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ABSTRACT

At the beginning of every spring, Cluj becomes for 3 days the main topic of discussion among students passionate about neurosurgery throughout Romania. The "Neurosurgical Masterclass" is the catalyst for young and enthusiastic students to learn the mysteries of the human brain and this year was organized the 10th edition of this interesting congress. The event succeeded in joining together 185 neurosurgery enthusiasts and 36 renowned speakers.



Image 1. Prof. Ioan-Stefan Florian M.D. PhD. with attendees of the event.

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Since neurosurgery is a practical medical specialty, the first day began with unique workshops, from viewing a live operation that familiarized students with some anatomical landmarks, to the dissection of the white substance of the brain. The participants also had a demonstration of correct and complete neurological examination, so that the young students were initiated into the basic neurosurgical terminology. Overall, 7 hands-on workshops were organized.

In a festive spirit, the guest of honor was the distinguished Prof. Dr. Madjiid Samii from the International Neuroscience Institute (Hannover, Germany) who opened the proceedings of the congress with the presentation "What I could develop in Neurosurgery", offering an auspicious energy and an encouraging word for the students.



Image 2. Stud. Dragos Font and Prof. Ioan-Stefan Florian M.D. PhD. presiding over the student session.

Prof. Madjid Samii's presentation was followed by the work of our resident colleague at the Institute of Neurology and Neurovascular Diseases Bucharest, Dr. Andrei Alexandru Marinescu, who delighted us

with the secrets of cerebral vascularization, presenting in detail the Willis' Circle.

After two sessions of presentations, at the end of the first day, the students had the opportunity to participate in the Neuroquiz anatomy competition, having as the prize neurosurgical study materials of the highest quality.

The second day of works was very special being marked by renowned European neurosurgeons such as Prof. Dr. Lukas Rasulic, Prof. Dr. Stefano Ferarresi (Italy) or Prof. Dr. Ishan Soraloglu (Turkey) who offered more gravitas to this event.

The founder of the congress, Prof. Dr. Ioan Ștefan Florian has impressed as always with the novelty of his works, addressing the students in an accessible and friendly speech.

At the same time, student Dragoș Font, co-president of the congress and leader of the Student Circle of Neurosurgery in Cluj-Napoca, presented "An operative perspective of the posterior fossa", in an impeccable manner.

The last day was dedicated exclusively to student presentations. The delegation of Serbian students, Stud. Stefan Radojevic and Stud. Aleksa Micic (coordinated by Prof. Lukas Rasulic) impressed with detailed presentation of peripheral neuroanatomy. The delegation of students from the "Walter E. Dandy" Neurosurgical Club in Bucharest distinguished itself through Stud. Mădălina Popescu, Stud. Max Blega (winner of the Neuroquiz contest) and Stud. Firas Al-Krayem (winner of the contest for presentations of clinical cases).

At the end of the 3 days of congress, each participant left with new interesting and "up-to-date" knowledge, and with new memories to share with other neurosurgery enthusiasts.