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NOVI SAD
SERBIA

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We are presenting you our theme with a lot of enthusiasm. Not much time was needed before we decided on the topic. It might be something unusual and not the first thing that comes to mind when you think about medicine as an EMSA member and as a young medical student but considering all aspects, this is the topic we found to be the most interesting and unusual to foreigners, and the best way to present our faculty. Considering that laws in Serbia differ from the rest of European countries, we decided to go for this topic.

Forensics is highly developed in Serbia and we have many extraordinary cases that our experts will present to you and we will make some interesting workshops as well. Many of our forensics medicine, molecular genetics, and toxicology experts are well known and appreciated not only regionally, but worldwide. We hope that you will find this topic interesting, that you will enjoy the symposium and actively participate in the workshops.
Dear EMSAi,

On behalf of the EMSA European Board as well as the Department of Capacity I am honored to welcome you to EMSA Spring Assembly 2020. I would like to start by giving my special thanks to the Organising Committee of EMSA Novi Sad and EMSA Belgrade for their months long efforts to make this event splendid, memorable and outstanding. For those who will be attending their first assembly: Welcome to the beginning of a long journey that will contribute to you as a person for years to come! Come as guests and leave as friends. And for those who will be reuniting: I can sense your excitement to witness the blue spirit once more!

Between the 29th of April and the 4th of May, our assembly will take place with the theme of Forensic and Legal Medicine. A unique symposium will be highlighting how medicine is applied to the problems of the law. An outstanding symposium and helping you establish useful connections and life long friendships are not the only goals of the Spring Assembly. By providing this extensive workshops and trainings you will be able to build more soft and hard skills that are specially designed to help you during your future career.
EMSA General Assemblies are the highest decision making body of our non governmental organization. During plenaries, decisions that will shape EMSA’s future will be made by representatives of Faculty Member Organizations. Elections on the Executive Board will take place. Policy papers will be voted upon. Twinning and Events Fair, Poster Case Presentations, National Coordinators’ and Local Coordinators’ meetings will also take place. Spring Assembly 2020 Novi Sad, will be a passionate event immersed in Blue Spirit of EMSA that will bring Health & Europe Together.

I wish you all safe travels to Novi Sad and see you soon!
#SA20inNoviSad
Ece Çalışan Vice President of Capacity 2019-2020

Dear participants,

On behalf of the OC team and myself, I am honored to welcome you to Serbia and Novi Sad, my hometown. We have been working very hard to organize this event as best as possible. Considering that our candidature was last minute, we didn’t have a head start, so we had to speed it up, but please trust us that we will make this event memorable. Come to Novi Sad and experience Serbian hospitality and see why our people are known as hedonistic party maniacs with big hearts. Hope you will find your place in Novi Sad and Serbia and feel like you belong here.

See you soon!
Marija Šipka, Organization Committee president
In the heart of the Balkan Peninsula lays the landlocked country of Serbia - The extensive fertile plain of the North face-to-face to the majestic mountain ranges of the South and in-between the two are mighty proceeding waters of Danube. Sounds quite simple, right? And like all the other simple little things it comes tightly packed with joy and beauty.

However, the other not so simple aspects about Serbia are people. We are very complicated, we are loud and love dark humor, but also, Serbs are believed to be highly hospitable, warm and blessed with the great sense of PARTY. Visitors could easily notice the widespread hedonism, smoking, eating and drinking to excess, never missing a chance to enjoy life.
Throughout its turbulent history Serbia has earned the right to be proud of its culture and heritage. Before the settlement of the Serbs along with other South Slavic tribes during the 6th and 7th century, territory of Serbia was a home to the ancient civilizations and a birthplace to the total of 17 Roman emperors and of course part of their empires. In the 9th century it was the time for Serbs to replace their traditional Slavic beliefs of fairies, spirits and mystical forces of the nature with Christianity. The Serbia has found itself in the path of various conquering forces but has never let the notion of defeat in. It always fought and emerged historically and culturally richer embracing the courage of its people.

A wonderful array of archeological sites, historical records, monasteries and architectural monuments rose from chaos of the past times and fulfilled the beauty of Serbia's nature. The multicultural melting pot also resulted in various wonders of Serbian cuisine. People know how to enjoy food and prepare it the traditional way. It is extremely important to mention rakija - highly alcoholic drink that is liquid national treasure.
Novi Sad (meaning New Plantation, in Serbian) is the capital of the northern Serbian province of Vojvodina. It is Serbia’s second-largest city, after Belgrade with an urban population of 277,000. The city is generally divided into three parts: Novi Sad (with population of 250,000), situated on the left bank of the Danube, and Petrovaradin (with population of 15,000) and Sremska Kamenica (with population of 12,000), on the right bank of the Danube.

Novi Sad was founded in 1694. In the 19th century, the city was the capital of Serbian culture, earning the nickname Serbian Athens. Due to its rich multi-ethnic image, Novi Sad has been enriched with numerous architectural styles and works of art by its settlers throughout the history, being called the ‘Athens of Serbia’. This multicultural image has not changed making it perfect for both foreign and native students and becoming European Youth Capital of 2019 and European Capital of Culture 2021.

