



# VERTIGO ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL

by the affiliation of Italian Vestibolo Society

Joint meeting

## 2<sup>nd</sup> VIRTM Vestibular Implant and Related Technologies Meeting

March 09-12, 2023 • Hyatt Regency Belgrade, Serbia

Announcement



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## INVITATION

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Vertigo Academy International is a Scientific Organization of International Vestibular Society. Its Academic Program and learning objectives offer substantial opportunities to the fellows interested with the topic.

Following 4 successive previous meetings in Turkey, Russia, India and Belarus, the V. Vertigo Academy International Meeting is planned to take place in Belgrade. Due to the Covid Pandemics that is still threatening the whole World, we had to postpone the meeting twice in order to offer you a physical meeting in healthy conditions.

The scientific impact of the meeting will be significant as very prominent scientists on the topic are involved in the faculty. The Scientific Program of this meeting will compete with the previous VAI Meetings to offer an exceptional experience.

Instructional courses will be organized in a day in advance to offer the participants meeting the leaders of the vestibular science.

With this opportunity we are incredibly happy by hosting the second Virtual Implant and Related Technologies Meeting during the same days.

The life span is getting longer, the incidence of balance problems is reaching 50% in elderly, and Vestibular implants will be an important treatment modality for severely balanced disabled. This meeting will be an important landmark for further development of Vestibular implant technology.

There will also occasion to submit personal presentations, that will also have the opportunity of competing for a prize.

We are looking forward welcoming you in Belgrade.

**Prof. Dr. O. Nuri Özgirgin**

**President**

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International Vestibular Society



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I. Vertigo Academy International  
16-17 November 2013 Antalya, Turkey



II. Vertigo Academy International  
22-23 May 2015 Moscow, Russia



III. Vertigo Academy International  
02-04 March 2017 Mumbai, India



IV. Vertigo Academy International  
25-28 April 2019 Minsk, Belarus



# 2<sup>nd</sup> VIRTM Vestibular Implant and Related Technologies Meeting

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## 1<sup>st</sup> VIRTM April 16, 2021





## GENERAL INFORMATION

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**Meeting Dates:** March 09-12, 2023.

**Official Website:** Please bookmark this website: [www.vai2023.org](http://www.vai2023.org)

Primary importance will be given to the website, on every stage of preparation and operation of the meeting, including the scientific program, registration and accommodation.

**Official Language:** Official language of the meeting and of correspondence is English.

**Certificate of Attendance:** Certificate of attendance will be available at the Meeting Registration and Information Desk.

## ABOUT THE VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

**Virtual Meeting Date:** March 09-10-11, 2022.

**Virtual Meeting Hall:** Main Meeting Hall only.

**Virtual Meeting Time:** Please note that time indicated in the program is expressed as SERBIA Time.

**Official Language of Virtual Meeting:** Official language of the meeting and of correspondence is English. There will be no simultaneous translation in the main meeting hall.

**Virtual Meeting Registration:** You need to register and complete the payment for the virtual meeting in order to view online sessions and submit questions.

For the registration fees please visit the registration fee section.

When completed the virtual registration fee. A couple of days before the Meeting, the organizing secretariat Serenas will send the virtual participant's username and password to access the Serenas Live Virtual Platform to their e-mail address.

**Certificate of Virtual Attendance:** The participants' attendance to the sessions will be monitored by Serenas Live. The participants who attend at least 75% of the sessions can request their certificate of participation from the kiosk at the Atrium.

**Viewing the Sessions:** You can click and enter the Meeting Room according to the schedule, view the sessions and ask questions to the speakers.

Depending on which internet browser you are using the sessions may start muted.

In this case, you can turn the sound on by clicking the speaker icon on the top of the video player.

The sessions will be streamed live over the internet, the viewing quality may vary depending on your internet service provider's infrastructure and your connection speed. You can change the live stream quality by clicking the cogwheel icon on the bottom right of the video player, so that you can choose the quality of your viewing and the data usage depending on quality.

While viewing on your mobile devices, the streaming quality will be determined automatically depending on the brand and operating system of your device and the viewing options might vary between Apple and Android devices.

Regardless of whether you are using a computer, tablet or a mobile phone, you can click on the icon on the bottom right to view in full screen mode.

**Connection Requirements:** V. Vertigo Academy International Meeting requires active internet connection.

Prior to joining the sessions, please check your internet connection.

Your internet speed is important for an uninterrupted and high-quality live stream experience. For the best viewing and streaming quality, a minimum of 7 Mbps download speed is recommended.

Before the sessions, you can check your speed by clicking the link [www.testmy.net/download](http://www.testmy.net/download)

In case you are experience a slow connection please try to get closer to your modem. In case the problem persists, switch of your modem, wait for 1 minute then switch on again.

If the problem is not solved, please contact your internet service provider and ask for a remote update for your modem which should provide better speed.



### Important Dates:

Deadline for Online Abstract Submission	<b>December 25, 2022</b>
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	<b>January 22, 2023</b>
Deadline for Early Meeting Registration	<b>January 27, 2023</b>
Deadline for Cancellation of Hotel Booking	<b>February 03, 2023</b>
Deadline for Cancellation of Meeting Registration	<b>February 03, 2023</b>

**Sponsorship and Exhibition:** An area for exhibition booths will be provided for the industry and publishers. For exhibition and industry related inquiries, please contact Serenas Tourism at [info@vai2023.org](mailto:info@vai2023.org)

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## CME ACCREDITATION



An application will make to the EACCME for CME accreditation of this event. The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), <https://www.uems.eu/>



## TIME TABLE OF THE PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES				
March 09, 2023 - Thursday				
ARRIVALS				
	MAIN HALL	ROOM II (CRYSTAL III)	WORKSHOP ROOM I	WORKSHOP ROOM II
14:30 – 15:20	Instructional Course 1	Instructional Course 4	Instructional Course 7	Instructional Course 10
15:20 – 15:30	Break			
15:30 – 16:20	Instructional Course 2	Instructional Course 5	Instructional Course 8	Instructional Course 11
16:20 – 16:30	Break			
16:30 – 17:20	Instructional Course 3	Instructional Course 6	Instructional Course 9	Instructional Course 12
17:20 – 18:00	Break			
18:00 – 19:00	Opening Ceremony			
19:00 – 19:30	Opening Lecture			

