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Activity Report 2007

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Our temporal bone preparation courses became fully international this year .Course Director Jeremy Lavy, FRCS, with trainees-participants from the UK are seen before the backdrop is the blue Danube at Beograd . Backdrop is the blue Danube with t

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The year 2007 was characterised by an expanded course offering by the „Training Center for ORL“, the organising of visiting scholarships and of local support according to last year's focus decisions.

Courses in Serbia

There was a lively interest of participants for the Third Temporal Bone Preparation Course in December 2007. For the first time this was an international course as we had six participants from Great Britain (foto on the title page), which gave the whole undertaking a new dimension.

Experiences acquired in the previous courses led to a smoother work process, so that more temporal bones were dealt with. Two out of the six groups managed to deal with three specimens each. The evaluation of the course feedback information showed that another half day should be added to the course in order to permit a more detailed introduction on the working technique. This will be taken into account in the planning of the December 2008 course. **Professors Dragan Dankuc and Ljiljana Vlaški** from Novi Sad, and **Professors Dragoslava Đerić and Ranko Dergenc** from Beograd dealt with the theoretical part of the course. The British trainees had no difficulty to follow the bilingual presentations. Again, **Mr. Jeremy Lavy, FRCS** from the Royal National Institute of Otology and Laryngology was a brilliant Course Director.

The social part of the event, of which **Professor Dragan Dankuc** was an excellent host, gave the participants ample opportunity for contacts and exchange of ideas. A number of participants have signed up for follow-up courses. The participants from the UK showed great enthusiasm and assured us that we would have no difficulty finding participants for future courses. The course pricing is highly competitive, and the high-end instruments of our sponsors are very appreciated. The guests were visibly impressed by the hospitality of the hosts. For photographs with comments, see the web album:

<http://picasaweb.google.ch/mikipodvinec/NoviSad2007TemporalBoneCourse?authkey=2zWkSOmbcE>



Venue of the hands-on training, at the Temporal Bone Course, with the well-equipped work stations



Certificate Day, with participants and tutors at the conclusion of the course

The Third FESS (functional endoscopic sinus surgery) course, at the usual venue in the Military Medical Academy in Belgrade was equally successful. Again, **Associate Professor Dr Andreas Leunig** of Munich was Course Director. All technical appliances functioned well, the discussions were salutary. A new book on this matter, “**Endoscopic Surgery of the Lateral Nasal Wall, Paranasal Sinuses and Anterior Skull Base – Principles and Clinical Examples**“, a key publication of professional literature on the subject, has been published in German and in English by Professor Leunig. Thanks to the generosity of Karl Storz u. Co, Tuttlingen, we were able to transmit 10 copies in English to the libraries of the centres practicing FESS. The next course is scheduled for April 8. and 9, 2008.



Participants of the Third FESS Course in Beograd



Hands-on training, with the host, Prof.. Dr. Dragan Dankuc in the foreground

The team of our „Training Center for ORL“ at the Military Hospital in Beograd had a busy year. Four minicourses, both in Temporal Bone preparation and FESS were held. We owe a great vote of thanks to the team of **Col. Dr. Dušan Bijelić, Lt.Col. Dr. Milanko Milojević and Dr. Jelena Sotirović**, which continues shouldering this additional workload of our Training Center with undiminished enthusiasm and completely free of charge. The minicourses permit individual tutoring during one or several days, with the use of the instruments made available by Karl Storz & Co. The senior supervisors from training hospitals which do not have the necessary facilities for these courses, tutor their trainees on site. The local team offers infrastructure and support or substitutes the tutors at wish.

Visits of Serbian trainees in Europe and participation at meetings

Dr. Jelena Sotirović, whose field of special interest is Rhinology, spent three weeks in London with **Professor Valerie Lund, FRCS** at the Royal National Institute of Otolaryngology and Laryngology. She also visited Ms. **Glenys Scadding, FRCP**, Head of the Allergy Department. We thank our co-operation partner, the British medical organisation "**Medicus**" for their support. The company **K. Storz** and **our Society** bore the major part of the expenses.



EUFOS in Vienna: Dr. Dušan Milisavljević, Prof. Ranko Dergenc Dr. Ljiljana Jovančević Dr. Daniela Dragičević and Prof. Rajko Jović, from left.



Dr. Jelena Sotirović with Ms. Glenys Scadding MA, MD, FRCP, Head of the Allergy Department of the Royal National Institute of Otolaryngology and Laryngology in London.

Prof. Rajko Jović from Novi Sad was a guest of **Dr André Arnoux** and our Society at the congress of the European Laryngology Society (ELS) in London.

