NOMINEES FOR THE CHAIR ROLE



Serbia

National Secretary

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ISAPS LEADERSHIP AND ROLES

National Secretary for Serbia, 2020–2026
Member, ISAPS Education Council, since 2021
Member, ISAPS Patient Safety Committee for Regenerative Medicine
International invited faculty contributing to ISAPS scientific and educational activities
Organizer, ISAPS Serbia and Regional Scientific Meeting, 2022

ACADEMIC AND TEACHING POSITIONS

Research Associate, Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade
International invited lecturer and faculty in aesthetic plastic surgery and regenerative medicine
Postgraduate faculty member, Université de Lyon

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Facial and periorbital surgery, breast and body-contouring surgery, regenerative plastic surgery, autologous fat grafting and cell-based regenerative therapies.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Plastic and reconstructive surgeon with more than 20 years of international clinical, academic and teaching experience. Trained in Serbia and Brazil, including three years in Rio de Janeiro under Professor Ivo Pitanguy. Her work combines aesthetic surgery, regenerative medicine, education and scientific research. She has served the ISAPS community for many years as National Secretary, Education Council member, Visiting Professor and international faculty.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR ELECTION

A National Secretary is much more than a title. Each of us is a bridge—between our national society and ISAPS, between local realities and international standards, and between individual surgeons and our global community.

For the past six years, I have had the privilege of serving as the ISAPS National Secretary for Serbia. During this time, I have also contributed to ISAPS through different committees, as invited faculty, and through scientific and educational activities. These experiences have allowed me to see our Society from different perspectives, but they have also taught me something even more important: ISAPS is strongest when people feel included, respected, and genuinely heard.

This is why I am standing for the position of National Secretaries Chair.

My goal is not to be your voice. My goal is to make sure that every National Secretary's voice is heard—whether it comes from a small country or a highly represented one, and whether that National Secretary is long-standing or newly elected.

If elected, I would focus on creating a more connected, active, and visible network of National Secretaries. I would work to:

- establish more regular and direct communication between National Secretaries and the Board;
- create greater opportunities for National Secretaries to exchange experiences, challenges, and successful local initiatives;
- strengthen cooperation between countries and regions;
- help ensure that the knowledge, educational needs, and specific realities of every country are considered in ISAPS decisions and activities;
- provide better guidance and continuity for newly elected National Secretaries.

I come from a relatively small country, but throughout my ISAPS journey I have never felt that meaningful contribution should depend on the size of one's country. It depends on commitment, consistency, collaboration, and the willingness to serve.

It would be a great honor to bring my experience, energy, and dedication to this role—and, above all, to build stronger connections among all of us.

I would be sincerely grateful for your trust and your vote.

Katarina Andjelkov MD, PhD
National Secretary, Serbia

FULL CV

1. PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Board-trained plastic surgeon and clinician-scientist with long-standing leadership roles in plastic and aesthetic surgery (Belgrade, Serbia; and former leadership in London, UK). Active academic educator (University of Belgrade; visiting professorships in Europe and Brazil) and researcher in plastic surgery topics including breast surgery complications, fat grafting and regenerative cell therapies (ADRC/SVF), body contouring, and reconstructive aesthetic outcomes. Active in international plastic surgery societies (ISAPS, ESAPS, ASPS) and editorial activities (Section Editor/International Editor; editorial board memberships; peer-review).

2. EMPLOYMENT / CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

**Owner & Leading Plastic Surgeon – BelPrime Clinic
06/2013 – Present, Belgrade, Serbia

Consultant Plastic Surgeon – MediGroup
12/2024 – Present, Belgrade, Serbia

Consultant Plastic Surgeon – Colic Hospital for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
03/2007 – Present, Belgrade, Serbia

Medical Director – BSA (10 Harley Street)
06/2007 – 06/2015, London, UK

Private Practice – Centro Medico Leblon
01/2004 – 02/2007, Leblon, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

3. EDUCATION

BSc Sciences – Branko Radicevic, Kovin, Serbia (1991)

MD (Medicine) – University of Belgrade, Faculty of Medicine, Serbia (1997)
Average grade: 9.80/10.0

Certificate of Medical Degree Recognition – UERJ, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2003)

Certificate of Medical Degree Recognition – General Medical Council (GMC), UK (2007)

MSc (Master) – University of Belgrade, Faculty of Medicine (2009)
Thesis: *"Complications in breast reconstructive surgery"*

PhD – University of Belgrade, Faculty of Medicine (2011)
Thesis: *"The use of orbicularis retaining ligament in treatment of eyelid retraction"*