MEETING PROGRAM				
March 10, 2023 – Friday				
	MAIN HALL	ROOM II - 2 <sup>nd</sup> VIRTM HALL (CRYSTAL III)	WORKSHOP ROOM I	WORKSHOP ROOM II
08:00 – 08:45	Instructional Course 13	Invited Lecture 1	Instructional Course 14	Instructional Course 15
08:45 – 09:00	Break			
09:00 – 10:15	Plenary Panel 1	Invited Lecture 2		
10:15 – 10:45	ABBOTT Satellite Meeting	Plenary Session 1		
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break			
11:15 – 12:30	Italian Vestibular Society Session	Plenary Session 2	Keynote Lectures 1	Round Table 2
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch			
13:30 – 14:45	Plenary Panel 2	Plenary Session 3		
14:45 – 15:15	Coffee Break			
15:15 – 16:30	Round Table 1	Plenary Session 4	Keynote Lectures 2	Debate Session 2
16:30 – 16:45	Break			
16:45 – 17:45	Debate Session 1	Round Table	Free Papers 1-6	Free Papers 7-12





<b>MEETING PROGRAM</b>				
March 11, 2023 – Saturday				
	<b>MAIN HALL</b>	<b>ROOM II (CRYSTAL III)</b>	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM I</b>	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM II</b>
08:00 – 08:45	General Assembly - IVS	Instructional Course 16	Instructional Course 17	Instructional Course 18
08:45 – 09:00	Break			
09:00 – 09:30	Plenary Lecture 1			
09:30 – 10:45	Plenary Panel 3			
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break			
11:15 – 12:30	Barany Society Session	Keynote Lectures 4	How I Do It 1?	How I Do It 2?
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch			
13:30 – 14:45	Panel 1	Neurotology Equilibrimetric Society Session	Invited Lecture & Round Table 5	Keynote Lectures 5
14:45 – 15:15	Coffee Break			
15:15 – 16:30	Round Table 3	Round Table 4	Round Table 6	Debate Session 3
16:30 – 16:45	Break			
16:45 – 17:45	Keynote Lectures 3	Free Papers 13-18	Free Papers 19-24	Free Papers 25-30



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

March 09, 2023 - Thursday	
ARRIVALS	
14:30 – 15:20	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 1</b> Eyeing the eyes in Vertigo <i>Meenakshisundaram Umaiorubahan (India)</i>
	<b>ROOM II - CYRSTAL III</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 4</b> Minimum Stimulus Strategy: A step-by-step diagnostic approach to BPPV <i>Giacinto Asprella (Italy)</i>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM I</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 7</b> Enlarged Vestibular Aqueduct <i>Franco Carlos Felipe (Colombia)</i>
15:30 – 16:20	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM II</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 10</b> Mal de Barquement syndrome <i>Dario Javcovino (Argentina) &amp; Catho Schoenmaeker (Belgium)</i>
	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 2</b> Current surgical approaches for the treatment of Ménière's disease <i>Juan Carlos Cisneros (Mexico)</i>
	<b>ROOM II - CYRSTAL III</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 5</b> Pitfalls in the diagnosis of Vertigo <i>Daniel Kaplan (Israel)</i>
16:20 – 16:30	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM I</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 8</b> Cerebello vestibular path <i>Shenal Kothari (India)</i>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM II</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 11</b> Downbeating nystagmus in BPPV <i>George Zaytoun (Lebanon)</i>
	<b>Coffee Break</b>
	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
16:30 – 17:20	<b>Instructional Course 3</b> Motor learning in the VOR <i>Michael Schuber (USA)</i>
	<b>ROOM II - CYRSTAL III</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 6</b> SHIMP <i>Leonardo Manzari (Italy)</i>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM I</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 9</b> Evaluation and management of BPPV by TRV Chair <i>Thomas Richard Vitton (France)</i>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM II</b>
18:30 – 19:00	<b>Instructional Course 12</b> Vestibulo-spinal reflex <i>Gülden Akdal (Türkiye)</i>
	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
19:00 – 19:30	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>
	<b>Opening Lecture</b> <i>Jacques Magnan (France)</i>



March 10, 2023 - Friday	
08:00 – 08:45	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 13</b> <b>Genetic diagnosis of Meniere disease by exome sequencing (Online)</b> <i>Antonio Lopez Escames (Spain)</i>
	<b>ROOM II - CYRSTAL III - 2<sup>nd</sup> VIRTM HALL</b>
	<b>08:00 – 10:45 Introduction by Morgana Sluydts (Belgium) &amp; Angel Ramos de Miguel (Spain)</b> <b>08:15 Invited Lecture 1</b> <i>Angelica Perez Fornos (Switzerland)</i> <b>Semicircular canal implant</b>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM I</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 14</b> <b>Dynamic Posturography</b> <i>Norberto Martinez (Phillippines)</i>
08:00 – 08:45	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM II</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 15</b> <b>Medical treatment of Meniere’s disease</b> <i>Daniel Nuti (Italy)</i>
09:00 – 10:15	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
	<b>Plenary Panel 1</b> <b>Horizontal Semicircular Canal</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Francisco Carlos Zuma e Maia (Brazil)</i> <i>Anita Bhandari (India), Augusto Casani (Italy), Octavio Garaycochea (Spain), Enis Alpin Güneri (Türkiye), Daniel Nuti (Italy), Renato Cal, (Brazil)</i>
	<b>ROOM II - CYRSTAL III - 2<sup>nd</sup> VIRTM HALL</b>
09:00 – 10:15	<b>Invited Lecture 2</b> <b>09:00 Invited Lecture 2</b> <b>Screening and follow-up of BVP patients</b> <i>Michael Strupp (Germany) (to be confirmed)</i>
	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
10:15 – 10:45	<b>ABBOTT Satellite Meeting</b> TBC
	<b>ROOM II - CYRSTAL III - 2<sup>nd</sup> VIRTM HALL</b>
	<b>09:30 Plenary Session 1 Vestibular Implants: Results so far Part I</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Angel Ramos de Miguel (Spain)</i> <b>Multichannel Vestibular Implant</b> <i>Margaret Chow (USA)</i> <b>Cochleovestibular implant in humans</b> <i>Jay Rubinstein (USA)</i> <b>Otolith implant</b> <i>Morgana Sluydts (Belgium)</i> <b>Relationship electrode position and vestibular implant responses</b> <i>Elke Loos (Belgium)</i>
	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
	<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>
<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>



