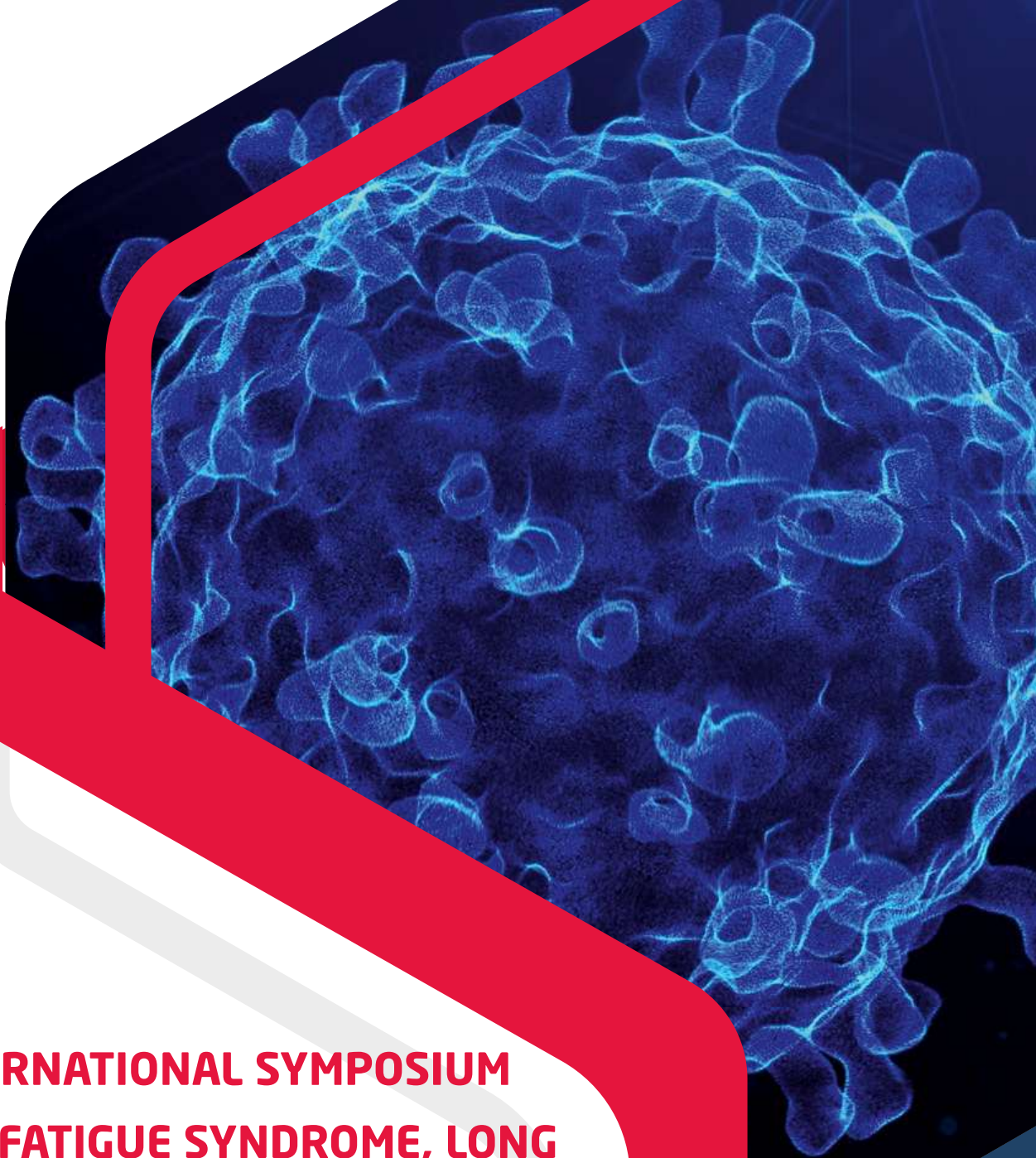


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We are honored and pleased to invite you to the 3rd INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM titled CHRONIC FATIGUE, LONG COVID AND POST-INFECTION SYNDROMES, which will be held on November 14, 2025, at the Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases "Dedinje". The symposium is of particular importance as it is organized by the Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases "Dedinje" under the patronage of the Ministry of Health and supported by several institutions and associations:

The Association for Neurocardiology of Serbia, the Serbian Medical Society, the Section for the Autonomic Nervous System of the Serbian Medical Society, and the Association of Patients with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Syncope Crises. The symposium also holds international significance, as it is organized under the auspices of the European ME Alliance (EMEA), whose members are actively involved in organizing this and future events.

While the acute effects of COVID-19 have been well documented, the research community has recently shifted its focus toward the chronic consequences of the disease. About 87% of COVID-19 patients continue to experience at least one symptom two months after the onset, and up to 30% report at least one symptom six months later, even when SARS-CoV-2 is no longer present. This chronic phase has been labeled as "Long COVID," "Post-COVID Syndrome," or "Post-Acute Sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 Infection (PASC)."

