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Application for NBC awards 2019
Category II: Inclusiveness and impact
The Activity: 1st Regional National Brain Councils Meeting, Belgrade

Dear Mr Scholte,

We are glad to be able to apply for this year NBC awards 2019, Category II: Inclusiveness and impact.

The Activity

The Serbian Brain Council (SBC) is a young NBC, founded in 2015, but we are proud to be a member of EBC (with observer status) and also to give a liaison to EBC for the NBC network. Particularly we are proud to have been chosen and to have organized the **First Regional NBCs Meeting** to be held in Belgrade at the opening of the Regional FENS meeting on July 10th, 2019. This activity had been launched in 2018 and since then we received confirmation of participation from the representative from Austria (not yet with NBC), Belgium, Croatia, Greece (not yet NBC), Hungary, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey. Most have already also registered on the EBC portal. We also expect the participation of representatives of several neuroscience societies within FENS.

We expect that in the program of the meeting will offer a panel to NBCs from the East and Central European countries where they will have an opportunity to exchange experiences and discuss mutual challenges towards being an umbrella organization for the promotion of neuroscience and psychiatry for the patient and professional alike. An informal reception in the evening is also organized at the bank of river Sava to facilitate networking.



The Criteria

Impact on policy-makers. We expect that with this meeting through the NBCs and not only, we will bring together a wide range of relevant regional organizations – scientific societies, clinicians, patient groups and others. Thus we also hope to raise visibility among policy – makers at national and European levels.

Increased awareness relevant to brain community. The meeting will offer a platform to raise different mutual policy issues relevant to the brain community such as the support of local governments to NBCs as umbrella organizations for patients' and neuroscience societies. Being linked to the FENS Regional Meeting the RNBCs Meeting will offer an ideal platform to promote neurological and psychiatric research as well.

Raised NBC profile - “Together we are stronger”. Bringing together regional NBCs will have an impact on policy-makers and stakeholders alike, raising the profile of each NBC to the value of the regional network and finally to the European dimension as linked to the EBC.

With kindest regards,

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President of the Serbian Brain Council