March 10, 2023 - Friday

**MAIN HALL**

**Italian Vestibular Society Session**

**Clinical and instrumental evaluation of vestibular migraine and headache related dizziness**

**Moderator:** *Augusto Pietro Casani (Italy)*

**Speakers:** *Roberto Teggi (Italy), Marco Mandala (Italy), Mario Faralli (Italy)*

**ROOM II - CYRSTAL III - 2<sup>nd</sup> VIRTM HALL**

**11:15 Plenary Session 2 Surgical Techniques & Implant Design**

**Moderator:** *Manuel Manrique (Spain)*

**Vestibular implantation approaches:** *Marta Alvarez de Linera Alperi (Spain)*

**Feasibility Fluoroscopy - Guided Electrode Insertion**

*Joost Stultiens (The Netherlands)*

**Vestibular implant imaging**

*Abderrahmane Hedjoudje (USA)*

**Vestibular electrode location and stability**

*Jay Rubinstein (USA)*

11:15 – 12:30

**WORKSHOP ROOM I**

**Keynote Lectures 1**

**KL1 - Vestibular disorders & Cognition** - *Elisa Raffaella Ferr (UK)*

**KL2 - The vestibular system: Our approach** - *Francisco Carlos Zuma e Main (Brazil)*

**KL3 - Core Laws in Vestibular Physiology** - *Srinivas Dorasala (India)*

**KL4 - The Diagnostic Impact of Virtual Reality in Vestibular Disorders** - *Franck Assaban (France)*

**KL5 - Hypermobile and Membranous Stapes Footplate: A new Etiology for vertigo** - *Arun Gadre (USA)*

**WORKSHOP ROOM II**

**Round Table 2**

**Evaluation of the vestibular system**

**Moderator:** *Marco Mandala (Italy)*

*Mario Faralli (Italy), Eduardo Martin Sanz (Spain), Amy Lennox (UK), Mario Milkov (Bulgaria),*

*Pradeep Vundavalli (India)*

12:30 – 13:30

**Lunch**

**MAIN HALL**

**Plenary Panel 2**

**Vestibular Rehabilitation**

**Chair:** *Tayfun Kirazlı (Türkiye)*

**Moderator:** *Anita Bhandari (India)*

*Anna Lisa Giannuzzi (Italy), Hong Sung Kwang (South Korea), Susan Whitney (USA), Michel Lacour (France),*

*Dara Meldrum (UK)*

**ROOM II - CYRSTAL III 2<sup>nd</sup> VIRTM HALL**

**13:30 Plenary Session 3 Related Technologies & Other**

**Moderators:** *Antonio Lopez-Escamez (Spain), Herman Kingma (The Netherlands)*

**Auditory hair cell regeneration**

*Zheng-Yi Chen (USA)*

**Gene therapy: vestibular and auditory hair cells**

*Xuewen Wu (Canada)*

**Vibrotactile-Based Rehabilitation on Balance and Gait in Patients with Neurological Diseases**

*Sara De Angelis (Italy)*

**Less Vibrotactile Feedback Is Effective to Improve Human Balance Control during Sensory Cues Alteration**

*Noémie Anctil (Canada)*

13:30 – 14:45

14:45 – 15:15

**Coffee Break**



March 10, 2023 - Friday	
15:15 – 16:30	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
	<p><b>Round Table 1</b>  <b>Third window and dizziness</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Ja-Won Koo (South Korea)</i>  <i>Andrea Castellucci (Italy), Soumit Dasgupta (UK), Kemal Görür (Türkiye), Robert Guerkov (Germany), Andrzej Zarowski (Belgium)</i></p>
	<b>ROOM II - CYRSTAL III - 2<sup>nd</sup> VIRTM HALL</b>
	<p><b>Plenary Panel Vestibular Implants: Results so far Part II</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Angel Ramos Macias (Spain)</i>  <b>Optimizing fitting procedures in vestibular implants</b>  <i>Angel Ramos de Miguel (Spain)</i>  <b>Perception and vestibular implants</b>  <i>Elke Devocht (The Netherlands)</i>  <b>Speech perception during VI-stimulation</b> <i>Lanthaler David (Austria)</i>  <b>Cross-talk in EVS: neural response telemetry</b>  <i>Marc Leblans (Belgium)</i></p>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM I</b>
16:45 – 17:45	<p><b>Keynote Lecture 2</b>  <b>KL6 - Vestibulotoxicity</b> - <i>Ronen Perez (Israel)</i>  <b>KL7 - Balance and psychological comorbidities</b> - <i>Jeffrey Staab (USA)</i>  <b>KL8 - Presbyvestibulopathy and rehabilitation</b> - <i>Kamran Barin (USA)</i>  <b>KL9 - Vestibular Challenges from an Otopathologic perspective</b> - <i>Melissa Castillo Bustamente (Colombia)</i>  <b>KL10 - Central connections of vestibular nucleus</b> - <i>José Echenique (Mexico)</i></p>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM II</b>
	<p><b>Debate Session 2</b>  <b>Vestibular Neuritis</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Avi Shupak (Israel)</i>  <i>Alexandre Bisdorff (Luxembourg), Leonardo Manzari (Italy), Francesco Comacchio (Italy)</i></p>
16:45 – 17:45	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
	<p><b>Debate Session 1</b>  <b>Vestibular System &amp; Cochlear Implantation</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Mohan Kameswaran (India)</i>  <i>Antonio Della Volpe (Italy), Lorenzo Lauda (Italy)</i></p>
	<b>ROOM II - CYRSTAL III - 2<sup>nd</sup> VIRTM HALL</b>
	<p><b>Round Table: The need for vestibular implantation and the clinical impact</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Andrzej Zarowski (Belgium)</i>  <b>Discussion with</b> - <i>Angel Ramos (Spain), Charles Della Santina (USA), Jay Rubinstein (USA), Nils Guinand (Switzerland)</i></p>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM I</b>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM II</b>
<b>Free Papers 7-12</b>	