4. POSTGRADUATE TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

Resident Training – Plastic Surgery
- 09/1997 – 01/2000: Clinical Centre Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia

- 02/2000 – 02/2001: Hospital dos Servidores do Estado, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 03/2001 – 12/2003: Ivo Pitanguy Institute, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Board Exams / Titular Exams
- 2004: Board exam – Brazilian Society of Plastic Surgeons (SBCP)
- 2004: Board exam – Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade / Serbian Society of Plastic Surgeons
- 02/2004 – 12/2004: Fellowship – Clinical Oculoplastic Surgery, Federal Fluminense University, Niteroi, RJ, Brazil
- 2019: Titular exam – Brazilian Society of Plastic Surgeons (SBCP)

5. FACULTY / ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Scientific Associate (Plastic & Regenerative Surgery) – Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade
06/2018 – Present

Invited Professor – Postgraduate Course: "Diploma of Hair Loss Treatment" – University LYON, France
2018 – Present

Visiting Professor – UNIFESO / Faculdade Dinamica (Postgraduate studies)
02/2014 – 2020, Minas Gerais, Brazil

6. PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

ASPS (American Society of Regenerative Medicine Plastic Surgeons)
- Subcommittee member (Annual Meeting Educational / etc.) — 2018 – Present

ISAPS (International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery)
- National Secretary for Serbia — 2020 – Present
- Education Council Co-chair (Europe) for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery — 2020 – 2024

ESAPS (European Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons)
- Board member; Chair of Membership Committee — 2020 – 2024
- Member of the Scientific Committee — 2024 – Present

7. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Serbian Medical Chamber — 1997 – Present
- Ex Alumni Association of Prof. Ivo Pitanguy (AexPI) — 2003 – Present
- Serbian Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (SRBPRAS) — 2004 – Present
- Brazilian Medical Chamber (CREMERJ) — 2003 – Present
- Brazilian Society of Plastic Surgery (SBCP) — 2004 – Present
- International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ISAPS) — 2004 – Present
- General Medical Council (GMC, UK) — 2007 – Present
- International Federation of Adipose Therapeutics and Science (IFATS) — 2010 – Present
- American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) — 2011 – Present (International member)
- International Society of Plastic & Reconstructive Regenerative Surgeons (ISPRES) — 2017 – Present

- Serbian Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (SRBSAPS) — 2018 – Present
- Academy of International Regenerative Medicine and Surgery Societies (AIRMESS) — Founding board member (2019 – Present)
- European Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (EASAPS) — Board member (2020 – Present)

8. EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES / PEER REVIEW

Section Editor – *Aesthetic Surgery Journal Open Forum (ASJ OF)*
2025 – Present
International Editor – *Aesthetic Surgery Journal (ASJ)*
2020 – Present
Editorial Board Member – *Aesthetic Surgery Open Forum (ASJOF)*
2015 – Present
Editorial Board Member – *Plastic and Aesthetic Research (PAR)*
2016 – 2018
**Reviewer
- *Aesthetic Surgery Journal (ASJ)* — 2014 – Present
- *Aesthetic Surgery Journal Open Forum (ASJOF)* — 2020 – Present
- *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Global Open (PRSGO)* — 2019 – Present
- *Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (APS)* — 2018 – Present
- *Journal for Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (JPRAS)* — 2015 – Present
- *Plastic and Aesthetic Research (PAR)* — 2014 – Present
(Peer review topics include adipose-derived stem cells, fat grafting, body contouring, breast surgery, and related regenerative therapies.)

9. INVITED TEACHING / COURSES (SELECTED)

- 2015: "The role of Adipose Derived Stem Cells in surgery" – 2nd Symposium of Regenerative Orthopedics, Novi Sad, Serbia
- 2016: "Adipose Derived Regenerative Cells (ADRC) in treatment of patients with anal fissures" – 10th Biannual International Symposium of Coloproctology, Belgrade, Serbia
- 2017: "Stromal Vascular Fraction (SVF) in plastic surgery" – 4th Symposium of Regenerative Medicine, Belgrade, Serbia
- 2018: "Rejuvenation treatments with mesenchymal cells" and "Stromal vascular fraction and alopecia treatment" – Serbian Diaspora Medical Conference, Belgrade, Serbia
- 2018: "Stromal Vascular Fraction (SVF) in plastic surgery" – 5th Symposium of Regenerative Medicine / Stem Cells: a vision beyond borders, Belgrade, Serbia
- 2022: "Indications and techniques for periorbital volume replacement" – Aesthetic Anti-Aging conference, Novi Sad, Serbia

