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

**Subject: Report from the 1<sup>st</sup> Business meeting of the EANS Section of Peripheral Nerve Surgery**

**Date and time: November 1st 2017 13-14h**

**Venue: School of Medicine, University of Belgrade**

### **REPORT**

**Members of the EANS Section of Peripheral Nerve Surgery who were present: Lukas Rasulic, Serbia, Section Chair; Thomas Kretschmer, Austria; Kåre Fugleholm, Denmark; Gregor Antoniadis, Germany; Shimond Rockhind, Israel; Ridvan Alimehmeti, Albania; Debora Garozzo, Italy; Maria Teresa Pedro, Germany; Andrija Savic, Serbia; Javier Robla, Spain; Ivan Humhej, Czech Republic; Vincenzo Paterno, Germany; Marko Bumbasirevic, Serbia, President of the European Federation of Microsurgery Societies and president of the 14th Congress of the European Federation of Societies for Microsurgery in Belgrade 2018 and Alex Muset Lara, Spain, Director of International Relations of the European Federation of Microsurgery Societies.**

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

Prof. Dr Lukas Rasulic, Section Chair, opened the 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting of the newly established EANS Section of Peripheral Nerve Surgery and welcomed all present members.

#### **2. Introduction to the EANS Section of Peripheral Nerve Surgery**

Prof. Rasulic presented facts about section, from idea to establishing, and informed members about primary and specific goals and actions within the section. Proposal for future activities is accepted at this meeting by all present members.

#### **3. Developing of new free online course on peripheral nerve surgery**

Prof. Rasulic suggested that one of the activities of the section should be organizing a free-online course on peripheral nerve surgery in order to increase the number of neurosurgeons



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interested in PNS. This course would be dedicated especially for those who don't have possibility to get in touch with the basics of this subspecialty. Everyone agreed and next steps will be considered in the future period.

### **4. Participation in organization of the EANS 2018 Congress**

Prof. Rasulic informed members that he received invitation from Michael Bruneau, President of the EANS Congress 2018 to join the congress organization. Everyone agreed that Peripheral Nerve Surgery should be presented as a separate session and/or lecture/s within Plenary lectures in the Congress scientific program and showed willingness to participate in the creation of the content of this session.

### **5. Opportunities for affiliation with the Journal of Brachial Plexus and Peripheral Nerve Injury**

Prof. Rasulic informed members that he received invitation from Thieme Publishers to consider the option for affiliation with the Journal of Brachial Plexus and Peripheral Nerve Injury. He also informed member that he will ask Thieme for conditions and specific offer for this activity and everyone agreed that this item should be discussed afterward.

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

Members, along with Chair, agreed that one of the goals of this section is establishing of cooperation not only within neurosurgical community but also within all specialties related to peripheral nerve surgery. Letters of intent have been sent to relevant European associations, such as: - European Federation of Societies for Microsurgery, - European Society for the Study of Peripheral Nerve Repair and Regeneration, - International Society of Orthopedic Surgery and Traumatology, etc. At this meeting, president and director of International Relations of the European Federation of Microsurgery Societies were present.

Prof. Bumbasirevic, President of the European Federation of Microsurgery Societies, informed members of EANS Section of PNS



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about upcoming events of this society and invited all of them to take active participation. He announced that the 14th Congress of the European Federation of Societies for Microsurgery will be held on May 5-8, 2018 in Belgrade, Serbia and said that his society will send the official invitation to the EANS Section of PNS with proposition of modalities of participation. Everyone showed interest and readiness to attend this Congress.

### **7. Varia**

After short discussion about above mentioned items, members agreed that one the primary goal of this section will be increasing visibility and presence of peripheral nerve surgery and that all future activities should be directed to achieving this goal. In order to raise awareness about importance of PNS, members of this section should be present at all relevant EANS and WFNS upcoming events.

EANS was the only continental neurosurgical society without section for peripheral nerve surgery. Creating a new scientific section is very difficult and time consuming process, but it is very important to keep this area within the field of neurosurgery and to ensure that young residents become interested in this part of specialty. Everyone showed willingness to take active participation in all planned activities and creating high level EANS Section of Peripheral Nerve Surgery with top quality of scientific meetings and events.

Prof. Dr Lukas Rasulic

Section Chair

President of the Serbian Neurosurgical Society

President of the Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society