Towards the end of the year we were able to place a young colleague **Dr. Mila Bojanović** from Niš for a three-week study visit in Zürich. We thank **Prof. Rudolf Probst** for the willingness to receive this guest. We will report on the results of her stay in the next annual report.

We are happy to report that the stay of **Dr. Ljiljana Čvorović** in Zürich two years ago resulted in a doctorate at the University of Beograd and a publication in the prestigious peer-reviewed „American Journal of Otolaryngology”.

The European ORL Kongress in Vienna attracted a large number of Serbian colleagues. Twelve lectures and poster presentations, primarily by younger specialists or trainees, were understood as evidence of their interest in and commitment to clinical research. Participants from other countries pointed out, that international reporting standards were respected.

In view of the financial situation in Serbia, our Society supported the 12 presenting persons with € 100 each.

Activities of members of our Society abroad

Professor M. Podvinec acted as tutor at the 3rd Temporal Bone Course in Novi Sad. He also made an emergency purchase of six suction pumps, without which the course could not have been as efficient as necessary. The devices remain property of the Society and will be used in future courses.

Dr André Arnoux continued his student and advanced training lectures on Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Novi Sad. To this end he traveled twice for two days to Novi Sad in the past year. He also was invited to deliver a lecture on tumors of the larynx at the annual meeting of the Serbian ORL society.

Prof. Josef Sopko lectured at the Czech and Slovakian ORL Societies on phoniatric subjects.

Associate Professor Mrs. Dominique Vibert, neurotologist at the Inselspital in Berne and **Doctor Nicolas Gürtler** from Aarau were guests of the Serbian ORL Society in May. Doctor Vibert spoke on the biology of otoconia and Doctor Gürtler on genetics in otology.

Our member **Dr. Lukas Eberle** went back to west Nepal for another Ear Surgery Camp in November. The group saw 1200 patients and operated on 123 of them in 8 days ! We recommend a look at the interesting picture gallery:

http://www.halsnasenohrenarzt.ch/de/?page_id=39

Networking

The Serbian ORL society had a difficult year due to organisational turbulence.

Professor Dragan Dankuc, Otolologist und Director of the ORL University Department of Novi Sad, readily took over proceedings after the premature resignation of the president **Prof. Ranko Dergenc**. Our collaboration continues smoothly.

A lively correspondence was initiated with the **American Academy of Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery** with the goal to resuscitate their contacts with the Serbian ORL Society, which had been dormant lately. A first exchange of visits is lined up for 2008.

The British Council in Belgrade has signaled readiness to organise a transmission of the event **LION (Live International Otolaryngology Network)** which exists two years already, to their video Studio in Beograd. During this event, live ear surgery by outstanding otologists are transmitted from operating theatres over the globe.

The Society has, in addition to organisational support, agreed to accept the communication costs of about € 700.

Website of the Serbian ORL Society

We continue supporting the website financially and also provide a part of the editorial work. Photographs of last year's activities and comments in Serbian and English can be found here: <http://www.orl-bal.info/srp/galerija.php>.

Outlook for 2008

Audiology courses are beeing planned in colaboration with the newly founded Audiology-Neurotology Working Group. Establishment of a Working Group for Paediatric ORL is intended, and we have taken up contact with the European Society for Paediatric ORL on this subject.

Acknowledgements

The companies **Karl Storz Ltd & Co., Tuttlingen** and **Carl Zeiss Surgical Ltd., Oberkochen** continue supporting us energetically, primarily by furnishing first-rate instruments for all courses.

We would like underscore the fact that these companies have significant expenses and invest considerable effort to cope with the transport and customs formalities for each course. Moreover, the **K. Storz Co.** made a modest remuneration to local personnel possible. Also, 10 copies of the new book by Professor A. Leunig were donated. Travel costs of our Course directors from Germany and the UK were absorbed by **K. Storz Co.** this year, making this company our prime partner and sponsor.

The company **Essex** provided us, free of charge, with 20 DVDs on the radiologic anatomy of the sinuses. These were greatly appreciated by all ORL-departments practicing endoscopic sinus sugery.

We received a very generous donation from a patient of our clinic in Aarau, **Mr. W. S-M** who remitted our Society 5.000 SFr. This places us in the position to cover major expenses of the year 2007. We sincerely thank the donator.

Sincere thanks to our colleagues of the **Medicus** society in Great Britain, which helps us to organise visits of trainees to the UK.

We are also indebted to all companies which support us with meberships, advertising on out website and other material contibutions: **Altana, Anklin, Astra Zeneca, Essex (Shering-Plough), und Novimed.**

As a Private Volunteer Organisation (PVO) we forward all allotments directly to the beneficiaries. We privately bear the costs of travel and stay abroad.