

International meeting with invited speakers



6th International Congress of Slovenian Society for Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Austria Trend Hotel Ljubljana, June 5th to 7th, 2025

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Program

Thursday, June 4th 2025

16:00 – 18:30 **Central European Gastroenterology Forum: Quality of colonoscopy with an emphasis on sedation, where are we and how to move forward?**
Different experiences in different countries and how to harmonize positive practice? (for the development of relationships and about possible cooperation in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology)

20:00 **Faculty dinner**

Friday, June 5th 2025

08:00 – 8:30 **Opening ceremony of the congress**
Speakers:
Slovenian Medical Chamber
President *Bojana Beović*,
United European Gastroenterology Vice President and
President elect *Joost Drenth*,
Slovenian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
President *Milan Stefanovič*.

1. IBD

Moderators:
Drobne D, Smrekar N, Krznarič Ž.

08:40 – 08:55 *Hanžel J.*
New guidelines for the treatment of Crohn's disease

08:55 – 09:10 *Pintar Š.*
IBD remission after switching from IV to SC administration of vedolizumab

09:10 – 09:25 *Ocepek A.*
Maintenance of IBD remission after switching from IV to SC administration of infliximab

09:25 – 09:40 *Grosek J.*
Surgical treatment of IBD

09:40 – 09:55 *Rudolf S.*
Tracing Transmural Healing in Crohn's Disease with MRI

09:55 – 10:10 *Zidar N.*
PICaSSO Histologic Remission Index – a new histologic score for monitoring mucosal healing and predicting clinical outcomes in UC

Panel discussion (10 minutes)

10:20 – 10:40 *Dr. Frauke Peterson* – Germany
Satellite Takeda (Bronze Sponsor):
Crohn's Disease in Focus:
Integrating Ultrasound in Evaluation
of Transmural Healing.

Coffee Break 10 min

2. Lower gastrointestinal tract

Moderators:

Stefanović M, Jovanović I, Minato Y

10:50 – 11:10 *Schoon E.*
AI in pT1 colorectal carcinoma

11:10 – 11:30 *Stefanović M.*
Advanced endoscopic therapeutic
interventions in the Slovenian
Programme for Early Detection and
Prevention of Colorectal Cancer
(SVIT). When, Who and How?

11:30 – 11:50 *Minato Y.*
Endoscopic therapy: What can we
learn from Japan/ tips and tricks

11:50 – 12:05 *Zadnik V.*
Contribution of the SVIT Program
to the reduction of the burden of
colorectal cancer in Slovenia

12:05 – 12:20 *Breceļj E.*
Watch and wait approach to the
treatment of rectal carcinomas

12:20 – 12:35 *Garbajs M.*
Response to neoadjuvant treatment
of rectal adenocarcinoma: the role
and potential burden of MRI in the
watch and wait approach?

Panel discussion (10 min)

12:45 – 13:25 **Satellite Eli Lilly** (Silver Sponsor)

13:30 – 14:30 **Lunch**

3. HBP endoscopy

Moderators:

Plut S, Hauser G, Hindryckx P.

14:30 – 14:45 *Stefanović S.*
European cholangioscopy guidelines

14:45 – 15:00 *Hindryckx P.*
EUS guided gallbladder drainage

15:00 – 15:15 *Bokun T.*
Therapeutic options in patients with
surgically altered anatomy – enteroscopy-
assisted or laparoscopy-assisted ERCP

15:15 – 15:30 *Djuranović S.*
ERCP complications

15:30 – 15:45 *Dežman R.*
Advanced percutaneous biliary
procedures – what is new?

15:45 – 16:00 *Björn N.*
Minimal liver surgery
(past, present, future)

Panel discussion (10 min)

16:10 – 16:50 *Borut Štabuc:*
Bridging Theory and Practice:
Treatment Strategies for
Hepatocellular Carcinoma and
Martin Zaplotnik:
Exploring HIMALAYA:
Success Stories and Challenges in
HCC Treatment
Satellite AstraZeneca (Silver Sponsor)

Coffee Break 10 min

4. Diseases of the liver

Moderators:

Štabuc B, Bevanda M, Milić S, Husić A.

17:00 – 17:15 *Drenth J.*
Autoimmune hepatitis

17:15 – 17:30 *Grgurević I.*
Stratification of liver disease severity
by ultrasound elastography

17:30 – 17:45 *Trotovšek B.*
Complications after liver surgery

17:45 – 18:00 *Popovič P.*
Radioembolization of the liver (our
experience)

18:15 – 18:30 *Ivanecz A.*
Does surgical treatment of benign
liver tumors affect the survival and
quality of life of patients?

18:30 – 18:45	<i>Boltežar G.</i> Advanced systemic therapy of hepatocellular carcinoma
	Panel discussion (10 min)
19:00 – 19:30	<i>Štabuc B., Drobne D., Tepeš. K., Ivanecz A.</i> Guided Poster Tour
20:00	Dinner

Saturday, June 6th 2025

Breakfast section/ interactive/ round table

07:45 – 09:15	In advance registration of participants. No registration fee for participants. Participation in set is limited to 70 participants.
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Endoscopy and AI, Where are we?

