

IV. VERTIGO ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL



APRIL 25-28, 2019 BEIJING HOTEL MINSK
MINSK, BELARUS

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VAI is an "International Vertigo Society" Scientific Organization



Dear Colleagues,

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

Following 3 successive previous meetings the Scientific Committee agreed to organize the fourth in Minsk, situated on the Svislach and the Nyamiha Rivers that is the administrative capital of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and seat of the Executive Secretary. Minsk's earliest historical references to Minsk date to the 11th century (1067), when it was noted as a provincial city within the Principality of Polotsk.

The scientific impact of the meeting will be significant as very prominent scientists on the topic. This meeting will also serve for the physicians of the hosting country to participate and inspire effectively the latest progress on the topic.

The Scientific Program of this Meeting will compete with the previous ones to offer an exceptional experience.

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

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

Prof. Dr. O. Nuri Ozgirgin
Chairman

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Guerra Gloria – Spain	Milkov Mario – Bulgaria	Viktor Voronov – Russia
Guinand Nils – Switzerland	Narayanan Prepageran – Malaysia	Zamergrad Maxim – Russia
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CONGRESS INFORMATION

DATES

The congress will take place on April from 25 to 28, 2019.

OFFICIAL WEBSITE

Please bookmark this website: www.vai2019.org Primary importance will be given to the website, on every stage of preparation and operation of the congress, including the scientific program, registration and accommodation.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Official language of the meeting and of correspondence is English. There will be one way (English to Russian) simultaneous translation in main session Orchid Hall.

BADGES

You will receive a personalized badge when collecting your registration documents. During the congress, this badge must be clearly visible at all times because it grants access to the scientific sessions and the exhibition.

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@vai2019.org

ARRIVAL TO MINSK

CONDITIONS FOR OBLIGATORY MEDICAL INSURANCE DURING YOUR STAY OR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN BELARUS

On July 1, 2014 the new procedure and conditions of the obligatory medical insurance of foreign citizens and stateless persons travelling to the Republic of Belarus and temporarily residing in the Republic of Belarus was introduced. The visa applicants should submit the obligatory medical insurance policy of the Belarusian enterprises "Belgosstrakh" or "Beleximgarant", foreign medical insurance policy, medical insurance card or other document that confirms its existence. The foreign medical insurance policy or document that confirms its existence can be presented in original or copy and should contain the following information:

- ✓ The name and address of the foreign insurance company, phone number of the foreign insurance company or of the international assistance company, the full name of the foreign citizen;
- ✓ The territorial validity should include the Republic of Belarus;
- ✓ It should be valid for the period of the travel or temporary residence in the Republic of Belarus;
- ✓ The minimum limit of responsibility of the medical insurance is 10 000 Euro.

The foreign citizens, who have the right to enter the Republic of Belarus without visa and are obliged to have the medical insurance policy, should submit the medical insurance policy or medical insurance card that corresponds to the above-mentioned conditions to the employees of the State Border Committee when entering the Republic of Belarus. Registration, extension of registration and issuance of the temporary residence permits to the foreign citizens by the employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs is being made for the period not exceeding the validity of the medical insurance. The foreign citizens should have the medical insurance agreement, medical insurance policy of the

Belarusian or foreign insurance company or the documents that confirm the existence of the medical insurance agreement with foreign company during their travel to Belarus in original.

The medical insurance is not required for:

- ✓ Heads of the foreign states and governments, members of the parliamentary, governmental and official delegations invited by the governing bodies of the Republic of Belarus and technical personnel of these delegations
- ✓ Heads and members of the diplomatic and consular missions, representations of the international organizations in the Republic of Belarus and their family members
- ✓ United Nations employees — holders the Laissez-Passer issued by the United Nations
- ✓ Crew members of the international air flights and crew members of the trains of the international routes
- ✓ Foreign air force crew members and other military personnel who arrive in the Republic of Belarus to take part in the military exercises
- ✓ Persons residing in the Republic of Belarus as the representatives of the foreign border guard authorities
- ✓ Citizens of the states that have an agreement with the Republic of Belarus that regulates the questions of rendering the medical emergency services free of charge
- ✓ Foreigners that apply for a refugee status in the Republic of Belarus
- ✓ Foreigners who travel to other countries via Belarus by train or by air in trains of the international routes and planes of the civic international air companies
- ✓ Some other categories of foreign citizens

IMPORTANT DAYS

EARLY REGISTRATION- ACCOMMODATION	February 15, 2019
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEAD-LINE	January 31, 2019
NOTIFICATION OF ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE	February 11, 2019



The IV.Vertigo Academy International, Minsk, Belarus, 25/04/2019-27/04/2019 has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 19 European CME credits (ECMEC®s). Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity



	Before February 15, 2019	After February 15, 2019
Congress Registration Fees in Euro (€)	400 €	500 €

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

The registration fee includes;

- Participation to scientific sessions
- Printed materials (Bag, program and abstract book, name badge, mini program)
- Certificate of attendance
- Lunch and beverage on April 26 – 27 days
- Morning and afternoon coffee breaks on April 25 - 26 – 27 days
- Opening ceremony dinner with beverages on April 25

Confirmation, Cancellations and Refunds:

- Payments can be conducted either by bank transfer or credit card
- Cancellations should be made only in a written form and forwarded to info@vai2019.org
 - If received by November 23, 2018 the payment will be refunded in full
 - If received between November 24, 2018 and December 21, 2018, 50% of the fee will be refunded
 - If received later than December 22, 2018, 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

* Handling Fee: 50 € for per person (VAT is included)

Cancellation received after these dates is not a subject to any refund

All refunds, if any, will be processed after the Meeting.

ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS	Cat	3 nights' accommodation and services package fee / per room (*) Check- in: April 25, 2019 Check- out: April 28, 2019		Additional nights' accommodation fee per night / per room	
		Single Room (1 pax)	Double Room in Per Person (2 pax)	Single Room (1 pax)	Double Room in Per Person (2 pax)
Beijing Hotel <u>Meeting Venue</u>	5*	1.000 €	800 €	333 €	266 €
Crowne Plaza Hotel	5*	1.000 €	800 €	333 €	266 €

- ✓ The room rates are in Euro (€) and included VAT.
- ✓ The hotel concept is bed & breakfast.

The Package Accommodation Fee Includes:

- ✓ 3 nights accommodation at the standart room, per person.
- ✓ Breakfast each morning hotel restaurant.
- ✓ Dinner and beverage on April 26 and April 27 nights.
- ✓ Shuttle to Meeting Venue at Beijing Hotel from Crowne Plaza and Hilton by Hampton Hotel.
- ✓ Service charge and VAT are included to the accommodation fees.
- ✓ No refunds will be made for no - shows.