March 11, 2023 - Saturday

08:00 – 08:45	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
	<b>General Assembly - IVS</b> <b>Brain imaging studies on PPPD</b> <i>Chihiro Yagi (Japan)</i>
	<b>ROOM II - CYRSTAL III</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 16</b> <b>Vestibular testing: what can they tell us and how to choose?</b> <i>Marc Bassim (UAE)</i>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM I</b>
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Instructional Course 17</b> <b>Anatomy of vestibular system with illustrations</b> <i>Rajiv Anand (India)</i>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM II</b>
	<b>Instructional Course 18</b> <b>Augmented reality for vestibular assessment by Valerio Margani (Italy),</b> <i>Edoardo Covelli (Italy), Maurizio Barbara (Italy)</i>
09:30 – 10:45	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
	<b>Plenary Lecture 2</b> <b>Management of Acoustic Schwannoma: The Gruppo Otologico experience</b> <b>Session Chair: Jacques Magnan (France)</b> <i>Mario Sanna (Italy)</i>
10:45 – 11:15	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
	<b>Plenary Panel 3</b> <b>Imaging in Vestibular Disorders</b> <b>Session Chair: Jacques Magnan (France)</b> <b>Moderator: Robert Guerkov (Germany)</b> <i>Mayada Elsherif (Egypt), Ja-won Koo (South Korea) Eugenijus Lesinskas (Lithuania), Floris L Wuyts (Belgium), Marta Álvarez de Linera (Spain)</i>
11:15 – 12:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
	<b>Barany Society Session</b> <b>Chair and Moderator: Mans Magnusson (Sweden)</b> <b>Trans tympanic treatment in Meniere's disease - Mans Magnusson (Sweden)</b> <b>Acute vertigo in Emergency Department: the STANDING approach - Nicolas Perez (Spain)</b> <b>Diagnostic criteria for Meniere's disease - Marco Mandala (Italy)</b> <b>PPPD -</b>
	<b>ROOM II - CYRSTAL III</b>
	<b>Keynote Lecture 4</b> <b>KL11 - Cochrane reviews on Meniere's Disease - Ambrose Lee (Canada)</b> <b>KL12 - Genetic diagnosis - Giorgia Girotto (Italy)</b> <b>KL13 - Enlarged vestibular aqueduct - Sudhira Ratnayake (UK)</b> <b>KL14 - Genetic diagnosis- Giorgia Girotto (Italy)</b> <b>KL15 - Vestibular Paroxysmia – Nazım Korkut (Türkiye)</b>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM I</b>
	<b>How I do it 1?</b> <b>Surgical management of vertigo: labyrinth fistulas – Narayanan Prepageran (Malesia)</b> <b>Surgery for Vestibular Disorders – Shakeel Saeed (UK)</b> <b>Surgical approach for vestibular disorders – Rubens de Brito (Brazil)</b> <b>Drug Delivery - Marta Álvarez de Linera (Spain)</b> <b>Vestibular paroxysmia – Giampietro Ricci (Italy)</b>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM II</b>
	<b>How I do it 2?</b> <b>Video Head Impulse Test</b> <b>Moderator: Eduardo Martin Sanz (Spain)</b> <i>Amy Lennox ((UK)), Enrico Armato (Italy), Kamran Barin (USA), Daniel Kaplan (Israel), Ahmet Koç (Türkiye)</i>



March 11, 2023 - Saturday	
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
	<b>MAIN HALL</b>
	<p><b>Panel 1</b>  <b>Trauma to the vestibular system</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Herman Jenkins (USA)</i>  <i>Maurizio Barbara (Italy), Saba Battelino (Slovenia), Mohan Kameswaran (India), Peter Savundra (UK), Badr Eldin Mostafa (Egypt)</i></p>
	<b>ROOM II - CYRSTAL III</b>
	<p><b>Neurotology Equilibriometric Society Session</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Agnes Szirmai (Hungary)</i>  <i>Beáta Bencsik (Hungary), Mohamed Hamid (USA), Junichi Matsushima (Japan), Carlos Oliveira (Brazil), Dusan Pavlovic (Serbia), Hideaki Sakata (Japan), László T. Tamás (Hungary)</i></p>
<b>13:30 – 14:45</b>	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM I</b>
	<p><b>Invited Lecture &amp; Round Table 5</b>  <b>Invited Lecture</b>  <b>Downbeating Nystagmus</b>  <i>Dario Yacovino (Argentina)</i></p> <p><b>Round Table</b>  <b>BPPV – Posterior Canal</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Giacinto Asprella (Italy)</i>  <i>Ajay Kumar (India), Salvatore Martellucci (Italy), Andrea Castellucci (Italy), Nenad Arsovic (Serbia)</i></p>
	<b>WORKSHOP ROOM II</b>
	<p><b>Keynote Lecture 5</b>  <b>KL21 - Vestibular Recruitment in Meniere’s disease - Milan Stankovic (Serbia)</b>  <b>KL22 - How and why to look at the eyes of dizzy patients - Sudhir Kothari (India)</b>  <b>KL23 - Vestibulo-ocular reflex and its correlates in Meniere’s disease – Mete Kiroğlu (Türkiye)</b>  <b>KL24 - Comorbidities - Levent Özlüoğlu (Türkiye)</b>  <b>KL25 - Vertebrobasillary disease - Pınar Yalınay-Dikmen (Türkiye)</b></p>
<b>14:45 – 15:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>



March 11, 2023 - Saturday

## MAIN HALL

### Round Table 3

#### Migraine Vestibulopathy

**Moderator:** *Alexandre Bisdorff (Luxembourg)*

*Neşe Çelebisoy (Türkiye) Amir Kheradmand (USA), Carmona Sergio (Argentina) (Online Presentation), Anirban Biswas (India), Melissa Castillo Bustamente (Colombia)*

## ROOM II - CYRSTAL III

### Round Table 4

#### Meniere Disease: Treatment Strategies

**Moderator:** *Onur Çelik (Türkiye)*

*Anirban Biswas (India), Eduardo Martin-Sanz (Spain), Issam Saliba (Canada), Franco Trabalzini (Italy), Mario Jesús Villegas-Gonzalez (Mexico)*

## WORKSHOP ROOM I

15:15 – 16:30

### Round Table 6

#### Vestibular Disorders in Pediatric Population

**Moderator:** *Soumit Dasgupta (UK)*

*Nina Bozanic Urbancic (Slovenia), Josine Widdershoven (The Netherlands), Neil Bailie (UK), Sylvette Wiener Vacher (France)*

