIGHTS TO / FROM NIŠ



WIZZ AIR:

Dortmund - Monday and Friday
Basel - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
Memmingen (Munich) - Tuesday and Saturday
Malmo - Monday and Friday

RYANAIR:

Bergamo (Milano) - Tuesday and Saturday
Bratislava - Monday and Friday
Berlin - Thursday and Sunday
Dusseldorf, Weeze Airport - Thursday and Sunday
Stockholm - Thursday and Sunday

SWISS:

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