Confirmation, Cancellations and Refunds:

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HOTEL INFORMATION

BEIJING HOTEL, MINSK



Beijing Hotel Minsk is located on the riverside of the Svisloch River in Minsk, the capital city of the Republic of Belarus. Hotel is surrounded on three sides by river and on one side by lush green trees.

The hotels architecture is a traditional Chinese courtyard with white walls and grey tiles. It is a blend of ancient Huizhou Style and modern hotel architectural elements.

Beijing Hotel Minsk is a multifunctional complex with 180 various types of guest rooms. The hotel complex has two restaurants (with Chinese and European cuisine), multi-function banquet halls, meeting rooms, fitness center, kidsroom, swimming pool, lobby-bar and several other recreational facilities. The five-star

business hotel provides accommodation, catering service, conference facilities and other leisure facilities. Whether you are on a business trip or on vacation you will definitely get very comfortable experience here.

Address: 36, Krasnoarmeiskaya Street, Minsk, 220030, Belarus

Web address : <http://beijinghotelminsk.com/en/>

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MAIN TOPICS

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Endolymphatic Sac and Meniere's Disease
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Use of New Technologies for Vestibular Rehabilitation
- ✓ Vestibular Compensation
- ✓ Vestibular Disorders Following Otologic and Neurotologic Surgery
- ✓ Vestibular Disorders Related with Headache Syndromes
- ✓ Vestibular Implants
- ✓ Vestibular Laboratory: Do We Attribute Unmerited Importance?
- ✓ 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



INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES				
April 25, 2019 - Thursday				
	ORCHID HALL	STYLE HALL	LOTUS HALL	CHAIRMAN ROOM
ARRIVALS				
12:00-13:30	Lunch			
13:30-14:30	Instructional Course 1	Instructional Course 2	Instructional Course 3	
14:30-15:30	Instructional Course 4	Instructional Course 5	Instructional Course 6	
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break			
16:00-17:00	Instructional Course 7	Instructional Course 8	Instructional Course 9	
17:00-18:00	Instructional Course 10	Instructional Course 11	Instructional Course 12	
18:30-20:00	OPENING LECTURES & OPENING SPEECHS			
20:00	OPENING CEREMONY / COCKTAIL PROLONGE			

TIME TABLE OF THE PROGRAM

MEETING PROGRAM				
April 26, 2019 - Friday				
	ORCHID HALL	STYLE HALL	LOTUS HALL	CHAIRMAN ROOM
08:00-09:00	Instructional Course 13	Instructional Course 14	Instructional Course 15	RESEARCH GATE
09:00-09:30	Plenary Lecture 1			
09:30-11:00	Plenary Panel 1			
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break			
11:30-12:45	Round Table 1	Debate Session 1	Keynote Lecture 1-5	
12:45-13:45	Buffet Lunch			IVS Executive Committee Meeting
13:45-15:00	Plenary Panel 2			
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break			
15:30-16:45	Round Table 2	Debate Session 2	Keynote Lecture 6-10	
16:45-17:45	Finalist Session for IVS Prize	Keynote Lecture 16-19	Free Papers 1-6	
19:00-21:00	DINNER / WHO ACCOMMODATE AT THE OFFICIAL HOTELS			
April 27, 2019 - Saturday				
	ORCHID HALL	STYLE HALL	LOTUS HALL	CHAIRMAN ROOM
08:00-09:00	Instructional Course 16	Instructional Course 17	Instructional Course 18	RESEARCH GATE
09:00-09:30	Plenary Lecture 2			
09:30-09:35	IVS Prize Ceremony			
09:35-11:00	Plenary Panel 3			
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break			
11:15-12:30	Round Table-3	Round Table-4	Debate Session 3	
12:30-13:30	Buffet Lunch			IVS Executive Committee Meeting
13:30-14:45	Plenary Panel 4			
14:45-15:15	Coffee Break			
15:15-16:30	Debate Session 5	Keynote Lecture 11-15	Debate Session 4	
16:30-17:45	Round Table-5	Free Paper 7-13	IVS General Assembly	
19:00-21:00	DINNER / WHO ACCOMMODATE AT THE OFFICIAL HOTELS			



25 April 2019, Thursday	
ARRIVALS	
12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:30	ORCHID HALL Instructional Course 1 <i>Nicolas Perez</i> Clinical Utility and Interpretation of the vHIT
	STYLE HALL Instructional Course 2 <i>Daniel Nuti</i> Vestibular Tests at the Bedside
14:30-15:30	LOTUS HALL Instructional Course 3 <i>Bo Hakansson</i> VEMP's: What is new
	ORCHID HALL Instructional Course 4 <i>Robby Vanspauwen and Andrzej Zarowski</i> Radiologic Evaluation of Vestibular Disease
15:30-16:00	STYLE HALL Instructional Course 5 <i>Ram Kumar</i> Dizzy Child in the Paediatric Neurology Clinic
	LOTUS HALL Instructional Course 6 <i>Sylvette Wiener-Vacher</i> Vestibular Impact of Auditory Implantation on Vestibular Function in Children
16:00-17:00	Coffee Break
17:00-18:00	ORCHID HALL Instructional Course 7 <i>Volodymyr Golyk</i> Modern Approach of Vertigo Therapy in Practical Life
	STYLE HALL Instructional Course 8 <i>Soumit Dasgupta</i> Paediatric Vestibular Aetiology and Management
18:30-20:00	LOTUS HALL Instructional Course 9 <i>Maurizio Barbara</i> Clinical Application of vHIT
	ORCHID HALL Instructional Course 10 <i>Ambrose Lee & John Rutka</i> Overview of the CNS Vestibular Pathologies from a Multidisciplinary Neurology Clinic
20:00	STYLE HALL Instructional Course 11 <i>Anirban Biswas</i> Post BPPV Syndrome or Residual Dizziness After Successful Re-positioning Manoeuvres
	LOTUS HALL Instructional Course 12 <i>Marc Bassim</i> Labyrinthitis
20:00	ORCHID HALL OPENING SPEECHES <i>O. Nuri Ozgirgin</i> ABBOTT Representative OPENING LECTURES <i>Herman Kingma</i> How Technology Helps to Diagnose and Manage Vestibular Disorders <i>Maxim Zamergrad</i> Current Vestibular Researches: Few Trends and New Expectations
20:00	OPENING CEREMONY / COCKTAIL PROLONGE Music Entertainment / Hotel Lobby Area