## WORKSHOP ROOM II

### Keynote Lecture – 6

**Otolith Organs – Impact to Balance** - *F. Necdet Ardiç (Turkey)*

**VEMP's** - *Bülent Satar (Turkey)*

**VHIT** - *Gabriel Trinidad (Spain)*

**Recurrent falls in a dwindling age (falls in elderly)** – *Deepak Arjundas (India)*

**Meniere's disease – Diagnostic criteria** - *Mans Magnusson (Sweden)*





**March 11, 2023 - Saturday**

**MAIN HALL**

**Keynote Lectures 3**

**KL16 - The balance belt in Bilateral Vestibular Loss - Herman Kingma (The Netherlands)**

**KL17 - Eyes open – Eyes closed: Precise localization of lesions using the effects of fixation**

*David Zee (USA) (Online presentation)*

**KL18 – The evolution of linear vestibulo-ocularreflex - Takao Imai (Japan)**

**KL19 - Perilymphatic Fistula - Tetsuo Ikezono (Japan)**

**KL20 - Is Vestibular Schwannoma a vestibular disease? - François Caces (France)**

**ROOM II - CYRSTAL III**

**Free Papers 13-18**

**WORKSHOP ROOM I**

**Free Papers 19-24**

**WORKSHOP ROOM II**

**Free Papers 25-30**

**16:45 – 17:45**



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Ramos de Miguel Angel	Spain
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Yacovino Dario	Argentina
Yagi Chihiro	Japan
Yalçın Şinasi	Turkey
Yalınay-Dikmen Pınar	Turkey
Yamanaka Toshiaki	Japan
Yigit Ozgur	Turkey
Zarowski Andrej	Belgium
Zaytoun George	Lebanon
Zee David	USA
Zuma e Maia Francisco Carlos	Brazil
Zwergal Andreas	Germany



## TOPICS

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- Acute Vestibulopathy
- Assessment of the Vestibular Function
- Autoimmune Inner Ear Disease
- Biomechanics of the Semicircular Canals and Otolith Organs
- Central Vestibular Pathologies
- Clinical Utility and Interpretation of the vHIT
- Cochlear implants and its impact on vestibular system
- Endolymphatic Sac and Meniere's Disease
- Fear of height
- Genetics and Vestibular Diseases
- Labyrinthitis: an Update
- Mal De Débarquement
- Meniere's Disease and Comorbidities
- Minor's Syndrome/Superior Semicircular Canal Dehiscence
- Molecular Biology in Vestibular Disorders
- Motion Sickness
- Otolithic system
- Pediatric Vertigo
- Positional Vertigo
- Postural Control and the Vestibulospinal System
- Psychological Aspects of Vestibular Disorders
- Radiologic Evaluation of Vestibular Disease
- The Vestibulo-autonomic System and Interactions
- Vestibular Compensation
- Vestibular Disorders Following Otologic and Neurotologic Surgery
- Vestibular Disorders Related with Headache Syndromes
- Vestibular Implants
- Vestibular Laboratory: How it should be
- Vestibular Neuritis: an Update
- Vestibular Paroxysmia
- Vestibular Problems of the Elders
- Vestibular Rehabilitation
- Vestibular Toxicity in Daily Medical Practice (medicines, alcohol, drugs, etc.)
- Virtual Reality
- Visual Vertigo and Motion Sickness



## ONLINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INFORMATION

For online abstract submission, please visit the “BGS” Abstract Submission System section in the official web page of the Meeting.

Virtual participants cannot apply for the online abstract submission.

### Abstract Submission System for Oral and Posters

- Detailed information is provided in the system. If assistance needed, please send an e-mail to [info@vai2023.org](mailto:info@vai2023.org)
- Please carefully read the instructions before submitting your abstract through the online submission module “BGS” system.
- Once you sign up, you can also continue working on abstract until you finally decide to submit before the deadline.
- This is an automated system that will allow you to put the information online for the authors, affiliations, abstract text (if required with special characters etc.) and keywords in a series of different windows.
- You can track the whole submission and evaluation procedure either within the system or by e-mail notification.
- In case of submitting more than one abstract you can use the same login and password for each abstract via online submission module.

### Instructions for Online Poster and Oral Presentations

- All Abstracts should be submitted in English only.
- Abstracts submitted by e-mail, fax or post will NOT be accepted.
- The abstracts have to be structured as follows: Aim, Material Method, Results, Discussion, Conclusion.
- The abstracts for oral and poster presentations should be submitted until **December 25, 2022**. This date will NOT be postponed.
- All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. The abstracts scheduled for oral presentations will be announced on **January 22, 2023**. The rest will be displayed as posters.
- 30 oral presentations will be displayed.
- Among the 25 oral presentations. The Scientific Committee will select the first five to be presented in Prize session.
- These finalists will present their studies to the Jury during the prize session and the winner will be awarded with “IVS Prize Certificate” and 1.000 US Dollars.
- A certificate will be delivered to all finalist presentations.

### All accepted abstracts presenters must be register and participate to the congress as in-person.

For the meeting registration, please visit the online registration and accommodation system section in the meeting official web page. If not, their presentation will be not allowed in the meeting scientific program and not printed in the Program and Abstract Book.

### Poster Presentation Guidelines

The posters will be 70 cm (width) and 90 cm (height) and will be mounted vertically. (Double-sided tape will be available for mounting the Posters)

Graphics and digital photos should be at least 100-150 dpi in their final.

## VAI PRIZE SESSION

The best study will be elected among the prize submissions (made by the authors below 40 years old.) \*will be awarded with “**IVS Prize**” 5 finalists will be selected among the prize submissions.

These finalists will present their studies to the Jury during the prize session and the winner will be awarded with “**IVS Prize Certificate**” and **1.000 US Dollars**.

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\* Prize candidates must declare their age is below 40 (the presenter).



## REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION

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## REGISTRATION

	<b>Early Registration Fee</b> Before <b>January 27, 2023</b> <i>* Payments by bank transfer possible</i> <b>until January 27, 2023.</b>	<b>Late Registration Fee</b> Starting <b>January 27, 2023</b> <i>*Payments by bank transfer <u>NOT Possible</u></i> <b>after January 27, 2023</b>
In-Person (Hybrid) Congress Registration Fees	500 €	600 €

### In-Person (Hybrid) Congress Registration Fees Includes:

- \* Participation to all scientific sessions,
- \* Printed materials (Bag, program and abstract book, name badge, mini program),
- \* Certificate of attendance,
- \* Lunch and beverage on March 09-10-11, 2023 days,
- \* Afternoon coffee breaks with cookies on **March 09, 2023** and morning and afternoon coffee breaks with cookies on **March 10-11, 2023** days,
- \* Opening ceremony dinner with beverages on **March 09, 2023.**
- \*

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Virtual Congress Registration Fees	100 €	150 €

\* The rates are in Euro (€) and included VAT.

### Virtual

#### Congress Registration Fees includes:

- Access to all presentations and session recordings on the Main Hall.
- Join the Live Q&A sessions.
- Certificate of virtual participation.\*
- Before the Meeting, the organizing secretariat will send your username and password to access the Serenas Live Virtual Platform.
- The platform will remain open for 6 months after the Meeting concludes.

\* The participants' attendance to the sessions will be monitored by Serenas Live. The participants who attend at least 75% of the sessions can request their certificate of participation from the kiosk at the Atrium.

#### Confirmation, Cancellations and Refunds:

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- If received between **February 04, 2023** and **February 10, 2023**, 50% of the fee will be refunded.
- If received later than **February 21, 2023**, there will be no refund.
- All rates are subject to amendments without prior notice.
- Name change will be accepted up to 72 hours prior to the Meeting  
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## ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE FEES

HOTEL NAME	3 nights' Accommodation and Services Package Fee / per room (*) Check- in: March 09, 2023 Check- out: March 12, 2023		Additional nights' accommodation fee per night / per room (Full Board Basis)	
Hyatt Regency Belgrade Hotel 5*	<b>Single Room</b> (1pax)	<b>Double Room in Per Person</b> (2 pax)	<b>Single Room</b> (1pax)	<b>Double Room</b> (2 pax)
	665 €	455 €	260 €	385 €

\* The room rates are in Euro (€) and included VAT.

### The Package Hyatt Regency Accommodation Fee Includes:

- \* 3 nights' accommodation at the standard room and per person,
- \* Open Buffet Breakfast each morning at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Restaurant,
- \* Dinner and beverage on **March 10, 2023** and **March 11, 2023** nights,
- \* Service charge and VAT are included to the accommodation fees.
- \* No refunds will be made for no – shows.

**Important Note:** Roundtrip transfer Nicola Tesla Airport-Hyatt Regency Hotel-Nicola Tesla Airport can be provided for participants who received the accommodation service from Serenas Group (Official Agent) together with above accommodation fees.

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### Method of Payment for Registration and Accommodation

**Credit Card:** Payments shall be made in Euro (€).

No other currencies shall be accepted.

Payments can be made with credit cards (master card or visa) or through bank transfer.

AMEX and Diners credit cards are not accepted for on line and on-site registration.

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## LOCATION

### Meeting Venue (Headquarter Hotel)



#### Hyatt Regency Belgrade

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URL: [belgrade.regency.hyatt.com](http://belgrade.regency.hyatt.com)



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## VISITOR INFORMATION

**Languages of Serbia:** The official language is Serbian, while visitors from abroad can use English to communicate.

**Currency:** Dinar (RSD)

**Weather:** The average minimum temperature (usually the minimum temperature is noted during the night) in Belgrade in March is 7.0°C (44.6°F). The amount of rain in March is normal with an average of 59mm (2.3in). The average maximum temperature lies around 17.0°C (62.6°F). You will see the sun sometimes in this month, it has 178 hours of sun. Our visitors traveling to Belgrade should plan on bringing a totally waterproof rain jacket since it will be raining some days. Plan on layering your clothes. Some days or part of the day it will be nice and warm and some moments it can be a bit chilly.

**Electricity:** In Serbia the power plugs and sockets are of type F. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

**Emergency Numbers:** Police : 92 Fire Brigade : 93 Ambulance : 94

**City Public Transport:** Belgrade city public transport company is GSP "Beograd" but there are also bus services run by private companies, on around 130 routes.

Single tickets can be purchased both at public transport vehicles (from the driver), at kiosks with a ticket sales sing or at GSP points-of-sale. Remember that tickets bought at kiosks are cheaper than those bought in vehicles and Tickets for night services (00-04) are more expensive. Night transport routes differ from the routes of daytime services and combine several routes which serve particular parts of town and suburban areas. For further information contact Belgrade City Transport Company

[www.gsp.co.rs](http://www.gsp.co.rs)

Moreover there are express minibus services which are a little less cheap, but also more comfortable and faster since they do not stop at every bus stop.

**Taxis in Belgrade:** Taxis in Belgrade are cheap and safe, ideal for tourists. Just remember to check if the taxi driver starts the taximeter correctly. Taxi in Belgrade have not a compulsory color but they have to carry a blue city taxi sign on the roof as well as the designation of their taxi company.

### Getting to Belgrade By Plane

Belgrade Nikola Tesla International Airport ([www.beg.aero](http://www.beg.aero)) is the second busiest airport in Europe. Located 12km away from Belgrade city in the Surčin Municipality, Serbia, the airport opened in 1962. Previously known as Belgrade International Airport, it was renamed in the honor of Nikola Tesla, a Serbian scientist, in 2006.

Nikola Tesla Airport is connected via regular routes to nearly 40 destinations worldwide.

#### Carriers:

- Aeroflot - [www.aeroflot.org](http://www.aeroflot.org)
- Aerosvit - [www.aerosvit.com](http://www.aerosvit.com)
- Air France - [www.airfrance.rs](http://www.airfrance.rs)
- Alitalia - [www.alitalia.com](http://www.alitalia.com)
- Austrian Airlines - [www.aua.com](http://www.aua.com)
- Aviogenex - [www.aviogenex.com](http://www.aviogenex.com)
- British Airways - [www.british-airways.com](http://www.british-airways.com)
- Czech Airlines - [www.csa.cz](http://www.csa.cz)
- Emirates - [www.emirates.com](http://www.emirates.com)
- Lufthansa - [www.lufthansa.com](http://www.lufthansa.com)
- Malev - [www.malev.com](http://www.malev.com)
- Montenegro Airlines - [www.montenegroairlines.com](http://www.montenegroairlines.com)
- Olympic Airlines - [www.olympicairlines.com](http://www.olympicairlines.com)
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- Qatar Airways - [www.qatarairways.com](http://www.qatarairways.com)
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- Air Berlin - [www.airberlin.com](http://www.airberlin.com)
- Cimber Air - [www.cimber.dk](http://www.cimber.dk)
- Germanwings - [www.germanwings.com](http://www.germanwings.com)
- Norwegian Air Shuttle - [www.norwegian.no](http://www.norwegian.no)
- Wind Jet - [w2.volawindjet.it](http://w2.volawindjet.it)
- Wizz Air - [www.wizzair.com](http://www.wizzair.com)

## By Train

Belgrade Central Railway Station is centrally located and offers a well-developed network of railways that connects Serbia's capital with all the main cities of Europe, by daily, as well as overnight trains.