Many different nationalities and religious group are present and that makes Novi Sad so special. Serbian language is in the official use in both Latin and Cyrillic alphabet. Hungarian, Slovak and Rusyn are also in the official use, along with their alphabets, while visitors from abroad can use English to communicate.
NOVI SAD - PLACES TO VISIT

Panonian sea was the forerunner of the Panonian Basin so that’s why agriculture is successful in Vojvodina. Above the ground of the former Panonian sea rose one of the parts of the city, Liman which means “harbour”.

Ribarsko ostrvo, “Ribarac” - was naturally created by the Danube river and had become tourist resort with bunch of restaurants, bungalows and famous river-raft clubs.

“Strand” which stands for beach - is the only public beach in Novi Sad. Through the whole summer it is crowded with people and overbooked with different events, sport and social activities.

Najlon pijaca - is the most famous flee market in Serbia, you can find everything you need and what you don’t.

Laze Teleckog street - also called “party street”, is the epicenter of the nightlife in Novi Sad. You can choose between pubs, club, kafana, everything for everyone. And it is opened THE WHOLE WEEK.

Petrovaradin fortress - the magnificent landmark of Novi Sad. It is nicknamed “Gibraltar of the Danube”. Petrovaradin Fortress has many tunnels as well as 16 km of uncollapsed underground counter mine system. The tunnels are accessible to visitors with tour guides. We can’t talk about Novi Sad without mentioning the biggest event that happens and one of the largest music festivals in Europe, Exit Festival which takes place at Petrovaradin fortress.
FUN FACTS

RASPBERRIES- Serbia is leading in world’s production of berries of this type.

OFFICIAL SCRIPTS - Serbian language has two official scripts, Cyrillic and Latin. For legal and administrative matters Cyrillic is the script of choice.

DIVERSITY - The Autonomous Province of Vojvodina with its administrative center set in Novi Sad has an incredibly diverse cultural heritage, thus you can spot signs and plates with both scripts and other minority languages stated as well.

EVEN NUMBER OF FLOWERS- Never gift them! They are associated with funerals!

RAKIJA – National liquid treasure! You can make it from whichever fruit you like or have, almost every household in Serbia produces it and homemade rakija is the best. Alcohol concentration is over 40 % and you drink it neat. Bad rakija burns your heart, good rakija burns your soul!

SLAVA – The orthodox Christian holiday only Serbian people celebrate. Every family honors its guardian saint once a year. This custom has pagan roots and great importance for Serbs.

VAMPIRE – The only Serbian word used worldwide is vampire and the first vampire to ever be was Serbian. Thanks to Romanian neighbors and Stoker’s novel term caught on.

SPILLING THE WATER- Before important life events, like exams, a person, usually your family member, would spill some water on you for the good luck.

PROMAJA- Air draft can kill you! Elders believe that promaja is cause of many diseases, that’s why many people are not fond of air conditions. Never go out with wet hair because you can get meningitis!

FORTUNE TELLING – The best coffee is Turkish coffee, unfiltered with finely grounded coffee beans! You might not be aware of it, but every cup you take can show your destiny! After the last sip you rotate the cup, leave it for few minutes and “the expert” can read your life from the residue.

RED STRING – It is protecting you from curse! Put it around your wrist and you are safe.
FACULTY OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF NOVI SAD

The University of Novi Sad is one of the most important educational and research centers in South Eastern Europe with around 42,500 students and 3,700 staff members. It is composed of 14 faculties and three institutes located in four university cities - Novi Sad, Sombor, Subotica and Zrenjanin.

Faculty of Medicine was founded in 1960 as part of the University of Novi Sad. Every year it has been welcoming around 500 students of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, health care, defectology, physiotherapy and radiology technicians.

There are 2 educational bases for medical students at the University of Novi Sad – Clinical Centre of Vojvodina and Institute for Cardiovascular diseases in Sremska Kamenica. All students have practice in both bases according to the disciplines.

Year 2020 is very important for our faculty since we are celebrating 60th year anniversary. Considering that this spring assembly will be 30th EMSA assembly it is the perfect chance to celebrate our jubilees together. We are looking forward to welcoming medical students around the world, our beloved EMSA family and making next year special for all of us.
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Social Program
Sessions scheduled for the arrival day will be held in the hotel for the convenience of all participants. The remaining sessions shall take place at our faculty buildings.

Our faculty contains two amphitheaters with 264 seats each. One of them will be used for the symposium and plenaries.

There are a total of 8 classrooms at our faculty that are suitable for training, pillar, NC and LC sessions. Theme related workshops will be held on our clinics that are next to or close to our faculty.

Eduroam Wi-Fi is available throughout the venue.
ACCOMMODATION

All participants will be accommodated in the hotel Stari Krovovi & Vila Moskva. Free Wi-Fi and guarded private parking places are available. Each room is air-conditioned and contains a mini-bar, hairdryer and a safe. Most of the rooms have double beds and can house 2 to 4 people. The hotel is located in a quiet part of Novi Sad. There is a convenience store nearby as well as an always-open gas station for emergency purchases.