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

26 April 2019, Friday

08:00-09:00	ORCHID HALL
	Instructional Course 13 <i>Tetsuo Ikezono</i> New Methods on Evaluating Vestibular System
	STYLE HALL
	Instructional Course 14 <i>Sergei Lilenko</i> Significance of Computerized Methods (Videoculography, Electroculography, and Dynamic Posturography) for Vestibular Dysfunction Diagnostics
	LOTUS HALL
08:00-09:00	Instructional Course 15 <i>Narayanan Prepageran</i> Nystagmus: What the Eyes Tell You(Videos of Different Nystagmus)
	CHAIRMAN ROOM
	Research Gate Electrical Stimulation of Vestibular System Moderator: <i>Angel Ramos</i> Discussants: <i>Morgana Sluydts, Maurizio Barbara, Raymond Van De Berg, Herman Kingma</i>
09:00-09:30	ORCHID HALL Plenary Lecture 1 <i>Michael Strupp</i> Meniere's Disease: History to Future
09:30-11:00	ORCHID HALL
	Plenary Panel 1 Meniere's Disease: What is New? Chairman: <i>Sinasi Yalcin</i> Moderator: <i>Tayfun Kirazli</i>
	1. <i>Maurizio Barbara</i> Endolymphatic Sac and Meniere's Disease
	2. <i>Nicolas Perez Fernandez</i> Meniere's Disease – Comorbidities
	3. <i>Franco Trabalzini</i> Meniere's Disease: Is There Still Room for Surgery?
11:00-11:30	4. <i>Issam Saliba</i> Endolymphatic Sac Blockage
	5. <i>Nazım Korkut</i> Dexamethasone Sac Injection in Meniere's Disease
	Coffee Break
	ORCHID HALL
	Round Table 1 Intratympanic Treatment for Vertigo Chairman: <i>Ahmet Koc</i> Moderator: <i>Robert Guerkov</i>
11:30-12:45	1. <i>Fazil Necdet Ardic</i> Dexamethasone-Gentamicin Combination in Intratympanic Treatment
	2. <i>Onur Celik</i> IT Steroid Treatment vs IT Gentamicin Treatment in Meniere's Disease
	3. <i>Ossama Hamid</i> Meniere Disease Treatment : Medical or Surgical
	4. <i>Carlos Cenjor Espanol</i> 5. <i>Ambrose Lee</i> New Concepts Into Aminoglycosides Toxicity
	STYLE HALL
	Debate Session 1 Cognitive Vestibular Disorders Chairman: <i>Dilip Mathen</i> Moderator: <i>O. Nuri Ozgirgin</i>
	1. <i>Maxim Zamergrad</i> Current Methods of Assessment of Cognitive Dysfunction in Patients with Peripheral Vestibular Lesion
	2. <i>Olga Zaytseva</i> Psychological Distress in Patients with Meniere's Disease
	3. <i>Levent Ozluoglu</i> Cognitive Interaction in Vestibular Migraine
	4. <i>Anirban Biswas</i> The Role of COGNITION in the Maintenance of Balance
5. <i>Saba Battelino</i> Psychological Disstress Because of Vestibular Problems by Patients with VS.	
6. <i>Michel Lacour</i> Changes in Visuo-spatial Functions After Vestibular Loss	



26 April 2019, Friday

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LOTUS HALL	
Keynote Lecture 1-5	
Chairman : Michael Strupp	
Keynote Lecture 1 : <i>Manohar Bance</i>	
Hyperventilation and Dizziness	
Keynote Lecture 2 : <i>Antonio Lopez Escamez</i>	
Genetics Contribution to Vestibular Diseases	
Keynote Lecture 3 : <i>Jacques Magnan</i>	
Vascular Compression of the Vestibulocochlear Nerve	
Keynote Lecture 4 : <i>Morgana Sluydts</i>	
Electrical Stimulation of the Human Vestibular System : a Narrative Review	
Keynote Lecture 5 : <i>Carlton D. Pereira</i>	
Effect of Betahistine in Acute Peripheral Vertigo.	
11:30-12:45	
12:00-13:00	BUFFET LUNCH Lunch with Professor /Registration Only (8pax)
12:45-13:45	CHAIRMAN ROOM IVS Executive Committee Meeting
ORCHID HALL	
Plenary Panel 2	
BPPV	
Chairman: Tuncay Ozelik	
Moderator: Daniel Nuti	
1. <i>Enis Alpin Güneri</i>	
Medical Treatment Following Repositioning Maneuvers: Is it Essential?	
2. <i>Levent Ozluoglu</i>	
Comorbidities in BPPV	
3. <i>Saba Battelino</i>	
Negative Maneuvers at Positive Anamnesis for BPPV	
4. <i>Alexandra Guseva</i>	
Mechanical chair in BPPV treatment	
5. <i>Anita Bhandari</i>	
Recent advances in BPPV management	
13:45-15:00	
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
ORCHID HALL	
Round Table 3	
Barany Society Session	
Moderator: Mans Magnusson	
Expectations for Diagnosis and Management for Vestibular Disorders	
<i>Antonio Lopez Escamez</i>	
<i>Robert Guerkov</i>	
<i>Bo Hakansson</i>	
<i>Herman Kingma</i>	
STYLE HALL	
Keynote Lecture 6-10	
Keynote Lecture 6 : <i>Soumit Dasgupta</i>	
History of Vestibular Medicine	
Keynote Lecture 7 : <i>U. Meenakshisundaram</i>	
Emergency Vertigo : A Neurologist Perspective	
Keynote Lecture 8 : <i>Ronen Perez</i>	
Vestibular ototoxicity	
Keynote Lecture 9 : <i>Marco Mandala</i>	
New Technology for Vestibular Rehabilitation	
Keynote Lecture 10 : <i>Gautam Khaund</i>	
Bilateral Meniere Disease: Is Autoimmune?	
15:30-16:45	
LOTUS HALL	
Debate Session 2	
Central Vestibular Disorders	
Chairman: Orhan Yilmaz	
Moderator: Ji Soo Kim	
Acute Vestibulopathy (Due to Central Lesions or of Vascular Causes)	
1. <i>Nese Celebisoy</i>	
Acute Vestibulopathy: Central or Peripheral?	
2. <i>Vladimir Ponomarev</i>	
Vertigo as the Symptom Based on Cerebrovascular Disease: Diagnostic & Therapy	
3. <i>Aleksandr Lyapin</i>	
Central Vestibular Syndrome	
4. <i>Deepak Arjundas</i>	
Vestibular Migraine	
5. <i>Pietro Augusto Casani</i>	
Differential Diagnosis	