Remember to check if you can get commercial discounts such as: Inter Rail, Euro Domino, Rail plus, Balkan Flexipass, Easy Travel Card, Euro 26, City Star and the Unified Balkans Tariff.

Serbian Railways [www.zeleznicesrbije.com](http://www.zeleznicesrbije.com)

## By Coach

Belgrade is well served by coaches and they are the cheapest mean of transportation within the city and all towns in Serbia.

Belgrade is connected by bus to almost every European. Regular bus lines connect Belgrade with all parts of Serbia meanwhile international bus lines operate to all Belgrade's surrounding areas and most European countries. The two major coach stations are located one next the other, in the city center, near the Central Railway Station. Tickets can be purchased at the main bus station (Glavna autobuska stanica). Belgrade Bus Station [www.bas.rs](http://www.bas.rs)

## By Car

If you prefer driving yourself to and around the city during your vacation in Belgrade you can drive your own car or rent one. Foreign drivers in Serbia to have a valid international driving license and an international insurance, which can also be bought at the border.

The two main international roads going through Belgrade are the E-70 and the E-75. They are in relatively good conditions but you will have to pay on several pay tolls to Belgrade. Meanwhile local roads may lack of sufficient road signs so it is better to bring always a detailed map with you. Speed limits are in accordance with international standards (e.g. on a highway the maximum speed is 120km/hour) and the alcohol limit is 0.5 ml.

## Distance from Belgrade to the main European cities:

- Amsterdam 1760 km
- Athens 1090 km
- Vienna 621 km
- Berlin 1489 km
- Budapest 383 km
- Istanbul 928 km
- Copenhagen 2018 km
- London 2073 km
- Munich 1020 km
- Moscow 2211 km
- Oslo 2577 km
- Prague 901 km
- Rome 1280 km
- Stockholm 2622 km

## By Boat

Belgrade is par excellence the city of rivers: the Danube and the Sava. It is an important waterway connecting Western and Central European to the countries of south-eastern and eastern Europe. Beograd Harbor on the Danube is an essential travel and transport hub in Central Europe, at the intersection of two pan-European transport corridors.

The number of tourists arriving to Belgrade by boat is constantly increasing, as well as the number Danube cruises to Belgrade. Usually sailing is possible from March 1 to December 25.

Beograd Harbor - [www.port-bgd.co.rs](http://www.port-bgd.co.rs)

## Useful links:

- [www.dunav-info.org](http://www.dunav-info.org)
- [www.danube-river.org](http://www.danube-river.org)



## VISA INFORMATION

**Visa Regime for Entering to Serbia:** Please click for Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia:

<http://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/consular-affairs/entry-serbia/visa-regime>

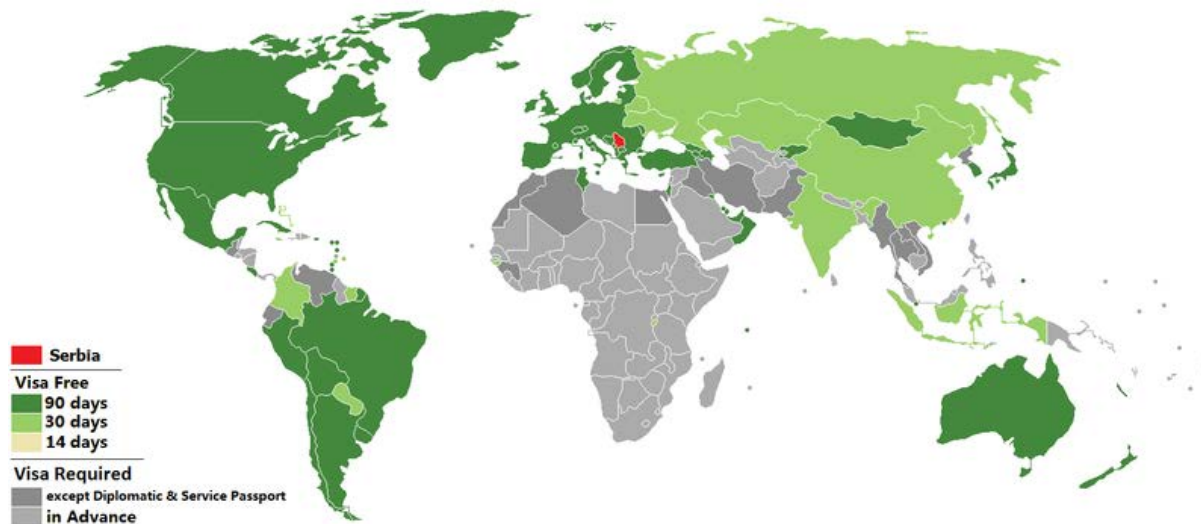
Visitors to Serbia must obtain a Visa from one of the Serbian diplomatic missions unless they come from one of the visa exempt countries.

The Government of Serbia, based on bilateral agreements or unilateral decisions, allows citizens of certain countries and territories to visit Serbia for tourism or business purposes without having to obtain a visa. Citizens of other countries have to obtain a visa from the Embassy or Consulate General of the Republic of Serbia in the country of their principal residence.

Visa policy of Serbia is similar to the visa policy of the Schengen Area. Serbia grants visa-free entry to most Schengen Annex II nationalities, except for Brunei, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Kiribati, Malaysia, Mauritius, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nicaragua, Panama, Samoa, Saint Lucia, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Taiwan, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Venezuela. It also grants visa-free entry to several

additional countries. – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Bolivia, Burundi, China, Cuba, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Oman, Qatar, Russia, Suriname, Tunisia and Turkey.

