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Personal connection and main focus: East european countries; Black Sea countries; Russia; Ukraine and Belarus; Caucasian countries; Asiatic former URSS countries.

My personal contacts in **geographic area** destined:

1. East european countries group I are:

Poland; Czech Republic; Austria; Slovakia; Hungary; Slovenia - good neurosurgical level (centers, equipment, training), perfect communications; western standards.

2008 Official connection in Czech Republic - Prof. Zverina (Central Europe Neurosurgical Societies).

2. East european countries group II are

Croatia; Serbia - good neurosurgical, good standards, problems of communications.

2008 Official connection in Croatia - Prof. Paladino, Croatian Neurosurgical Congress, 20-23 september 2008 (Dubrovnik)

3. East european countries group III are:

Albania, Macedonia – difficult connection
Muntenegro - no information, no evaluation.

4. Black Sea countries:

Romania – I am the honorary president of Romanian Neurosurgery Society
Bulgaria - in communications area

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2008 Official connection in Bulgaria - Prof. V. Bussarsky, Prof. A. Petkov, *Spine Neurosurgical Congress, 1-4 December 2008*

2008 Official connection Moldavia - Prof. G. Zapuhlihm, good communications, *Chisinau, 16-18 september 2008 (Union Medicale Balcanique Congress)*

Received important WFNS support.

Turkey, Greece - good neurosurgical level, good standards, good communications,

WFNS and EANS courses

Many international neurosurgical congresses

2008 Official connection in Greece - Prof. V. Varsos, *Hellenic Neurosurgical Congress, Athena, 12-14 June 2008*

2009 Official connection in Greece - Prof. V. Varsos, *Hellenic Neurosurgical Congress, Alexandroupoli, 10-14 June 2009*

5. **Russia** - good neurosurgical level in centers, western standards (Moscow, St. Petersburg); neurosurgical training: WFNS Courses (Congress: Moscow, June, 2006) and exchange of experience, the connection is perfect.

2007 Official connection Russia - Prof. A. Konovalov, Prof. A. Potapov *International "BLACK SEA" Congress, 1st-3rd, October, 2007, in Krasnodar, Russia.*

Conclusion: good neurosurgical level

6. **Ukraine, Belarus** - neurosurgical level: good only in important centers, problems of communication, neurosurgical level improving;

2008 Official connection in Ukraine - Prof. V. Zozulia; Prof. A. Pedacenko
Conclusion: **need WFNS support.**

7. **Baltic countries** - Estonia, Lethonia, Lithuania good neurosurgical level and good standards only in important centers.

2008 Official connection in Latvia - Prof. Valeinis,

2008 Official connection in Lithuania - Prof. A. Gvzdaitis, Prof. L. Kalasauskas, Prof. R. Vilcinis

2009 Official connection in Lithuania - Prof. R. Vilcinis; **4-6 June 2009, EMN Congress, Kaunas, Lithuania**

Neurosurgical training consist in exchange of experience.

Conclusion: neurosurgical level improving but **need WFNS support.**

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8. **Caucasian countries:** Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan: difficult political situation

2008 Official connection in Georgia - Prof. Ingorovka

1st Neuro-oncological Congress, Tbilisi, 23-26 June 2008

2008 Official connection in Armenia - Prof. Zohrabyan

2008 Official connection in Azerbaijan - Dr. Jabrayibayov

Conclusion: neurosurgical level improving but **need WFNS support.**

9. **Asiatic former URSS countries:** Kazahstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgistan are in the same position: difficult connection. Some signals from Kazahstan.

Need WFNS important support.

Personal international (non-european) connection in **2007:** ICRAN Congress, Tianjin, **China**, September 2007; **Jordan**, Aman, October 2007, Jordan Society of Neurosurgery & Royal Court; 47th Annual Meeting of the Neurosurgical Society, 15-17 November, 2007, **South Korea**; World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies 13th Inter meeting, 12th Asian Australasian of Neurological Societies, 18-21 November 2007, **Japan**;

Personal international (non-european) connection **2008:** China, 7th Asian Congress of Neurological Surgeons, Beijing, 20-23 June 2008, Colombia, 33rd Congress Latinoamericano de Neurocirugia, 26-31 october 2008, Bogotta.

Personal international (non-european) connection **2009:** 9th ICCVS, November 9-12, 2009, Nagoya, Japan; 9th AMN congress, Hong Kong, China.

Conclusions: important communications – evaluation in focus geographic area:

- possibilities of evaluation of neurosurgical level in former Yugoslavian countries,
- possibilities of evaluation of neurosurgical level in Caucasian countries,
- **remain in stand-by by asiatic countries former URSS.**

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