10. INTERNATIONAL INVITED SPEAKER / COURSES (SELECTED)

- 2005: "Leg Prothesis" – XXV Jornada Paulista, São Paulo, Brazil
- 2009: "Incursions in Pitanguy's breast reduction technique" and "The use of orbicularis retaining ligament in lower blepharoplasties" – VI BAPRAS Congress + ISAPS postgraduate 1-day symposium, Ohrid, FYR Macedonia
- 2009: "Canthoplasties and canthopexies that can be frequently used in blepharoplasties" – 4th Annual Meeting of Indian Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, Kajurahu, India
- 2010: "Treatment of collapse after lower blepharoplasty" – 2nd Asian Plastic Surgery

Conference & ISAPS postgraduate one-day symposium, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 2011: "Methodizing the lower blepharoplasty" and "Revisiting Pitanguy's breast reduction techniques" – VI International Congress for aesthetic medicine and plastic surgery, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 2012: "Lipobanking and its potential use in breast surgery" – 9th Düsseldorf Breast Cancer Conference, Germany
- 2013: "The modern approach to lower eyelid retraction" and "Methodizing the lower blepharoplasty" – 8th BAPRAS congress together with IPRAS

11. HONORS AND PRIZES

- **2025:** Bronze Medal Award (oral communication) – ISAPS Olympiad 2025
  Title (from provided text): *"Vascular and Lymphatic Singapore anatomy of the Labia Majora: Implications for safe and effective Fat grafting and Aesthetic Procedures"*
- **2021:** Best Presentation Award – ASPS The Meeting 2021 (90th Annual Meeting, Aesthetic session)
  "The safety of Lipofilling in Calves"
- **2011:** Best Scientific Exhibit Award – ASAPS Congress 2011 (Boston, USA)
- **2009:** Best Scientific Exhibit Award – ASAPS Congress 2009 (New York, USA)
- **1996:** Best Presentation – VI European Medical Students Association International Scientific Symposium (Antwerp, Belgium)

12. PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH / UNFUNDED PROJECTS

- 2020 – 2022: Treatment of anal sphincter incontinence with adipose-derived regenerative cells – Clinical Centre of Serbia, Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade
- 12/2014 – 12/2015: Treatment of anal fissures with ADRCs – Clinical Centre of Serbia, Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade
- 05/2014 – 05/2015: Project design of a new calf implant "CalfArmonic" – Collaboration between Institute for Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade and Establishment Labs, Costa Rica

13. PUBLICATIONS

A. Peer-reviewed publications in print

A. Research Investigations

1. Andjelkov K, Sforza M, Zaccheddu R et al. **No recurrence in otoplasty: Is that possible?** *Srp Arh Celok Lek.* 2010;138(9-10):546-50.
2. Andjelkov K, Sforza M, Granic M, et al. **[Breast reconstruction: correlation between different procedures, reconstruction timing and complications.]** *Srp Arh Celok Lek.* 2011;139(7-8):470-75.
3. Andjelkov K, Sforza M. **A canthopexy to begin with.** *J Plast Reconstr Aesthet Surg.* 2011;64(10):1389-90.
4. Sforza M, Andjelkov K, Zaccheddu R et al. **An unusual case of ascariasis of the appendix.** *Srp Arh Celok Lek.* 2011;139(11-12):809-11.
5. Sforza M, Andjelkov K, Zaccheddu R et al. **Transversus abdominis plane block anaesthesia in abdominoplasties.** *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2011;128(2):529-35.
6. Sforza M, Andjelkov K, Zaccheddu R. **A successful salvage protocol for breast implants.** *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2011;128(1):33e-4e.

