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**MASSIN**  
CONGRESS DEDICATED TO A SPECIAL

*Anniversary*  
*Neurosurgery as a Way of Life*

## 6<sup>th</sup> MASSIN CONGRESS

Hosted by Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society - SeENS  
26-29<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Bečići, Budva, Montenegro



Congress coordinators

**Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society - SeENS**

**Clinical Center of Montenegro, Clinic of Neurosurgery**

**Association of Physicians of Montenegro**

**Serbian Neurosurgical Society**



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Congress venue  
**Splendid Conference  
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Dear colleagues and friends,

It is my great honour, privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the **6<sup>th</sup> MASSIN Congress in Bečići, Budva, Montenegro, October 26-29 2017.**

As is well known, the MASSIN meetings, aimed at sharing and developing Prof. Madjid Samii's vision and philosophy in neurosurgery, always have a special flavour due to the unique synergy of expertise and friendship. Aiming to enhance this synergy, the **6<sup>th</sup> MASSIN Congress** is dedicated to a special anniversary – the **80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Prof. Madjid Samii**, whose outstanding contribution to the field is captured in the motto “**Neurosurgery as a Way of Life**”, and can be acronymically summarized as follows:

**M** Mission

**A** Achievement

**D** Devotion

**J** Journey

**I** Inspiration

**D** Depth

**S** Sophistication

**A** Advancement

**M** Merit

**I** Innovation

**I** Instruction

In this brief characterization, particularly noteworthy are the three “Is” – **inspiration, innovation, instruction**. Prof. Madjid Samii is a living proof of the classic proverb “The best mode of instruction is to practice what we preach”.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Massin Congress is hosted by the **Southeast European Neurosurgical Society (SeENS)**, which, guided by Prof. Madjid Samii's principles of the humanity of science, aims at promoting borderless academic, scientific, educational, professional, interpersonal and social exchange.

The choice of the Congress venue – the enchanting Mediterranean town of Budva, Montenegro, where mountains meet the sea and history meets the future – reflects the idea of borderless cooperation.

The Congress is organized in coordination with the **Association of Physicians in Montenegro, Clinical Centre of Podgorica/Clinic of Neurosurgery**, and **Serbian Neurosurgical Society**, and endorsed by the **Ministry of Health of the Republic of Montenegro**.

We envisage a rich, dynamic and thought-provoking scientific programme, without specific thematic limits – presentations addressing all aspects of neurosurgery and neurosciences are welcomed. Aiming to further enhance and deepen true exchange of ideas and energy, we also envisage an outstandingly vibrant and exciting social programme. In other words, all the elements are there to make the 6<sup>th</sup> MASSIN Congress a memorable experience.

Come and remember!

**Prof. dr Lukas Rasulić, Serbia**

Congress President

SNSS President

SeENS Vice-President







## MASSIN 2017 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

### Prof. dr Krešimir Rotim

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- Dr Slavko Đurašković, Clinic for Neurosurgery, Clinical Center of Montenegro, Podgorica
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## PAST MASSIN CONGRESS PRESIDENTS

- **THE FIRST MASSIN MEETING**  
was held on **August 2007**  
**Tubingen, GERMANY**  
President: **Marcos Tatagiba**



- **THE FOURTH MASSIN MEETING**  
was held on **September 2013**  
**Kobe, JAPAN**  
President: **Eiji Kohmura**



- **THE SECOND MASSIN MEETING**  
was held on **July 2009**  
**Curitiba, BRAZIL**  
President: **Ricardo Ramina**



- **THE FIFTH MASSIN MEETING**  
was held on **November 2015**  
**Dead sea, JORDAN**  
President: **Amer Al Shurbaji**



- **THE THIRD MASSIN MEETING**  
was held on **July 2011**  
**Seattle, USA**  
President: **Laligam Sekhar**



## PAST MASSIN INTERIM MEETINGS PRESIDENTS

- **THE FIRST MASSIN INTERIM MEETING**  
was held on **April 2012**  
**Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL**  
Organized by:  
**José Alberto Landeiro** and  
**Ricardo Ramina**  
during the **XXXV CLAN**  
(Latin American  
Neurosurgical Congress)