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

26 April 2019, Friday

ORCHID HALL

Finalist Session for IVS Prize

Chairman : *O. Nuri Ozgirgin*

Prize 1 **Bryan Wei Wen Lee**, Eu Chin Ho, Aruni Seneviratna
Epidemiology and Prevalence of Vestibular Migraine in Patients with Dizziness Symptoms Presenting to an ENT Clinic Using 2018 ICHD-3b Vestibular Migraine Diagnostic Criteria

Prize 2 **Ekaterine Kharkheli**, Zurab Kevanishvili, Otar Davitashvili, Shota Japaridze, Levent Naci Ozluoglu, Isilay Dogan Oz
Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Potentials (VEMPs) in The Different Stages of Meniere's Disease

Prize 3 **Floris Wuyts**, Angelique Van Ombergen, Steven Jillings, Lisette Heine, Ben Jeurissen, Stefan Sunaert, Jan Sijbers, Vivi Mucci, Ed Roberts, Vincent Van Rompaey, Paul Van de Heyning, Paul Parizel, Steven Laureys
Visual Induced Dizziness (VID) Correlates with Altered Functional Connectivity in the Brain

Prize 4 **Sudhira Ratnayake**, Soumit Dasgupta
High-Frequency Vestibular Function in Children with Enlarged Vestibular Aqueducts

Prize 5 **Floris Wuyts**, Viviana Mucci, Tyché Perkisas, Steven Douglas Jillings, Vincent Van Rompaey, Angelique Van Ombergen, Erik Fransen, Paul H. Van de Heyning, Cherylea J. Browne, Luc Vereeck

Treatment of Mal de Debarquement Syndrome (MdDS) by Means of Optokinetic Stimulation and Head Roll Paradigm. A Placebo Controlled Study Proving Its Effectiveness

STYLE HALL

Keynote Lecture 16 -19

Keynote Lecture 16: *Giampietro Ricci*

New Trends in BPPV

Keynote Lecture 17: *Michel Lacour*

Histamine and Vertigo Through the Years

Keynote Lecture 18: *Arata Horii*

Validation and Reliability of Questionnaire for Persistent Postural-Perceptual Dizziness (PPPD)

Keynote Lecture 19: *Narayanan Prepageran*

High dose Betahistine in Non Menieres

LOTUS HALL

Free Papers 1-6

Chairman : *Pahari Ghosh*

OP01 **Ajay Kumar Vats**

A Case of Apogeotropic Horizontal Semicircular Canal Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo Treated by Converting it to Geotropic Variant by Applian Maneuver Followed by Treatment with Gufoni Maneuver

OP02 **Arun Pajaniappane**, Andrew Perera, Kyle Hall

Peripheral Vestibular Disorders in the Adult Vestibular Migraine Population: A One-Year UK Tertiary Centre Experience

OP07 **Maud Debaugnies**, Priscilla Van Meerbeeck, Joachim Schulz, Sara De Reys, Valerie Jacquet, Marie Emmanuelle Debatty

Impact of Caloric Testing for the Diagnosis of Vestibular Migraine

OP04 Emil Riis Abrahamsen, Regitze Kuhr Skals, **Dan Dupont Hougaard**

Does Manual Data Selection Significantly Alter the Results Following Complete Video Head Impulse Testing?

OP05 **Debbie Cane**

The Use of Mindfulness Techniques in Patients with Persistent Postural-Perceptual Dizziness (PPPD)

OP06 Iryna Pavlovna Maryenko, **Sergey Alekseevich Likhachev**

Neurophysiological Aspects of Recurrent Vertigo Caused by Vascular Compression of Vestibulocochlear Nerve

16:45-17:45

19:00-21:00

DINNER / Who Accommodate at the Official Hotels



27 April 2019, Saturday	
08:00-09:00	ORCHID HALL Instructional Course 16 <i>Shak Saeed</i> Surgery for Vertigo
	STYLE HALL Instructional Course 17 <i>Mehmet Ada</i> Pediatric Vertigo
	LOTUS HALL Instructional Course 18 <i>Guerra Gloria</i> Autoimmune Inner Ear Disease
	CHAIRMAN ROOM Research Gate Otolith Organ-Specific Vestibular Dysfunction & BPPV Moderators : Mans Magnusson
09:00-09:30	ORCHID HALL Plenary Lecture 2 <i>John Rutka</i> New Insights in Systemic Aminoglycoside Vestibulotoxicity
09:30-09:35	IVS Prize Ceremony
09:35 -11:00	ORCHID HALL Plenary Panel 3 Electrophysiological Assessment of Vestibular Function Chairman: Mehmet Koyuncu Moderator : Avi Shupak 1. <i>Robby Vanspauven</i> Pitfalls in VEMP Testing 2. <i>Marco Mandala</i> Functional Head Impulse Test 3. <i>Metek Kiroglu</i> Assessment of Nystagmus Characteristics During Meniere's Attack 4. <i>Fatthi Baki</i> VEMP in BPPV 5. <i>Mario Milkov</i>
11:00 -11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:30	ORCHID HALL Round Table 2 Auditory Implants – How Much Vestibular System is Affected? Chairperson: Ulku Tuncer Moderator: Rubens de Brito 1. <i>Antonio Della Volpe</i> Cochlear Implantation in Children and Vestibular Function 2. <i>Ossama Hamid</i> Vertigo After Cochlear Implantation 3. <i>Herman Jenkins</i> Possible Mechanisms in Cochlear Implantation 4. <i>Mohan Kameswaran</i> Vestibular Dysfunction in Pediatric Auditory Brain-Stem Implantation 5. <i>Manuel Manrique</i> Cochlear Implants and Meniere Disease 6. <i>Ángel Ramos de Miguel</i> Electrically Evoked Myogenic Responses: Utility for Cochlear Implant Vestibular Side Effects
	STYLE HALL Round Table 4 Electrical Stimulation of Vestibular System Moderator: Angel Ramos 1. <i>Herman Kingma</i> 2. <i>Andrzej Zarowski</i> 3. <i>Nils Guinand</i> 4. <i>Raymond Van De Berg</i>
	LOTUS HALL Debate Session 3 Motion- and Perception-Induced Dizziness Chairman: Mohan Madhusudanan Moderator: Arata Horii Introduction of Persistent Postural-Perceptual Dizziness (PPPD) 1. <i>Bulent Satar</i> Perception-Induced Dizziness 2. <i>Badr Eldin Mostafa</i> Visual Vertigo and Motion Sickness 3. <i>Avi Shupak</i> Mal de Debarquement 4. <i>Voronov Viktor</i> Noise and Dizziness 5. <i>Ali Ozdek</i> Motion Sickness

