



**SERBIAN LEAGUE  
AGAINST EPILEPSY**

## **21. Epileptology school organized by the Serbian League Against Epilepsy**

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### **The report**

The Epileptology School is designed as a constant and unavoidable educational activity of the Serbian League Against Epilepsy, with a tradition established by Prof. Nebojša Jović back in 2003. The goal of the Epileptology School is to present and critically consider current epileptological views through professional debate among the professional audience (neurologists and epileptologists from Serbia, Montenegro, and the Republic of Srpska). For many years the Epileptology School, in the format of a mixture of lectures, workshops, and case reports, has maintained a knowledge curve in the ascending trajectory, which was particularly important, knowing that modern epileptology is a very dynamic discipline.

The new leadership of the Serbian League Against Epilepsy has changed the 21st Epileptology School in its format, participation in school membership, and partly in the duration of the school itself, based on the views and suggestions arising from League membership. The League entrusted the drafting of the program framework to Professor Dragoslav Sokic, the most prominent Serbian epileptologist and President of the League Assembly. Accordingly, with the significant efforts of the League's new leadership in the organization, this year's Epileptology School was held in Čigota, Zlatibor, from 25 to 27 October 2019. This 21st Epileptology School brought together 34 lecturers, 29 participants with case reports, and ten neurologists / epileptologists with passive participation. In this way, the largest mass gathering within the Epileptology School ever took place. During the two-day program, members of the League had the opportunity to learn about current and updated trends, exchange of professional experience, and complete critical knowledge through thematically diverse sessions (pharmacotherapy, electroencephalography, surgical treatment of epilepsy, special epileptological topics).

This year's 21st Epileptology School is strongly supported by the professional involvement of young neurologists, who, through outstanding representations of educational cases, have succeeded in significantly enhancing the professional quality of the meeting. The young neurologists and members of the League, in addition to the desire for knowledge shown in live discussion after oral presentations, also demonstrated enviable professional expertise in

creating a homogeneous educational space throughout the school. On this occasion, the Serbian League Against Epilepsy would especially like to thank young neurologists Dr. Mirjana Arsenijevic and Dr. Aleksa Pejovic for their unselfish help to finish the organization of the school flawlessly.

Evaluation of the 21st Epileptology School was conducted synchronously with the duration of the meeting, and the response to the evaluation call was very high. The following are the results of the evaluation with an average score on the questions given (the answer is 1 indicating the lowest score to 5 indicating the highest rating):

1. The duration of the school as a whole was rated at an average grade of 4.58.
2. The class schedule is estimated at 4.49.
3. The improvement of expertise is evaluated at an average score of 4.87.
4. The applicability of what has been learned in everyday work is rated at an average rating of 4.7.
5. The quality of the lecture room is assessed at an average score of 4.67.
6. The overall quality of the school as a whole was rated at an average rating of 4.89.

During the evaluation, membership suggestions related to the organization of future epileptology schools were collected and will be carefully considered in the period that follows.

In the mandate of the President of the Serbian League Against Epilepsy, I emphasize without modesty that our association fully sponsors the participation of neurologists with case reports (mostly composed by young doctors in the specialization). In this way, the League sent a message that the professional equivalent is directly proportional to the invested, and the most expensive bet is, without a doubt, the youngest and thus by far the most potent.

On behalf of the Presidency of the Serbian League Against Epilepsy, I sincerely thank all the lecturers and participants of the 21st Epileptology School.

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