### Visa Policy Map of Serbia



## Visa Free Access

Citizens and holders of ordinary passports of the following 96 countries and territories can enter and stay in Serbia without a visa.

### 90 days within any 180 days

-  All European Union citizens
-  Albania
-  Andorra
-  Antigua and Barbuda
-  Argentina
-  Armenia
-  Australia
-  Azerbaijan
-  Bahrain
-  Bolivia
-  Bosnia and Herzegovina
-  Brazil
-  Canada
-  Chile
-  Costa Rica
-  Cuba
-  Dominica
-  Georgia
-  Grenada
-  Holy See
-  Iceland
-  Israel
-  Japan
-  Kuwait
-  Kyrgyzstan
-  Liechtenstein
-  Macau
-  Mexico
-  Moldova
-  Monaco
-  Mongolia
-  Montenegro
-  New Zealand
-  North Macedonia
-  Norway
-  Oman
-  Palau
-  Peru
-  Qatar
-  Saint Kitts and Nevis
-  San Marino
-  Seychelles
-  Singapore
-  South Korea
-  Switzerland
-  Trinidad and Tobago
-  Tunisia
-  Turkey
-  United Arab Emirates
-  United Kingdom
-  United States
-  Uruguay

### 30 days

-  Belarus
-  China
-  Kazakhstan
-  Russia
-  Suriname

### 30 days within 60-day period

-  Ukraine



**30 days within one-year period**

-  **Bahamas**
-  **Colombia**
-  **Indonesia**
-  **Barbados**
-  **Guinea-Bissau**
-  **Paraguay**
-  **Burundi**
-  **India**
-  **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

**14 days**

-  **Hong Kong**

**Requirements for tourist / Business visa**

Tourist visa entitles its holder only for tourism trip and visit of relatives and/or friends. Tourist visa holders are prohibited to engage in business or work activities in Serbia.

General visa requirements: Valid passport (passport must be valid at least 90 days from issue date of visa) Letter of invitation:

- For a private visit – invitation letter certified by the relevant authority of the Republic of Serbia
- For a business visit – invitation letter by a company in Serbia;
- For a tourist trip – a proof of payment for the trip issued by a travel agency (voucher or other type of payment receipt);
- Completed visa application form: (PDF);
- Photo (size 3.5x4.5 cm);
- Return ticket or Itinerary (Copy of Driving License and Insurance if you travel by car);
- Proof of sufficient funds for staying in Serbia;
- Health insurance
- Visa fee.

Visa applications should be submitted to the Embassy or Consulate General of the Republic of Serbia abroad.

For the issuance of a transit visa, you should have an entry visa for the country you are entering after the Republic of Serbia. In case a visa is not required for that country, you will be asked to present other documents explaining the purpose of your visit there.

Diplomatic-consular mission of the Republic of Serbia reserves the right to request additional documentation. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For more information regarding the issuance of visa, please contact the nearest diplomatic-consular mission of the Republic of Serbia.



## ABOUT SERBIA, BELGRADE

Serbia, country in the west-central Balkans. For most of the 20th century, it was a part of Yugoslavia.



The capital of Serbia is **Belgrade** (Beograd), a cosmopolitan city at the confluence of the Danube and Sava rivers; Stari Grad, Belgrade's old town, is dominated by an ancient fortress called the Kalemegdan and includes well-preserved examples of medieval architecture and some of eastern Europe's most-renowned restaurants.



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Belgrade is located at the convergence of three historically important routes of travel between Europe and the Balkans: an east-west route along the Danube River valley from Vienna to the Black Sea; another that runs westward along the valley of the Sava River toward Trieste and northern Italy; and a third running southeast along the valleys of the Morava and Vardar rivers to the Aegean Sea. To the north and west of Belgrade lies the Pannonian Basin, which includes the great grain-growing region of Vojvodina.



Danube River, Belgrade, Serbia

Belgrade (Beograd) has a population of around 1.6 million. It is one of the oldest cities in Europe and has since ancient times been an important focal point for traffic, an intersection of the roads of Eastern and Western Europe.

Belgrade is the capital of Serbian culture, education, science and economy. As a result of its tumultuous history, Belgrade has for centuries been home to many nationalities, with Serbs of the Orthodox Christian religion making up the majority of the population (90%). In the inner area of the City of Belgrade there are over 5,500 streets, 16 plazas and 32 squares. The oldest streets that have retained their original routes are: Vase Čarapića, Kralja Petra, Cara Dušana, Jevrejska, Narodnog fronta, Gavrila Principa, and Karađorđeva Streets. The development of the street network started in 1867, after the Turks had departed, when the regulatory plan of Belgrade was adopted, which had been drawn up by engineer Emilijan Josimović. In the territories of the 10 City municipalities, the oldest is the Student Square, and the most famous one is the Republic Square.

Knez Mihailova Street is a pedestrian zone and shopping center - protected by law as one of the oldest and most valuable monumental complexes of the city, with a large number of representative buildings and urban houses built at the end of 1870s.

High above the Sava and Danube confluence, on the rocky ridge which opens the view of Novi Beograd, Zemun and wide plains of Pannonia, there is the Belgrade Fortress with Kalemegdan, the former historical and urban center of Belgrade.

Kalemegdan represents the most beautiful and biggest park in Belgrade, which is also the most important cultural and historical complex. The name Kalemegdan applies only to the spacious plateau surrounding the Fortress, which was turned into a park in the eighties of the XIX century. When the Fortress served as Belgrade's chief military stronghold, the plateau was a place from which the enemy was kept under observation and where preparations were made for combats. Its name derives from the Turkish words kale (fort) and megdan (field) - Kalemegdan.

Kalemegdan now includes the Military Museum, Cvijeta Zuzorić Art Pavilion, City Institute for Protection of Cultural Monuments, Zoo, a children's amusement park, a large number of sports fields, restaurants and so on.

Additional important sights in Belgrade are the National Museum, the National Theatre, the Palace of the Assembly of Serbia, the White Palace, Konak Kneza Miloša, Konak Kneginje Ljubice, Kapetan-Mišino Zdanje, Pobednik monument, etc.

Belgrade is a city of culture. There are many museums, art galleries, churches and other famous buildings and sightseeing points offering interesting and original displays in the Old Town. Diverse neighborhoods will take you through the centuries, green parks will help you relax and provide outdoor activities.





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