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

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12:30-13:30	<p>BUFFET LUNCH Lunch with Professor /Registration Only (8pax)</p> <p>CHAIRMAN ROOM IVS Executive Committee Meeting</p>
13:30-14:45	<p>ORCHID HALL</p> <p>Plenary Panel 4 Vestibular Rehabilitation Chairman : Atul Prasad Moderator : Michel Lacour <i>Introduction about Medical Treatment During VR</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manohar Bance New Technologies in Vestibular Rehabilitation 2. Anirban Biswas Vestibular Physiotherapy 3. Mario Faralli Vestibular Compensation and Self-Motion Perception 4. Angel Ramos Use of New Technologies for Vestibular Rehabilitation 5. Maksym Situkho Static Posturography with Nintendo Balance Board in Children After Cochlear Implantation
14:45-15:15	<p>Coffee Break</p>
15:15-16:30	<p>ORCHID HALL</p> <p>Debate Session 5 Cerebellopontine angle tumors: How much vestibular signs affected due to treatment modalities Chairman: Sudhir Shah Moderator: Jacques Magnan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Franco Trabalzini 2.Badr El Din Mostafa Vestibular disorders following otologic and neurotologic surgery 3.Rubens De Brito <p>STYLE HALL</p> <p>Keynote Lecture 11-15 Keynote Lecture 11: <i>Tetsuo Ikezono</i> Perilymph Fistula Keynote Lecture 12: <i>Mans Magnusson</i> Acute Unilateral Vestibulopathy Keynote Lecture 13: <i>Robert Guerkov</i> Hydropic Ear Disease (Menière) Keynote Lecture 14: <i>Ji-Soo Kim</i> Positional Vertigo Due to Central Lesions Keynote Lecture 15: <i>Pietro Augusto Casani</i> New instrumental approach to the dizzy patient using vHIT (both Himp e Shimp)</p> <p>LOTUS HALL</p> <p>Debate Session 4 Vestibular Injury Chairman: RS Bhatia Moderator: Herman Jenkins</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Narayanan Prepageran Avoiding and Managing Injuries to Labyrinth 2. Guerra Gloria Vestibular Disorders After Otologic Surgery 3. Levent Sennaroglu Vestibular Disorders Following Otologic and Neurotologic Surgery 4. John Rutka Posttraumatic Dizziness 5. Peter Savundra



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	CHAIRMAN ROOM
16:30-17:45	Open Discussion Allergy in Otolaryngology Moderator: Tuncay Özcelik
	ORCHID HALL
16:30-17:45	Round Table 5 Superior Semicircular Canal Dehiscence Chairman: Girish Raheja Moderator: Issam Saliba <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demir Bajin 2. Shakeel Saeed Is There a Role for Surgery / Outcomes 3. Kemal Gorur 4. H. Vijayendra Trans Mastoid Approach to Repair of Superior Semicircular Canal Dehiscence
	STYLE HALL
	Free Papers 7-13 Chairman: Keyur Buch OP03 Bryan Wei Wen Lee , Eu Chin Ho Profile of Headache Symptoms in Patients with Vestibular Migraine and Migraine Based on ICHD-3b Criteria OP08 Mohamed Wael M. Mustafa Use of Sound Therapy in Management of Tullio Phenomenon Associated with Unilateral Endolymphatic Hydrops OP09 Olga Alenikova , Sergei Likhachev The State of the Vestibulo-spinal System and Effect of Different Body Positions on Cervical Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Potentials in Identification of Postural Instability in Parkinson's Disease OP10 Rosa Crunckhorn , Kristina Wroblewska, Safeera Vavda, Sudhira Ratnayake, Soumit Dasgupta Effect of Proton Beam Radiotherapy on the Vestibulocochlear System: 2 Cases of Children with Rhabdomyosarcoma OP11 Floris Wuyts, Steven Jillings , Angelique Van Ombergen, Peter zu Eulenburg, Ben Jeurissen, Ilya Rukavishnikov, Elena Tomilovskaya, R. Maxine Rühl, Alena Rumshiskaya, Inna Nosikova, Liudmila Litvinova, Jitka Annen, Ekaterina V. Pechenkova, Inessa B. Kozlovskaya, Stefan Sunaert, Valentin Sinitsyn, Steven Laureys, Athena Demertzi, Jan Sijbers Effect of Short and Long Duration Microgravity on the Vestibular Cortex OP12 Evald Zathurecky , Jakub Šichnárek, David Kunc, Eva Mrázková Design of the Software for Mapping the Function of the Inner Ear and Vestibulocochlear Nerve OP13 Bulent Satar , Volkan Kenan Coban, Ceren Karacayli, Songul Ozdemir Effects of Stapes Surgery and Otosclerosis on Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Potentials
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POSTER PRESENTATION

26 April 2019 - 11:00 – 11:30

PP-01 **Anton Chernov**, Vladimir Palchun, Andrey Kryukov, Alexandra Guseva
Modified Frenzel Goggles in Otoneurology Practice

PP-02 **Eu Chin Chin Ho**
VHIT in Vestibular Migraine - Overt and Covert Saccades with Normal or Increased Gain

PP-03 **Maksym Situkho**, Viktor Lutsenko, Yevhen Antonov, Viliam Dolinay
Evaluation of Postural Balance in Children with Normal Hearing Using Wii Balance Board

PP-04 **Mario Petrov Milkov**, Stefan Peev, Magdalena Blizankova
Perspectives of Audio-vestibular Medicine in Varna District

26 April 2019 - 15:00 – 15:30

PP-05 **Yasuhiko Tanzawa**, Han Matsuda, Tatsuro Sekine, Kei Sakamoto, Susumu Shindo, Tomohiro Matsumura, Shiho Saitoh, Yasuhiro Kase, Akinori Itoh, Tetsuo Ikezono
Pneumolabyrinth Due to Nose Blowing. A case of Internal Barotraumatic Pplf Confirmed by Imaging, Biochemical Ctp Detection Test and Visual Identification of the Fistula

PP-06 Belgin Tutar, Güler Berkiten, Canan Emir, Ziya Saltürk, Ayça Başkadem Yılmaz, Muhammed Enis Ekinçioğlu, **Yavuz Uyar**, Ömür Biltekin Tuna
Evaluation of the Vestibular System Using the C-Vemp and O-Vemp in Patients with Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis

PP-07 Eva Mrazkova, Jakub Sichnarek, **Andrii Nosov**, Evald Zathurecky
Comparing Results from Vestibular Caloric Stimulation and Vhit

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PP-08 **Bryan Wei Wen Lee**, Eu Chin Ho
Dizziness Symptom Profile in Patients Presenting with Dizziness to ENT Clinic Diagnosed with Vestibular Migraine Based on ICHD-3b Criteria

PP-09 **Bryan Wei Wen Lee**, Eu Chin Ho, Aruni Seneviratna
Vestibular Migraine: Impact of Dizziness Symptoms on Patients' Quality of Life.