Moderators:
Stefanović M, Schoon E, Gams M

07:45 – 08:05	<i>Gams M.</i> AI (Introductory lecture) Inštitut Jožef Stefan
08:05 – 08:25	<i>Gavrić A, Plut S, Strniša L.</i> Role of artificial intelligence in endoscopy
08:25 – 08:45	<i>Ejaz H.</i> AI in endoscopy our study results
08:45 – 09:05	Discussion with the Panelists and Auditorium i. Role of artificial intelligence in endoscopy ii. Study results iii. Future directions"

5. Nutrition, microbiota

Functional disorders of digestion, Diagnostics and therapy
Moderators:
Orel R, Tack J, Labenz J.

09:20 – 09:35	<i>Orel R.</i> Functional diseases of the gastrointestinal tract in children
09:35 – 09:50	<i>Volfand J.</i> Twenty years of our experience in hydrogen breath tests for SIBO diagnostics
09:50 – 10:05	<i>Rotovnik Kozjek N.</i> Short bowel syndrome
10:05 – 10:25	<i>Tack J.</i> Gastroparesis, what is new in etiology, diagnostics and treatment

10:25 – 10:45	Labenz J. EoE, what is new in etiology, diagnostics and treatment
	Panel discussion (10 min)
10:55 – 11:25	Satellite Servier (Bronze Sponsor)
	Coffee Break 10 min

6. Diseases of the upper gastrointestinal tract

Moderators:
Tepeš B, Milosavljević T, Park J Y.

11:40 – 12:00	<i>Park J Y.</i> IARC Expert group Guidance on the implementation of population – based <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> test-and-treat strategies for prevention of gastric cancer
12:00 – 12:15	<i>Kofol T B.</i> NIJZ Trends in incidence and survival of patient with gastric cancer in Slovenia
12:15 – 12:35	<i>Tepeš B.</i> The results of H pylori test and treat implementation studies in Slovenia and EU (EUROHELICAN, TOGAS WP 4 Study)
12:35 – 12:55	<i>Vogelar I L/ Mulder D.</i> Cost benefit analysis of the National H pylori test and treat program in Slovenia

12:55 – 13:10	<i>Omejc M.</i> Hereditary diffuse gastric cancer: Is prophylactic gastrectomy indicated for healthy carriers of CDH1 gene mutations?
	Panel discussion (10 min)
13:10 – 13:30	Satellite AbbVie
13:30 – 14:20	Lunch
7. Pancreatic diseases	
	Moderators: <i>Tomažič A, Potrč S, Partelli S.</i>
14:20 – 14:35	<i>Dežman R.</i> Radiological diagnosis and follow-up of pancreatic cysts
14:35 – 14:50	<i>Luzar B.</i> Neuroendocrine tumors of the pancreas (Histo-Pathology)
14:50 – 15:05	<i>Partelli S.</i> Pancreatic NETs refining indications through observation, surgery and multimodal treatment strategies
15:05 – 15:20	<i>Potrč S.</i> Total pancreatectomy – when and why?
15:20 – 15:35	<i>Petrič M.</i> Clinical evidence in MIPS
15:35 – 15:50	<i>Šmid L.</i> Neoadjuvant treatment in PDAC – only for borderline resectable tumors?
15:50 – 16:05	<i>Ocvirk J.</i> Vaccines in the treatment of pancreatic adenocarcinoma
16:05 – 16:20	<i>Nikolić S.</i> Clinical consequences of autoimmune pancreatitis
	Panel discussion (10 min)
	Coffee Break 10 min

8. A and B

A. Endoscopy / surgery / radiology / oncology

Moderators:

Grosek J, Mesihović R, Dugalić P.

16:40 – 16:50	<i>Janež J.</i> Dilemmas of surgical treatment of acute diverticulitis
16:50 – 17:00	<i>Košir J A.</i> ICG imaging in abdominal surgery
17:00 – 17:10	<i>Štabuc M.</i> Hemorrhoids embolization – experimental procedure or a new tool in a box
17:10 – 17:20	<i>Đokić M.</i> UKC Lj. IPMN management – Fukuoka consensus vs. European Evidence-based Guidelines
17:20 – 17:30	<i>Šifer K K.</i> Diagnostic work-up of colorectal tumors carcinoma mimickers
17:30 – 17:40	<i>Grosek J.</i> Robotic abdominal surgery – past, present and the future
17:40 – 17:50	<i>Garbajs M.</i> Liver metastases detection and staging with CT and MRI: methods and problems
	Panel discussion (10 min)
18:00 – 19:00	Poster selection committee: <i>Štabuc B, Novak G, Tepeš K, Ivanecz A.</i>
B. Poster session, presentation of the best award-winning posters	
19:00	End of the meeting