The distance from the faculty is 4km while the city center is 5km away. Charter buses will be organized to transport people to and from the faculty and social events. For people wishing to travel outside of the arranged departures, a public bus stop is located across the street from the hotel. In addition to that, a taxi vehicle can be reached at any time. NC pre-SA will also take place in this hotel.

At the check-in, a 10€ security deposit will be collected from each participant. This sum will be paid back in full at check-out if no damage was caused to the room and/or hotel.
MAPS

Useful places near Vila Moskva & Stari Krovovi

Route from the hotel to Medical faculty

Route from the hotel to the City Centre

Route from Medical faculty to the City Centre

Shops and ATMs in the faculty area
SERBIAN CUISINE

Na kašiku - “Eaten with a spoon” - as our elders say. That is why in traditional restaurants you can find čorbast pasulj - bean stew, riblja čorba - a spicy stew made out of freshwater fish and the irreplaceable sarma - minced meat with rice rolled into sauerkraut or grape leaves as an integral part of their menu.

It can’t be denied that Serbia is a meat eating nation. When you look at our fast food menu, you will notice that it mainly consists of barbecue meat: pljeskavica (like hamburger but much, much better) or ćevapi (sticks version). These are served with homemade flatbread, chopped onions and kajmak - a type of thick creamy spread. Although most of Serbian dishes consist of meat, vegetarian and vegan options are available from wide pallet of side dishes and meat free versions.

“May I have a burek with yoghurt” would be the most common breakfast order. This tasty pastry can be made with minced meat, cottage cheese, mushrooms, leafy greens as well as cherries or applies in it’s sweet version.

As far as side dishes go they mostly consists of seasonal salads for example Šopska - cubed tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers mixed with cottage cheese. Brines made out of various vegetables (turšija) and condiments such as ajvar - ground roasted bell peppers are also popular options.

After a hearty meal you would have some dessert which can be anything from sutlijaš – rice cooked in milk, krempita – puff pastry filled with a thick layer of custard, baklava – pastry with ground nuts and honey, to gomboce - dumplings with plums, jam or some other filling.
SOCIAL PROGRAM

Professional and hard-working during the day, partying hard during the night!

Serbians are known as exceptional hosts and people that are always down to party. We will make sure to provide you with an unforgettable social program. We will not share a lot of details right now, we will just tell you to prepare for the gala on the first night! The ball room of Vila Moskva is known as a famous celebration venue and that is where our opening ceremony will take place. Depending on your arrival time, you will be able to join us at any moment.

For the good party, Rakija is must have!

*Public drinking in Serbia is legal, smoking is allowed in most restaurants and clubs, while the music is pretty loud. However, we will do our best to implement EMSA Health Policies on our private parties. Please bring your bottles.

Shortly before the meeting we will make delegation groups and each group will have their own appointed coordinator from the OC, to ensure the swift flow of information.
We wish you the most pleasant welcome to our beloved capital Belgrade! Some of you may have heard of it but in case you didn’t, it’s time for you to find out. Belgrade is the biggest city of the country, situated at the confluence of two rivers - Danube and Sava.

Famous for its nightlife, Belgrade is definitely a place you should visit after the assembly in order to have some fun after all those plenary sessions. If that’s not your thing, there is a lot for you to see and visit, both popular and historical. Belgrade is for sure cultural center of the Balkans, located at the crossroads of the past, major events that took place in it and rapid development, because this city with the population over million people, never sleeps!

EMSAi will be accommodated at the hotel near the city center with possibility to choose between the rich social programme which will include walking tours, sightseeing, cultural manifestations, food tasting, bars and night clubs.
USEFUL INFO

VISA

NO VISA is required to enter Serbia for citizens of any European country! Citizens of European Union member states can travel with their ID card (no passport needed to enter).


A letter of invitation as well as assistance in obtaining a visa will be provided to anyone if requested. Getting a visa for Serbia shouldn’t be a major problem, just make sure to contact us on time.

HOW TO GET TO NOVI SAD

The easiest way to get to Novi Sad is to come to Belgrade by plane and take bus to Novi Sad. You can also arrive at Niš airport and take bus to Novi Sad. One of the commonly used alternatives is arriving at Budapest airport and taking bus to Novi Sad (cheaper and more frequent flights) *Ask you group coordinator for help.

CURRENCY

The official currency of Serbia is the Serbian Dinar (RSD). There are a variety of exchanges around the city, but we suggest you to withdraw or exchange at least a small amount of money right at the bus station in Novi Sad or the airport in Belgrade. Almost all of the places have air rates and charge no commission. Serbia is still mostly cash based, so paying by card is not available in most buses, taxis, night clubs, etc.

STORES

There are a lot of convenience stores around the city that are open 24/7 so you can buy anything you need at any time. Delivery services are available throughout the whole day for 2 euros fee. You can find out more about the stores on the map.
SAVE THE DATE!

Pre-Spring Assembly
28th - 29th April

Spring Assembly
29th APRIL - 4th MAY

Post-Spring Assembly
4th - 6th May