PP-10 **Bryan Wei Wen Lee**, Eu Chin Ho
Evaluation of Self-perceived Disability in Daily Life Due to Headache symptoms in Patients Diagnosed with Migraine and Vestibular Migraine

PP11 **Hyo-Jung Kim**, Jeong-Mi Song, Liqun Zhong, Xu Yang, Ji-Soo Kim
Diagnosis of Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo Using a Questionnaire

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PP-12 **Mario Petrov Milkov**
Difficulties in Diagnosis of Drivers with Dizziness

PP-13 **Olga Alenikova**, Sergei Likhachev
Features of the Central Vestibular Syndrome and Oculomotor Disorders in Parkinson's Disease

PP-14 **Jennifer M. Knäpper Martin**, Joan Fontane Ventura, Blanca Sanchez Gonzalez, Josep Lloreta Trull
Solitary Cell Histiocytosis of Skull Base in Adult Patient: a Challenge Diagnosis.

PP-15 Sibani Panigrahi, Emiliana Jesus, Ram Kumar, Sudhira Ratnayake, **Soumit Dasgupta**
Quantitative audiovestibulometry following head injuries in children



ABOUT MINSK



Minsk is the capital of Belarus and the biggest city in Belarus with 2 million habitants. Minsk is one of the most visited capitals of Europe among western tourists, which probably makes it more fun to go here. At the same time Minsk is a city which is really beautiful, both during summer and other three seasons. Winter may not be the best time of the year to visit Minsk but it's one of the best times when the city is considered to most beautiful, with a fabulous lighting.

First mentioned in the Medieval Chronicles under the year of 1067, Minsk, the capital of Belarus and its geographical heart, has a population of 2.0 million. The city is situated in a picturesque place on the banks of the Svisloch river which was used to be one of the busiest trade routes connecting the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea. The climate is moderate continental with an average January temperature of -6°C and an average July temperature of $+18^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Today, Minsk is the city of wide streets, modern and old architectural ensembles, fountains, shady parks and green boulevards well deserving the opinion of being one of the best cities of the former Soviet Union.



Minsk is the city where one can find the best of the Belarusian cultural heritage — museums, exhibitions, theatres, world famous Belarusian ballet, folk dance and choir performance

Minsk is the city where everyone feels comfortable. The city has convenient geographic position (700 km West of Moscow, 900 km South of St. Petersburg, 500 km East of Warsaw, 650 km North of Kiev). Minsk is the crossroads of the most popular European tours. It is connected by highways, railroads, and airlines with all the European capitals and with principal cities of Asia, Middle East, and North America as well.

Foreign visitors are attracted by its surprisingly clean, beautiful, calm, optimistic and hospitable atmosphere just to see life, history, culture and traditions of the Belarusian people.

Short stories Minsk

The history of Minsk is astonishing and full of paradoxes. The city is firstly mentioned in manuscripts in connection with the battle on the Nemiga river, which took place on March 3, 1067. So the first news about the existence of the city is connected with disastrous events in its life. As for its original name



— Mensk (the current name "Minsk" was acquired only in the late 17th century as a result of transferring the lands under the power of Rzecz Pospolita), there are two versions of its origin. The first one originates it from the word "menyat" (to change), which allows to make a conclusion about intensive trade activities here since ancient times. The second variant takes us to the world of legends, in which the kind giant Menesk crushes and grinds huge boulders so that the noise should scare evil people off. In any case the first mentioning of Mensk in connection with the bloody events seems to have left an imprint on its further life, which became a row of fierce battles, destructions, raids and revivals from ruins and ash. In the year 1084 Minsk was plundered

and burned down by the Prince of Kiev Vladimir Monomakh. Since 1104 — Minsk is the centre of the Minsk Principality, since the 14th century — a part of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania.

The year 1241 — Minsk has hardly escaped the consequences of the Tatars' raid, which were beaten in its environs. The year 1505 — attack on the city by the Crimean Khan Makhmet-Girey. In 1499 Minsk was granted the Magdeburg Rights. After the second partition of Rzecz Pospolita in 1793, Minsk was incorporated into the Russian Empire. The first Congress of the Russian Social-Democratic Labour Party took place in Minsk on March 1–3, 1898. It declared the foundation of the party which assumed all the power in Russia in 1917, and was called later the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Situated on the cross-roads of the important trade routes, Minsk had wide commercial relations with the West and the East, during the war of 1654–1667 between Russia and Rzecz Pospolita, the North War of 1700–1721 the city was repeatedly destroyed. Early 17th century — the Northern war, early 18th century — invasion of Napoleon's troops. In the history of Minsk it is difficult to find even 100 years, that were lived by the city peacefully and without shocks, the most horrible of which was WW II. When on July 3, 1944 the Soviet troops entered the liberated Minsk, the city was just a pile of smoking wreckage — 80 % of the buildings were ruined, only forty five

thousand people out of 270,000 citizens of the capital survived. The view was really terrible, and for some time the government has been even considering restoration of the city inexpedient suggesting to transfer the capital to a new place. Fortunately, such extreme measures didn't come true and, thanks to that, today you can get to know this city of hard and interesting fate.



On July 27, 1990 a Declaration of the State Sovereignty of the Republic of Belarus was adopted in Minsk. On December 8, 1991 the leaders of Belarus, Russia and the Ukraine signed an agreement on creation of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) with Minsk being the administrative centre.

Today Minsk is distinguished by its straight arrow-like wide avenues, freely-spread parks, comfortable labyrinths of streets and friendly people. The guests of the capital say that Minsk is one of the cleanest and most green cities of Europe, and that's really true. Certainly, the destructive history has left its imprint on its face and other European cities can offer a traveller a considerably greater choice of ancient and architectural monuments. However, a curious mind will undoubtedly appreciate the bright originality of Minsk — perhaps, it's the only city

in the world with a one-thousand-year history, completely destroyed as a result of a war and restored due to the enthusiasm of architects and citizens within several decades. Quite unique is the planning of the city with its main road — Nezavisimosti avenue (Nezalezhnosti avenue), translated in English as Independence Avenue (more than 11 km long), which crosses four central squares (Oktyabrskaya, Victory, Kolas and Nezavisimosti (Independence) squares). The design of Nezavisimosti avenue is a marvellous example of the 20th century Soviet architecture, of the so-called "Stalinist" construction style.