7. Sforza M, Andjelkov K, Zaccheddu R, Jovanovic M, Colic M. **The "Brazilian" bikini-shaped lip-reduction technique: new developments in cheiloplasty.** *Aesthetic Plast Surg.* 2012;36(4):827-31.
8. Sforza M, Andjelkov K, Ivanov D et al. **A rare case of benign omentum teratoma.** *Srp Arh Celok Lek.* 2012;140(5-6):362-4.
9. Sforza M, Andjelkov K, Zaccheddu R. **The Inconvenient Truth about Silicone Breast Implants: Lessons from the PIP Scandal.** *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2013;132:67.
10. Sforza M, Andjelkov K, Zaccheddu R. **Double Capsule, Unpredictability and High Revision Rates: Are We Going To Have Another PIP Scenario with the Aggressively Textured Silicone Breast Implants?** *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2013;132:135-6.
11. Sforza M, Andjelkov K, Husein R, Zaccheddu R. **Will 1-stage implant salvage after periprosthetic breast infection ever be routine? A 6-year successful experience.** *Aesthet Surg J.* 2014;34(8):1172-8.
12. Sforza M, Husein R, Andjelkov K, Rozental-Fernandes PC, Zaccheddu R, Jovanovic M. **Use of Quilting Sutures During Abdominoplasty to Prevent Seroma Formation: Are They Really Effective?** *Aesthet Surg J.* 2015;35(5):574-80.
13. Sforza M, Andjelkov K, Husein R, Zaccheddu R, Atkinson C. **Response to "Seroma Prevention in Abdominoplasty: Eliminating the Cause".** *Aesthet Surg J.* 2016;36(1):NP25-6.
14. Sforza M, Andjelkov K, Zaccheddu R, Husein R, Atkinson C. **A Preliminary Assessment of the Predictability of Fat Grafting to Correct Silicone Breast Implant-Related Complications.** *Aesthet Surg J.* 2016;36(8):886–94.
15. Andjelkov K, Atanasijevic TC, Popovic VM, et al. **Anatomical aspects of the gastrocnemius muscles: A study in 47 fresh cadavers.** *J Plast Reconstr Aesthet Surg.* 2016;69(8):1102-8.
16. Andjelkov K, Maricic Z. **Posterior Fourchette Fissure Resolution After Injection of Autologous Adipose-Derived Regenerative Cells.** *Obstet Gynecol.* 2017;129(3):497-9.
17. Andjelkov K, Sforza M, Husein R, Atanasijevic T, Popovic V. **Safety and Efficacy of Subfascial Calf Augmentation.** *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2017;139(3):657e-69e.
18. Andjelkov K, Sforza M, Barisic G, Soldatovic I, Hiranyakas A, Krivokapic Z. **A novel method for treatment of chronic anal fissures: adipose-derived regenerative cells – a pilot study.** *Colorectal Dis.* 2017;19(6):570-5.
19. Andjelkov K, Llull R, Colic M, Atanasijevic TC, Popovic VM, Colic M. **Aesthetic Improvement of Undeveloped Calves After Treatment of Congenital Clubfoot Deformity.** *Aesthet Surg J.* 2018;38(11):1200-1209.
20. Andjelkov K, Sijan-Miskovic N, Colic M, et al. **Gland suspension Improves Breast Augmentation Outcomes.** *Plast Reconstr Surg Glob Open.* 2018;6(11):e2032.
21. Andjelkov K, Music N, Mosahebi A, Colic M. **Percutaneous Correction of Protuberant Nipple-Areola Complex.** *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2021;147(1):174e-175e. doi:10.1097/PRS.0000000000007489. PMID:33044279.
22. Andjelkov K, Atanasijevic TC, Popovic VM, Colic M, Llull R. **Safe Composite Calf Augmentation: A Staged Procedure.** *Aesthet Surg J.* 2021;41(2):NP26-NP35. doi:10.1093/asj/sjaa080. PMID:32215546.
23. Andjelkov K, Music N, Mosahebi A, Colic M. **Management of Nipple-Areola Deformity.** *Aesthetic Plast Surg.* 2021;45(4):1407-1415. doi:10.1007/s00266-021-02308-1. PMID:33999222.
24. Andjelkov K, Conde-Green A, Mosahebi A. **Smoking and Physical Activity Significantly Influence Stromal Vascular Fraction Cell Yield and Viability.** *Aesthetic Plast Surg.*

