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## **EANS Section of Peripheral Nerve Surgery**

**Subject: Report from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Business meeting of the EANS Section of Peripheral Nerve Surgery**

**Date and time: October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**Venue: EANS 2018 Congress in Brussels**

### **REPORT**

#### **1. Welcome addresses**

Prof. Dr Lukas Rasulic, Section Chair, opened the 2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting of the EANS Section of Peripheral Nerve Surgery and welcomed all present members.

#### **2. Minutes from the first business meeting, held in Belgrade, on November 1st, 2017.**

The minutes of the last meeting in Belgrade were unanimously accepted.

#### **3. Report of the Chair of the Section about activities in the previous period**

Prof. Rasulic presented report sent to the EANS, related to the activities of the Section in the previous period. This report will be available on the EANS website and within the EANS Newsletter.

#### **4. Proposal for subspecialty nerve program for nerve surgeons within neurosurgery**

Members discussed possibilities for introducing the subspecialty in peripheral nerves. The proposal of Hans Assmus was presented, as well as experiences and conditions from different countries from which are members. Advantages and disadvantages were considered. Everyone agreed that this topic should stay open for now and next steps will be considered in the future period.

#### **5. How to promote collaborative research in peripheral nerve surgery, research questions from the clinic to basic scientists and the role of new technologies (Damiano Barone)**

Dr Damiano Barone presented areas that need improvement, research topics and methods, challenges within this topic and other relevant details. Presentation was well accepted, and everybody



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agreed that EANS section should help by promoting, supporting and coordinating collaborative research efforts.

### **6. Proposal for forthcoming educational activities**

Prof. Rasulic reported about activities and meetings scheduled for the next year and discussion about this topic was continued within the item 8.

### **7. Proposal for forthcoming business meetings**

Everybody agreed that business meetings should be held at least once a year within some of big continental congresses or independently. In the meantime, members of the section should work online, via e-mail. WhatsApp, Skype, etc. and discuss all important topics on the regular basis.

### **8. PNS Courses - within EANS Training Courses or separate but included in EANS exam.**

This topic opened numerous questions and possibilities regarding future of peripheral nerve surgery within EANS Training Course. Some of considerations were related to the following options: Proposal of separated curriculum within the EANS but independent of the training course with 20 participants and registration fee, along with vascular session, independent from the EANS TC but within the EANS exam, etc. A lot of questions were raised, and answers should be defined by EANS TC in Jerusalem, in January 2019.

### **9. Fellowships in PNS**

Prof. Rasulic reported about international fellowship programs in his department this year and encouraged all members to organize these 2 weeks up to 6 months programs in their departments. Everybody agreed that it will be useful to have application that will be placed on the EANS website for example, in order to provide easier access for all interested residents to the centers in which they can attend fellowship programs in the peripheral nerve surgery field.



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### 10. Establishing of cooperation with associations within all specialties related to peripheral nerve surgery, such as orthopedics, microsurgery, reconstructive surgery, etc.

Prof. Rasulic informed members that they received invitation from Dr Alex Muset to attend the International Microsurgery Symposium, which will be held in Seville from November 7th-10th, 2018, along with XVI Congress of Spanish Association of Microsurgery. The aim of this participation is establishing of collaboration that will enrich relationships and possibilities for different joint events in the future.

### 11. Varia

After short discussion about above mentioned items, members agreed that they all should work on increasing visibility and presence of peripheral nerve surgery and that all future activities should be directed to achieving this goal.

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