The buildings decorated with arcs, columns and stucco moulding, look extremely solemn and remind the grandeur of the Ancient Rome, and the avenue width underlines the magnificent panorama. Modern planning of the city and its original architecture are the quintessence of the 20th century: from the modest house of the I Congress of the Russian social-democratic worker's party — the leader of the great revolution, that had shaken the world, to the grandiose edifice of the Republic Palace, that has been under construction for 15 years and now surprises the guests with its gloomy colossal size. Not many real ancient monuments have remained in Minsk, that's why even brighter shine these pearls embedded in the contemporary city scenery — architecturally various Orthodox and Catholic churches, the oldest one of which is a small St. Peter and Paul church dated by 1613; dwelling houses of the 18–19th

centuries, representing various styles from classicism to eclectics and neo-baroque.

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One of the most interesting quarters in Minsk is the so called "Upper town", ascending from the banks of the river Svisloch to the Freedom Square. Two main churches of two main confessions in Belarus are situated here — the Orthodox Saint Spirit Cathedral and the Catholic Saint Virgin Mary Cathedral. Medieval spirit hovers in these small streets, which is promoted by the houses in baroque and eclectics styles, and the building of Masons' House, which is surrounded with legends even nowadays. The Rakov suburb is of not less interest: here there is the Minsk castle area — the oldest part of the city. Excavations here resulted in finding marks and signs dated back to the XI century — theremnants of several streets and buildings.



The Troitskoye suburb is, perhaps, the most well-known part of the city. Frankly if cannot be called really historical — this is just a reconstruction of the 19th century buildings, but it is performed with such fantasy and love that no one can resist its fascination! Red tiled roofs, fairy-tale small houses, mysteriously tangled cobbled streets and comfortable yards — all this, mixed up with lots of pleasant cafes, restaurants and souvenir shops attract the citizens of Minsk and its guests to "Troyka", as people use to call this place with sympathy. And still Minsk, as any other city, is just streets, bridges and buildings, no matter how old or modern they are. The fascination of Minsk is in its special aura, which is noticed by all people coming here. Tranquillity, tolerance and goodwill — these are the distinctive features of its

people, transferred to their city. Guests, who come here for the first time, usually notice that they feel here as comfort- ably as at home. Walk slowly along wide streets, sit for a while in shady parks, plunge in the noisy fuss of markets and try to dream sitting at stone-framed Svisloch banks.

Minsk has always been a place of contact and mutual penetration of different cultures, the crossroads where the Catholic West and the Orthodox Russia met. For hundreds of years Minsk had seen peaceful coexistence of Belarusians, Jews, Russians, Poles, Lithuanians, and Tartars...

Minsk's modern look was formed on the ruins after World War II. Minsk is considered one of the best cities of the former Soviet Union. The city is well planned and despite its spacious and wide streets and squares it looks quite compact. Two diameters lie in the core of the city's layout — the most prestigious Nezavisimosti Avenue with the main squares (Independence, Oktyabrskaya, Victory and Yakub Kolas Squares) and perpendicularly to the Avenue a water-green diameter along Pobediteley (Pieramozhcau av.) Avenue, which can be translated in English as a Winners Avenue, making a cascade of water reservoirs, parks and public gardens.

The historical centre of the city is the recently restored Troitskoye Predmestie and the Upper Town (now the Liberty Square region). Take our advice and have a walk along Nezavisimosti Avenue from Independence Square with the House of Government (1933), Lenin Monument (1933) and the Red Sts. Simon and Alena Cathedral (1910) down to Victory Square with the Victory Monument (1954) and the house-museum of the first Congress of the Russian Social-Democratic Labour Party.

Some interesting facts about Minsk and Belarus

Belarus Healthcare system

Since independence in 1991, the organizational structure of the health care system of the Republic of Belarus has not changed drastically. The health care system of the Republic of Belarus is regulated by the state. The private health care sector within the volume of the provided medical services amounts to about 7.0 %

By the Bloomberg data of healthcare system efficacy in 2015 Belarus was on 47th place and has highest rank among all post-Soviet countries and even more effective than in USA ☺. In 2014 Belarus was on 42nd place.

Oncology – nowadays centralisation of oncological patients are occur in Belarus. The treatment of oncology patients are provided in special oncology centres, big city hospitals with University surgical chairs also licensened for surgery, but mainly oncology patients are directed to the oncology centres. N.N. Alexandrov Cancer Center of Belarus is head of all oncology institutions in country.

Famous people of Belarus

There are many interesting Famous People of Belarus, who changed the history of the world, were born in Belarus, lived in it or had a background in our country. Here are just about some famous Belarusians. You've heard those names, but did not know that Belarus has been their homeland.

Kazimir Semenovich – the inventor of the multi-stage rocket (1651), author of “The Great Art of Artillery”.

Jakub Narkevich-Etka – discoverer of electrographic and transmission of electrical signals.

Ignatius Domeyko – Chilean national hero, the founder of the University of Santiago.

German Ninkovski – a great German mathematician and physicist.

Alexander Kovalevsky proved the unity of evolutionary animals. His brother Vladimir – the founder of evolutionary paleontology.

Shmuel Aaron and Isaac Vanskalasery – creators of the U.S. film company Warner Bros. (Their parents are originally from Belarus).

Louis Mayer – the founder and leader of the American film company Metro Goldwyn Mayer. Louis was born in Minsk.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko – a national hero of the United States, it is named after the tallest mountain in Australia.

Alexander Chizhevsky – founder heliobiology.

Aleksander Malinowski created the foundations of cybernetics.

Pavel Sukhoi – aircraft.

Rafal Charvyakovski – the father of Polish surgery.

Ilya Kopievich created the font, which we now use (a few decades, when Peter the Great called him “the Belarusian alphabet”), was a teacher at the Peter I, introduced in the printing Arabic numerals, published in 1700 Aesop’s Fables, published the first map of the sky.

Composers: Mikhail Glinka, Stanislaw Moniuszko, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Modest Mussorgsky, Dmitri Shostakovich, Igor Stravinsky.

Artists: Kazimir Malevich, Marc Chagall, Evsey Moiseev, Nadezhda Khodasevich-Lazhe.

Printers: Ivan Fedorov, Francis Skaryna, Peter Mstislavets, Ivan Litvin.

Writers: Fyodor Dostoevsky, Dmitry Pisarev, Michael Isakovsky, Alexander Twardowski, Yaroslav Smelyakov, Yuri Alyosha, Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Aleksandr Griboyedov, Alexander Green, Vladimir Vysotsky.

