



## 44<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Romanian Society of Neurosurgery Considerations

The 44<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Romanian Society of Neurosurgery (RSN) in association with the 5<sup>th</sup> Danube Carpathian Region Congress took place between the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> of September,

in Timișoara. The location was the Regional Business Centre (CRAFT), an exquisite academic ambience, with all the possible facilities in use.



The opening of the congress was the 23d French Course in Neurosurgery, a major contribution of the French speaking neurosurgeons, who manage each time to present in a very exciting and educational way an entire series of elements of neurosurgical pathology, addressing especially the young neurosurgeons. The Francophone Course focused mainly on cerebral vascular pathology, but there were many exchanges between the French and Romanian teams concerning this very difficult and frequent issue.

The Congress of Neurosurgery was structured in parallel sessions in several halls because of the number of various elements of neurosurgical pathology discussed: Sellar and Parasellar Tumors, Neurotrauma, Functional Neurosurgery, Trigeminal Neuralgia, Tumor Pathology and Degenerative Spine Pathology, Pediatric Neurosurgery, Intracerebral and Skull Base Neurosurgery. We mention also the 2 sessions regarding epilepsy surgery, endovascular treatment for vascular cerebral malformations at the centres in Timișoara and Iași, and the outstanding works of the young neurosurgeons at the „Young Neurosurgeons Corner”. During the congress, the 2nd Symposium of Nurses in Neurosurgery also took place.

From the works sustained at the congress, at the category „Sellar and Parasellar Tumors” we mention the contribution of F. Tomasello (Italy), G. Rosseau (United States), I. Kannan

(Saudi Arabia). At the „Craniocerebral Trauma” section we mention W. I. Steudel (Germany) and S. Florian (Romania), „Functional Neurosurgery”. At „Functional Neurosurgery” section we mention P. Mertens and M. Sindou (France), A. Brînzeu (Romania). In the „Spine Surgery” section worth mentioning are C. Popescu (Romania), G. Zapuhliu (Moldova) and M. Ivanon (Great Britain). At the „Pediatric Neurosurgery” section S. Ferraresi (Italy) and D. Nica (Romania) stood out with their works; For „Cerebral Tumors”, H. Pleș (Romania), I. Solaroglu (Turkey) and V. Sinha (India); for „Skull Base Tumors”, F. Tomasello (Italy), M. Gorgan, A. V. Ciurea, D. Teleanu (Romania).

Among the activities was also the presentation of the book „Principles of Neurological Surgery”, the 4th edition (edited by Ellenbogen RG, Sekhar LN, Kitchen ND, Elsevier 2018), the first Romanian edition is coordinated by Prof. Dr. Ioan Stefan Florian and published at Hipocrate publishing house.

At the end of the congress the new President of the General Assembly RSN was chosen for the next 2 years: Conf. Dr. Horia Pleș, Timișoara and Vice Presidents Dr. Vicențiu Săceleanu, Sibiu, Chief of Lectures, Prof. Dr. Mircea Gorgan, Bucharest, Prof. Dr. Ion Poeta, Iasi; Conf. Dr. Constantin Costea, Timișoara, was appointed General Secretary of the General Association of Neurosurgery. All the above mentioned were voted unanimously.



The President of Romanian Society of Neurosurgery –  
Conf. Dr. Horia Pleș (Timișoara)

During the General Assembly it was also established that Prof. Dr. Grigore Zapuhliș, the representative of the Association of Neurosurgeons in Moldavia, be made a member of the Romanian Society of Neurosurgery.

The next congress, the 45<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Romanian Society of Neurosurgery will take place at Sibiu, in October 2019.

The entire event took place in a special academic and cultural environment, in Timișoara, Romania. 387 participants were registered. There were 37 lecturers from

abroad who represented 17 countries on 4 continents.

The scientific schedule was comprised of a total of 20 lectures, 3 sessions of the young neurosurgeons, 2 sessions of the nurses, 144 spoken presentations and 17 poster presentations. For these 3 days, the neurosurgical activity in Romania was presented exhaustively, receiving unanimous appreciations and showing that, right now, the Romanian neurosurgery is perfectly aligned to the European standards. The congress proceedings were in the English language.



The administrative-organizational part, as well as the social program, including The Opera Concert on the 6th of September, were in agreement with the congressional requirements, made by the exceptional team “MedEvents”.

Finally, we conclude that the Romanian Society of Neurosurgery is in the European trending of real growth of the quality of the surgical act. This is reflected, on one hand, by the multiple efforts to implement the neuro-imaging diagnostic apparatus and, on the other hand, by even extraordinary endowment of the neurosurgical operating' rooms at the university centers.

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