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## KNOWLEDGE AND ACADEMIC COLLABORATION WITHOUT FRONTIERS

Even a cursory glance at the contents of the proceedings of the Symposium *New Frontiers in Epilepsy. Functional and Peripheral Nerve Surgery* is sufficient to recognize that this publication provides an impressive and inspirational insight into the current state and future directions in the fields of epilepsy, functional neurosurgery and peripheral nerve surgery. But, moreover, this publication and the Symposium itself are also a telling proof of the growing awareness of the need to develop and maintain a true interdisciplinary dialogue for the advancement of humanity.

One of the main goals of the South East Europe Neurosurgical Society (SeENS), guided by the fundamental human thirst for knowledge and betterment of oneself and his/her surroundings, is to enhance knowledge, sharing and support through borderless cooperation. Continuing the success of the recent symposia organized by SeENS in cooperation with eminent host institutions in Croatia (Croatian Academy of Science and Arts) and Macedonia (Macedonian Academy of Science and Arts), this joint effort of SeENS and Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts (CANU—MASA) brings us one step further. As aptly formulated by Albert Einstein, „Nothing truly valuable can be achieved except by the unselfish cooperation of many individuals.”

It is precisely due to the unselfish cooperation of many individuals that this volume is in front of the readers. I would like to use this opportunity to thank the Symposium Organizing Committee and all the colleagues who contributed to the Symposium and to this volume. We are all particularly indebted to Academician Momir Đurović, president of the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts, for his keen open-mindedness and generous support.

In terms of the level of expertise and exchange of ideas, this is a truly valuable new landmark. It highlights the utmost importance of a multidisciplinary approach individually shaped for every patient, pushing the frontiers of knowledge and collaboration, and setting a high bar for our future work.

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