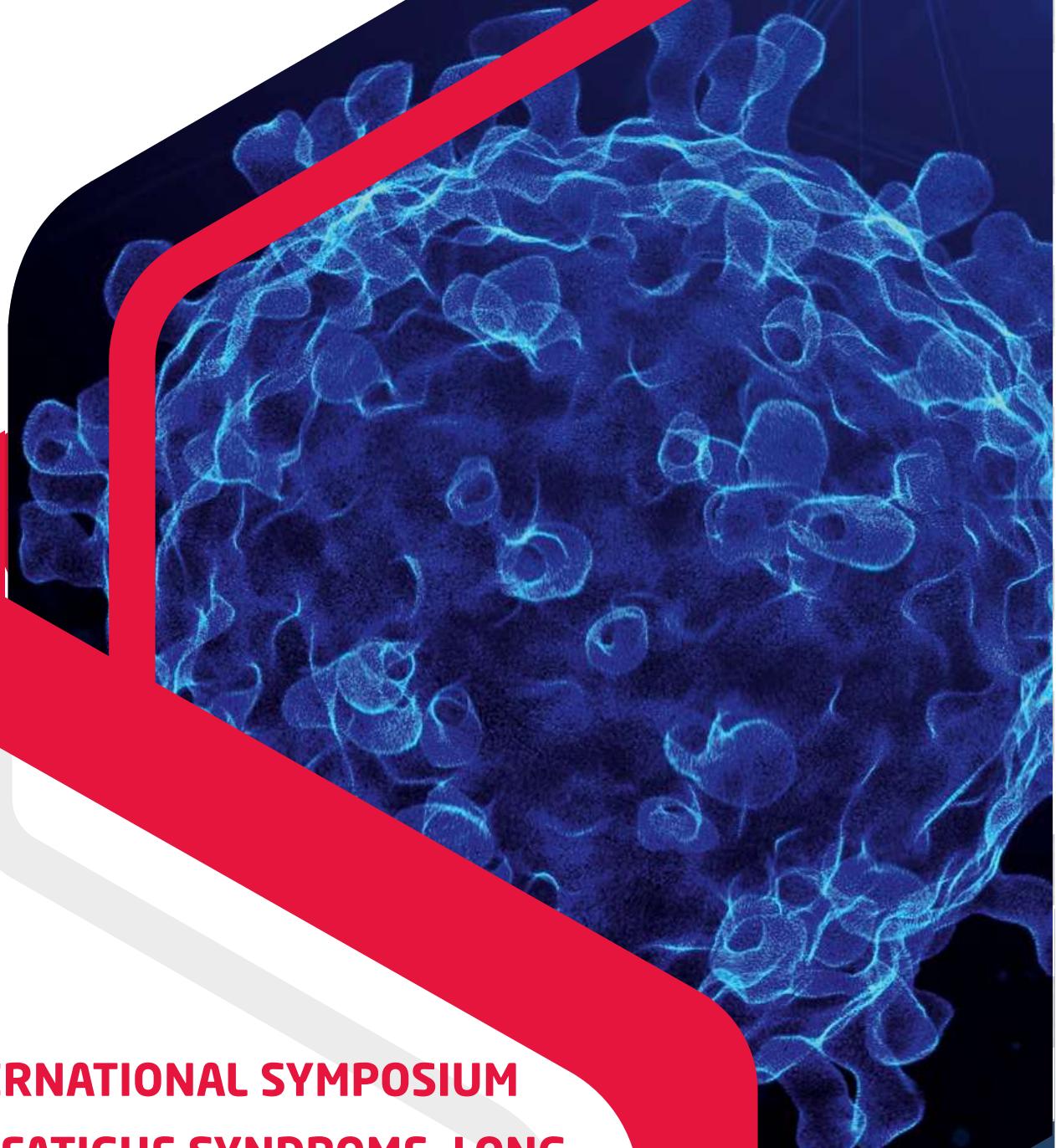


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We are honored and pleased to invite you to the 3rd INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM titled CHRONIC FATIGUE, LONG COVID AND POST-INFECTION SYNDROMES, which will be held on November 14, 2025, at the Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases "Dedinje". The symposium 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is limited, diagnostic criteria are inconsistent, and guidelines for diagnosis and treatment are inadequate and outdated.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 Cardiovascuclar 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