- **THE SECOND MASSIN INTERIM MEETING**  
was held on **April 2016**  
**Tehran, IRAN**  
Organized by:  
**S. Mohamad Ghodsi**  
during the **5th Symposium**  
**of World Federation**  
**of Neurosurgical Societies**



## IMPORTANT CONGRESS INFORMATION

**6<sup>th</sup> MASSIN Anniversary Congress** will take place in **Bečići, Budva, Montenegro** during the period **October 26-29 2017**. Congress Venue place will be **Splendid Conference and Spa Resort**.

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Congress will be accredited by EACCME and Commission for Continuing Education, the Medical Chamber of Montenegro. Due to the laws and regulation of EACCME and Montenegro, the Organizing Committee of the MASSIN 2017 Congress kindly asks Faculties, Members of the Organizing Committee and Scientific Committee to provide us, **no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**, with following documents:

- **Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form**
- **Curriculum Vitae**
- **Title of the lecture and short description of Expected learning outcomes**

The templates of these documents will be sent to you by e-mail.

The invited speakers at this event will include the world's leading experts in the field of neurosurgery, who will contribute to the exchange of new knowledge and skills.

## GENERAL CONGRESS INFORMATION

### ABSTRACTS

You are kindly invited to submit your abstract for the congress MASSIN 2017, either for faculty, oral or poster presentation. Online abstract submission will be open by December 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Online abstract submission will be closed on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. On time reminders will be send in the meantime periodically. All abstracts will be reviewed. Accepted abstracts will be published in the Abstract Book. Carefully read the guidelines stated here before submitting your abstract.

Acknowledgment of receipt of your submission will be returned to your e-mail address immediately upon submission. If you do not receive our e-mail, your submission was not completed and your abstract needs to be resubmitted.

Please note, that acknowledgment of receipt of your abstract submission does not mean that your abstract is accepted by the Scientific Committee. Final notification of your abstract acceptance will be send after final approval of the Scientific Committee no later than July 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.

## INSTRUCTION FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND E-POSTERS

1. Please submit your abstract thru the **Online Abstract submission FORM** ([www.massin2017.me](http://www.massin2017.me)).
2. Authors presenting abstracts must register immediately after receiving notification that their abstract has been accepted.
3. Abstracts must be submitted in English.
4. Titles should be entered in the “Title Field” in the on-line submission form and as part of the abstract.
5. Your abstract should be submitted (uploaded) as a Word document. Abstract text should contain no more than 1600 characters including space. Font Times New Roman 12. Presented author should be assigned with Bold letters. Use standard abbreviations. Place a special or unusual abbreviation in parentheses after the full word when it appears for the first time.
6. Any tables, graphs or diagrams should be sent together with the abstract
7. **Authors' names and institutions** should be entered in the appropriate fields in the **Abstract Submission Form** on the Congress web site. The following data is needed for the “Institution Field” - Name of the Institution, Department, City and Country. **Coauthors names and Institution** should be part of the submitted abstract.
8. Please avoid references. However, if references are used they should be included in the text as: (Authors, journal, year, volume, pages).
9. Abstracts must be written in comprehensible English and must conform to the guidelines or they will not be accepted.
10. It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract. Any errors in spelling, grammar, or scientific fact will be reproduced as typed by the author. Changes to abstract can only be accepted until the deadline.

## NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Notification of acceptance / rejection will be mailed not later than August 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Please contact Congress Secretary ([abstract@massin2017.me](mailto:abstract@massin2017.me)) if you have not received your notification e-mail after August 1<sup>st</sup> 2017). The corresponding author will receive any correspondence concerning the abstract.

## IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Online registration will be open by December 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

### REGISTRATION FEE

Categorie	Early registration Until May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2017	Late registration from June 1 <sup>st</sup> 2017 until October 15 <sup>th</sup> 2017	On site registration from October 26 <sup>th</sup> 2017 until October 29 <sup>th</sup> 2017
Special guests			
Faculty			
Specialists	250€	300€	350€
Residents	70€	100€	120€
Medical students	free	free	free
Daily registration fee	/	/	100€
Pensioners	free	free	free

Please complete your registration here: [www.massin2017.me](http://www.massin2017.me)

Please be informed that registration has to be submitted and paid no later than **October 15<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Registration fee could be paid by Invoice (Bank transfer) or by Credit Card.

**Bank transfer:** All payments should be in Euros (€), except for residents of Serbia who can pay in local currency (RSD).

After submitting the registration form, you will receive a pro forma invoice with full bank data for the bank transfer.

**Credit card:** This option is available in the On-line Registration form.

Online registration system has a SSL (Security Socket Layer) certificate, so you can feel confident that your credit card information is secure and confidential.

There is a possibility for Nurses Satellite Symposium, which is the SeENS regular practice.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MONTENEGRO

**Location:** 41° 51' and 43° 30' of the north geographic width, and between 18° 26' and 20° 21' of east geographic length

Montenegro is a south European and a Mediterranean country. It is one of the most southern European states and faces the south part of the Adriatic Sea. About 500 km from Rome, 1.500 km from Paris, and Berlin, and about 2.000 km west from Moscow, Montenegro lies on the Balkan Peninsula in the very heart of Europe.

**Capital city:** Podgorica

**Time zone:** CEST

**Climate:** Mediterranean

**Average number of sunny days a year:** 240

**Swimming season:** 180 days

**Electric current:** 220V/50Hz

**Currency:** Euro

**Country Code:** ME, MNE

## HOW TO GET TO MONTENEGRO

### Montenegro border crossings:

Croatia – Debeli Brijeg

Bosnia and Herzegovina – Ilino Brdo,

Šćepan Polje

Serbia – Jabuka, Dobrakovo, Špiljani

Kosovo – Kula

Albania – Grnčar, Božaj, Sukobin

### Montenegro Ports:

Bar, Budva, Kotor and Herceg Novi

### Montenegro Airports:

Podgorica (TGD) and Tivat (TIV)

### Montenegro Visa Regime:

Find out more at

<http://www.visit-montenegro.com/montenegro-visa-regimes/>



## HOW TO GET TO BEČIĆI-BUDVA

**Bečići** is a part of **Budva** Municipality, Montenegro. It is located south-east of Budva, only 2 km of Budva city center.

### By Plane

The carriers Montenegro Airlines, Air Serbia, Adria Airways, Alitalia, Austrian Airlines, Ryanair and Turkish Airlines have regular flights to and from the airports in Montenegro. During the summer months, many airlines operate charter flights to Tivat and Podgorica.

### By Train

Budva has railway connections with Europe through the Belgrade - Bar rail line. The nearest railway stations are Sutomore (35 km), Bar (40 km) and Podgorica (65 km).

### By Car

from Podgorica - by way of Cetinje or through the Sozina tunnel by way of Petrovac (€2.50 toll for cars)

from Bar - Adriatic Road

### By Ship

The ports of Budva, Bar, Kotor and Zelenika (Herceg Novi) have the status of international ports. The Porto Montenegro marina in Tivat can host the largest yachts (up to 150 metres long). The Port of Bar has a regular passenger ferry service, while large holiday cruisers arrive in the Port of Kotor. A regular ferry boat service operates between Bar and Bari, Italy.



## CONGRESS VENUE / ACCOMMODATION

### CONGRESS VENUE: Hotel Splendid Conference and Spa Resort 5\*

Address: 85310 Bečići, Budva, Montenegro



### Hotel Montenegro beach resort 4\*

Address:  
Hotel Bečići  
85310 Bečići, Budva, Montenegro



### Hotel Mediteran 4\*

Address:  
85310 Bečići, Budva  
Montenegro



### Hotel Queen of Montenegro 4\*

Address:  
Narodnog fronta bb  
85310 Bečići, Budva  
Montenegro



### Hotel Tara 4\*

Address:  
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