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) is a highly complex and disabling, multisystemic chronic illness that affects millions worldwide. Despite its increasing prevalence and debilitating nature, it remains largely unfamiliar to the public and many medical professionals. Understanding of its etiology and pathophysiology is limited, diagnostic criteria are inconsistent, and guidelines for diagnosis and treatment are inadequate and outdated. Initially, the disease was defined simply as a "persistent or relapsing, debilitating fatigue of new onset and unknown origin," and diagnosis was based on the exclusion of other potential causes, often neglecting the importance of other symptoms.

Given the nearly identical symptomatology, the question arises whether we are dealing with one or two distinct syndromes. Hoping to successfully address these questions, we warmly greet you and invite you to take an active part in the symposium.

## LOCATION

**New Amphitheatre of Dedinje 2 Facility, First Floor  
"Dedinje" Cardiovascular Institute  
Heroja Milana Tepica 1, 11040 Belgrade, Serbia**

**III INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CHRONIC FATIGUE  
SYNDROME, LONG KOVID AND POSTINFECTION SYNDROMES**

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

**14th November 2025 ,Institute -Dedinje,Belgrade, Serbia**

**08:00-09:00 Registration**

**09:00-09:45 Openning Ceremony**

**Branislav Milovanovic**

President of Section for Autonomic Nervous system of Serbian Medical Society,  
Member of EMERG board

**Milovan Bojić**

Director of Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases-Dedinje

**Zlatibor Lončar**

Minister of Health of the Republic of Serbia

**Bela Balint**

Minister of Science of the Republic of Serbia

**Milan Nedeljkovic**

President of Serbian Medical Society

**Ivana Nedeljković**

President of Cardiology Society of Serbia

**Vladislav Vukomanović**

Director of Institute for mother and child

**Ilija Brčeski**

Representative of European Academy of Science and Arts

**I SESSION**

**09:45-11:00**

**ME/CFS-Organisations and Patients**

**Richard Simpson**

President of Charite- Invest in ME research

UK

**Simon Carding**

President of EMERG-European ME Research group

UK

**Gracemarie Bricalli**

President European ME Alliance (EMEA)

**Denying the existence of ME and its disabling symptoms: The impact on patients and what clinicians can do**

**Ina Ignjatović**

President of Serbian Society of ME/CFS patients

**Sanda Špac**

President of Croatian Society of ME/CFS patients

**Barbara Gros,**

President of Slovenian Society of ME/CFS patients

**Experiences and observations of patients suffering with ME/CFS.**

**11:00-11:30 Cofee Break**

## **II SESSION**

### **11:30-13:30 ME/CFS and Long Kovid Syndrome:Basic and Clinical Aspects**

Chairs: Branislav Milovanovic,(Belgrade, Serbia), Ewa Untersmayr-Elsenhuber (Vienna,Austria),Simon Carding (Norwich,UK),Louis Teulieres(Paris,France)

### **11:30-12:00 Chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS),Postinfection syndromes and syncope:neurocardiological approach**

**Branislav Milovanović**

University of Belgrade,Medical Faculty

Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases-Dedinje  
(Belgrade,Serbia)

President of Neurocardiological Society of Serbia

President of Section for Autonomic Nervous System of Serbian Medical Society

Member of European Academy and Science and Arts

Member of EMERG board

### **12:00-12:30 Hunting for the cause of ME/CFS**

**Simon Carding**

President of EMERG board

Head, Food, Microbiome, and Health Research Programme

Quadram Institute Bioscience,

Norwich Research Park

### **12:30-13:00 The role of mast cells in post-infectious syndromes including ME/CFS**

**Ewa Untersmayr-Elsenhuber**

Member of EMERG board

Head, National Reference Center for post-viral diseases

Head, Gastrointestinal Immunology research group

Medical University of Vienna

Center for Pathophysiology, Infectology and Immunology

Institute of Pathophysiology and Allergy Research

### **13:00-13:30 Treatment strategies and novelties for underlying chronic infections in CFS patients**

**Louis Teulieres**

ILADS /ILADEF Board Member

Universidad Complutense de Madrid lecturer

**13:30-14:00 Cofee Break**

### **III SESSION**

**14:00-16:00 ME/CFS and Long Covid syndrome:New advances,diagnostics and treatment**

Chairs:

Branislava Milenović(Belgrade,Serbia),TatjanaMijatovic(Brussels,Belgium)

**14:00-14 :30 Clinical and CT pulmonary angiographic features of pulmonary embolism in post-COVID condition**

**Branislava Milenkovic (Belgrade,Serbia)**

Medical Faculty, University of Belgrade, Serbia,Clinic for Pulmonology,  
University Clinical Center of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia

**14:30-15 :00 Integrative approach in testing of ME/CFS patients: importance of vector-borne diseases and gastrointestinal dysfunctions.**

**Tatjana Mijatovic (Brussels,Belgium)**

R.E.D.Laboratories Chief Science Officer and lab Manager (Brussels,Belgium)

**15:00-15 :30: Craniocervical Instability and Its Role in ME/CFS**

**Timon Zupanc (Ljubljana,Slovenia)**

Member of Young EMERG board

**15:30-16 :00: Dysautonomia in patients with Post Covid and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome with POTS.**

**Nikola Markovic (Belgrade,Serbia)**

Member of Young EMERG board

**16 :00 Lunch**