2021;45(1):315-321. doi:10.1007/s00266-020-02008-2. PMID:33083844.
25. Gentile P, Alves R, Cole JP, Andjelkov K, et al. **AIRMESS – Academy of International Regenerative Medicine & Surgery Societies: recommendations in the use of platelet-rich plasma (PRP), autologous stem cell-based therapy (ASC-BT) in androgenetic alopecia and wound healing.** *Expert Opin Biol Ther.* 2021 Apr 5:1-7. doi:10.1080/14712598.2021.1908995. PMID:33769906.
26. Barisic G, Andjelkov K, Rosic J, et al. **Application of nanofat for treatment of traumatic faecal incontinence after sphincteroplasty – a pilot study.** *Colorectal Dis.* 2022;24(9):1054-1062. doi:10.1111/codi.16148. PMID:35426481.
27. Andjelkov K, Music N. **Invited Response on: "Management of Nipple-Areola Deformity".** *Aesthetic Plast Surg.* 2021. doi:10.1007/s00266-021-02465-3. PMID:34296316.
28. Andjelkov K. **Invited Response on: Smoking and Physical Activity Significantly Influence Stromal Vascular Fraction Cell Yield and Viability.** *Aesthetic Plast Surg.* 2021. doi:10.1007/s00266-021-02404-2. PMID:34142193.
29. Andjelkov K. **Invited Response on: Comment on "Smoking and Physical Activity…"** *Aesthetic Plast Surg.* 2021;45(5):2529-2530. doi:10.1007/s00266-021-02281-9. PMID:33974101.
30. Andjelkov K. **Invited Response on: Letter on "Smoking and Physical Activity…"** *Aesthetic Plast Surg.* 2021. doi:10.1007/s00266-021-02294-4. PMID:33913017.
31. Andjelkov K, Eremin II, Korac A. **Different levels of EGF, VEGF, IL-6, MCP-1, MCP-3, IP-10, Eotaxin and MIP-1α in the adipose-derived stem cell secretome in androgenetic alopecia.** *Exp Dermatol.* 2022;31(6):936-942. doi:10.1111/exd.14548. PMID:35226772.
32. Tiryaki KT, Canikyan S, Woods J, et al., Gentile P, Cohen S, Andjelkov K, et al. **AI-enhanced "Two-thirds Guidelines" for Lipolifting: Addressing Multiple Hallmarks of Facial Aging.** *Plast Reconstr Surg Glob Open.* 2024;12(8):e6060. doi:10.1097/GOX.0000000000006060. PMID:39171244; PMCID:PMC11338263.
33. Andjelkov K, Rouif MR, Ghanem AM, Cervantes A, Schlaudraff KU. **Recommendations on Ensuring Safety in Lower Limb Fat Grafting: Physiological Insights, Risk Assessment and Advanced Surgical Techniques.** *Aesthetic Plast Surg.* 2025. doi:10.1007/s00266-025-05096-0. PMID:40759758.

B. Invited discussions

34. Andjelkov K, Llull R. **Commentary on: Does Stromal Vascular Fraction Ensure a Higher Survival in Autologous Fat Grafting for Breast Augmentation? A Volumetric Study Using 3-Dimensional Laser Scanning.** *Aesthet Surg J.* 2019;39(1):53-55.
35. Gutierrez-Ontalvilla P, Andjelkov K, Ruiz-Valls A. **Invited Discussion on: Clinical and Patient Reported Outcomes of 19 Patients Undergoing Clitoral and Labial Reconstruction After Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting.** *Aesthetic Plast Surg.* 2022;46(1):478-479. doi:10.1007/s00266-021-02696-4. PMID:34859272.

C. Invited video discussion

- Andjelkov K. **"Face the case: Renal failure from black market silicone"** Video discussion by Katarina Andjelkov, MD PhD. November 26, 2019. *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Global Open.*

B. Peer-reviewed publications online

1. Granic M, Opric M, Munjas N, Andjelkov K et al. **Subcutaneous Mastectomy and immediate breast reconstruction performed in 15 year old female patient with phyllodes tumor.** *Med Sci Monit.* 1999;5(5):950-2.
2. Sforza M, Andjelkov K, Zaccheddu R. **Severe burn on 81% of body surface after sun tanning.** *Turkish Journal of Trauma & Emergency Surgery (TJTES).* 2013;19(4):383-4.
3. Andjelkov K, Atkinson CJ. **Fat grafting as adjuvant to reduce scars in arm.** *Plast Aesthet Res.* 2018;5:18

Plastic Surgery Education Network (PSEN)

- Condé-Green A, Andjelkov K, Hasbun SJ. **Calf augmentation.** PSEN, June 2017.

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1. Andjelkov K. (2022). **Composite Calf Augmentation Combining Fat and implants.** In: *Plastic and Aesthetic Regenerative Surgery and Fat Grafting*. Springer, Cham. doi:10.1007/978-3-030-77455-4_116
2. Andjelkov K, Music N. (2022). **Fat Grafting and Fat Embolism. How to Prevent, Diagnose and Treat.** In: *Plastic and Aesthetic Regenerative Surgery and Fat Grafting*. Springer, Cham. doi:10.1007/978-3-030-77455-4_116
3. Andjelkov K, Llull R. (2021). **Stromal Vascular Fraction Enriched Fat Grafting.** In: *Gluteal Fat Augmentation*. Springer, Cham. doi:10.1007/978-3-030-58945-5_3

14. LANGUAGES

Fluent: **English, Portuguese, Serbian, Italian**
Functional: **Spanish, French**