Other facts about Belarus:

1. Popular Viber and MSQRD applications for electronic devices was created in Belarus by Belarusians.
2. Netgaming service and Visor interactive were founded by Belarusians.
3. (2013) Belarus was ranked the 30th among the world’s best countries providing offshore programming services. World’s largest outsourcing companies are situated in Belarus – EPAM, Itransition.
4. Svetlana Alexievich, Winner of the Nobel Prize in literature in 2015;
5. Marc Shagal, world famous painter;
6. Minsk is a very compact city. Its population density is nearly 2 times higher than for example the population density of Beijing, the capital of China.
7. About 30% of Belarus territory is covered with forests. Belarus has 4000 lakes and 3000 rivers.
8. Most of the oldest buildings in Belarus are from the Soviet times, as it was nearly completely destroyed during the World War II.
9. Every 4th Belarusian died during the World War II. You will find numerous monuments devoted to the war in Belarus.
10. There are 2 official languages in Belarus – Belarusian and Russian. Almost no one speaks Belarusian, but many feel guilty about it.
11. Belarusian national cuisine is evolving around potatoes. The most popular dish is potato pancakes.
12. It is not allowed to openly drink alcohol outside in public spaces.
13. Tractors Belarus, trucks and buses MAZ, fertilizers, dairy products, nylon stockings Conte, underwear Milavitsa and programming services are some of the most famous exports from Belarus. Large scale industry makes up the core of the Belarus economy.
14. Since gambling is prohibited in Ukraine and Russia, Belarusian casinos are very popular among the citizens of the neighboring countries. There are about 400 registered gambling establishments in Belarus.

Welcome to Minsk — the city, where no one feel alien!



VISA INFORMATION

Belarusian Visa Policy

Year by year, the Republic of Belarus enjoys increasing popularity and has been the interest to foreigners as a country with rich history, amazingly beautiful nature and fast-developing businesses. A significant number of foreigners decide to visit Belarus for closer acquaintance with its traditions, culture and social customs.

The Law of the Republic of Belarus "On Legal Status of Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons in the Republic of Belarus" dated January 4, 2010 provides that "...a foreigner may enter and exit the Republic of Belarus and travel in transit throughout the territory of Belarus only with a foreign travel document (a valid passport or a replacement document) at availability of a visa to the Republic of Belarus unless the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus or a decree of the President of the State provide otherwise".

The list of documents required in order to obtain a visa to Belarus

- ✓ 1. A standard visa application form in one (1) copy.
- ✓ It should be borne in mind that a visa application form must be filled out in a legible handwriting or typed in the national language of the host country of a foreign institution, in the Belarusian, Russian or English languages.
- ✓ Answers to the questions of the visa application form must be complete and logically consistent. In the application form, it is mandatory to indicate the actual purpose of a trip. The visa application form must be signed by the foreign citizen personally. The visa application form for a minor must be signed by his/her legal representative.
- ✓ 2. One (1) photograph according to the international standard: size 35x45 mm, on a light background, high resolution; in addition, the face must occupy 80% of the photograph; the photograph must not be older than six (6) months.
- ✓ 3. A foreign travel document– a passport or its replacement document — must contain a photograph of the owner.

If children under 18 years old intend to travel abroad, a foreign travel document must contain the photographs of such persons.

It is important to know that a passport must have at least two (2) blank pages intended for visa; its issue date must not be older than ten (10) years.

Besides, a foreign travel document submitted by a foreigner must not be dubious in terms of authenticity or ownership; it must not contain any torn or unbound pages, entries or corrections that are not certified by the relevant competent authorities.

- ✓ 4. A medical insurance contract concluded with RUE Belgosstrakh or Beleximgarant or a medical insurance contract concluded with any foreign insurance organization.
- ✓ A medical insurance contract must contain the following data: the name of the foreign insurance organization, its country and registered address, contact data (phone numbers, e-mail), the full name of the foreign citizen.
- ✓ The insurance contract must cover the territory of the Republic of Belarus; it must also be valid for the total period of the foreigner's stay in Belarus. The limit of indemnity must not be less than EUR 10 000.
- ✓ 5. A confirmation of the consular fee paid (see the consular fee rate on the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus: www.mfa.gov.by).
- ✓ 6. In certain cases, additional documents at the request of a consular officer in order to issue or deny a visa.

When is visa support not required?

Belarusian "visaNo" visa support is required for citizens subject to the visa-free regime (the citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Venezuela (for a period of stay up to 90 days), Cuba (up to 30 days), Ecuador (up to 30 days), Kazakhstan, Georgia, Qatar (up to 30 days), Turkey, Macedonia (it is mandatory to have a private invitation or tourist voucher), Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Moldova, Serbia (for a period of stay up to 30 days), Russia, Tajikistan (for a period of stay up to 30 days), Ukraine, Uzbekistan (for a period of stay up to 30 days, provided that there is a private invitation or tourist voucher), Montenegro).

The visa support documents do not require confirmation for persons, whose entry is connected with a business or educational trip, religious reasons, implementation of humanitarian programs, journalism, private affairs (visit to cemeteries, illness, death of a close relative), also, participating in sports or cultural events. However, in such situations, in order to receive a visa to Belarus, it is necessary to submit an invitation at the consular office or the embassy.

Visa types

An entry visa to Belarus as stipulated for foreigners may be of the types as follows:

B – transit visa;

C – short-term visa, valid for up to 90 days;

D – long-term visa, valid for up to one (1) year, with the right to stay up to 90 days within a year.

Besides, the entry visa may be:

Single-entry

It entitles to a single entry, stay and exit from the Republic of Belarus within the period specified in the visa and within a specified number of days of stay, but not more than 90 days.

Double-entry

It entitles to a double entry, stay and exit from the Republic of Belarus for the period specified and within a specified number of days of stay, but not more than 90 days.

Multiple-entry

It entitles to the numerous (more than 2 times) entries, stays and exits from the Republic of Belarus for the period specified and within the number of days of stay as specified in the entry visa, but not more than 90 days per year.

Visas may also be individual or group ones.

Who makes a decision on granting a visa?

A consular officer makes a decision on granting or denying an entry visa within 5 working days from the moment of submission of documents (as a matter of urgency – within 2 working days). Their decision shall be final, and they are not obliged to indicate the reasons for visa denial.

It is important to keep in mind that in the event of visa denial the consular fee will not be reimbursed.

Attention! In case there is no Belarussian Embassy or Consular Office in the country of residence of a foreign citizen, an entry visa may be issued to him/her upon arrival to the Minsk National Airport.

Particulars of visa issuance at the Minsk National Airport

At the Minsk National Airport, the entry visa requests are processed by the Division for the Admission of Foreigners of the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hereinafter the DAF).

In order to receive a short-term or a long-term visa at the Minsk National Airport, a foreigner must submit visa support documents to the DAF no later than 2 days prior to the expected arrival date.

If the reason for travel of a foreign citizen is a serious illness or death of a close relative or family member then his/her visa support documents may be submitted and considered directly on the arrival date as a matter of urgency.





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