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International School of Pediatric Anesthesia Report

The first International School of Pediatric Anesthesia was organized by the Association of Anesthesiologists and Intensivists of Serbia at the University Children's Hospital in Belgrade on the 8th and 9th of May 2009 as a part of continuing medical education at the University of Belgrade School of Medicine. The school was supported by Ministry of Health of the Republic of Serbia, World Federation of Societies of Anesthesiologists and European Society of Anaesthesiology.

The director of the school was Dr Markus Schily, and the director for Serbia was Associate Prof Dr Dušica Simić, and the president of the organization board was Dr Miodrag Milenović.



Twelve lecturers were from Serbia: Associate Prof Dr Dušica Simić, Associate Prof Dr Branko Milaković, Ass Dr Ivana Budić, Prim Dr Boško Mijomanović, Dr Miloš Petković, Dr Sanja Trajković, Dr Irina Milojević, Dr Marija Marković, Dr Miloš Kaluđerović, Dr Vesna Stevanović i Dr Petar Mračević.

Four lecturers were from abroad: Dr Markus Schily, Staff anesthesiologist, director of Pediatric Anesthesiology, Kinderklinik „Wildermeth“, Biel, Switzerland; Dr Ehrenfried Schindler, Department of Pediatric Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine, Congenital Cardiac Center Sankt Augustin, Germany; Dr Patrick Farrell, Director Anaesthesia, Greater Newcastle, Sector Hunter, New England Area, Health Service, Australia; Dr Vesna Čolović, consultant, Manchester Children’s Hospitals, UK.



School program included multiple twenty-minute lectures, one hour long practical work (infant intubation on models and intraosseus injections) and four workshops. In workshops, every day presented cases were discussed for two hours in smaller groups. Cases considered of various crisis situations in pediatric anesthesia. The latter was valued as the most interesting and useful part of the school, because of the active participation of all the attendants, not common practice for schools and seminars in Serbia.



Applications for the school were submitted by 57 doctors, and 44 of them registered. Dr Simić's intention was to accept between 40 and 50 participants, in order to enable interactive participation and work.

Around 90% of the participants were anesthesia specialists, with average specialist experience of 10 years (3 months to 23 years). The rest were anesthesia residency at their final residency years. Approximately one half of the participants is employed at general hospitals, and the other half at clinics.

The school received high marks from the participants by anonymous evaluation. Overall mark of the school was 4.75 (subject choice 4.9, content 4.85, organization 4.85, length 4.56). Majority of the participants felt the school as inspirational, content as illustrative, easy to memorize and encouraging for further work. All of the participants agreed that the school met their expectations and that they would recommend it to their colleagues.

The identical tests were taken by all the participants. At the entry 48.26% of the questions were answered correctly, compared to 74.88% at the end of the school. The test results and feedback from the participants about many of their dilemmas in pediatric anesthesia answered by the school point that our goal of spreading knowledge in the field was fulfilled.

The lecturers also received high marks (4.5 to 4.97) for their lecturing manner, expertise in the field and enthusiasm.



Some of the most interesting participant's remarks about the school were:
„very demanding, but with excellent break schedule, so not difficult at all“;
„I'm satisfied because the latest guidelines for different clinical situations were presented“;
„seminar encouraged thinking about and revising some attitudes“;
„the school was mainly above my expectations“;
„I am extremely satisfied because so many foreign lecturer took part in the school“...

Most of the participants hope that the school will be organized again, yearly, and that it will become a tradition.

At the end, all of the participants received their deserved certificates of attendance.

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the report is to be submitted to:

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