



1st Slovenian International IBD Congress

Brdo pri Kranju, October 17th to 18th, 2025

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Programme

Friday, October 17th 2025

9:00–09:30	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:30–09:45	Opening Remarks <i>Borut Štabuc (SVN)</i> <i>Milan Stefanović (SVN)</i> <i>Andreja Ocepek (SVN)</i>
	Session 1: Understanding IBD
Chairs:	<i>Borut Štabuc (SVN)</i> <i>Željko Krznarić (CRO)</i> <i>Nataša Smrekar (SVN)</i>
09:45–10:00	The Global Burden of IBD: Trends and Future Projections <i>Željko Krznarić (CRO)</i>
10:00–10:15	Is STRIDE II achievable in everyday clinical practice? <i>Andreja Ocepek (SVN)</i>
10:15–10:30	UC-CARE - How is it useful in Slovenian clinical practice? <i>Gregor Novak (SVN)</i>
10:30–10:40	Q&A Panel
10:40–11:10	Satellite Symposium – SOBI (20 min + 10 min Q&A)
11:10–11:30	Coffee break

	Session 2: Diagnostic Challenges and Disease Monitoring
Chairs:	<i>Samo Plut (SVN)</i> <i>Milan Stefanović (SVN)</i>
11:30–11:45	Endoscopic Advances in IBD: Where Are We Now? <i>Mario Tadić (CRO)</i>
11:45–12:00	Imaging in Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis: Intestinal Ultrasound - "a new kid on the block" <i>Silvija Čuković Čavka (CRO)</i>
12:00–12:15	Dysplasia in IBD - what to do? <i>Luka Strniša (SVN)</i>
12:15–12:30	Q&A Panel
12:30–13:00	Satellite Symposium – Lek (20 min + 10 min Q&A)
13:00–14:00	Lunch break

Saturday, October 18th 2025

Session 3:	Medical Management of IBD – Pros and Cons
Chairs:	<i>Gregor Novak (SVN)</i> <i>Marko Banić (CRO)</i> <i>Stefan Schreiber (GER)</i>
14:00–14:30	Anti-TNFs as first line therapy or other advanced therapy first followed by anti-TNFs <i>Marko Brinar (CRO)</i> <i>David Drobne (SVN)</i>
14:30–15:00	Asymptomatic ileal Crohn’s disease - treat or not to treat <i>Srdan Marković (SRB)</i> <i>Sara Nikolić (SVN)</i>
15:00–15:15	JAK after JAK - nonsense or reality <i>Jurij Hanžel (SVN)</i>
15:15–15:35	Q&A Panel
15:35–16:05	Satellite Symposium – Johnson & Johnson (20 min + 10 min Q&A)
16:05–17:00	Healthy break
Session 4:	Multidisciplinary Management
Chairs:	<i>David Drobne (SVN)</i> <i>Alen Biščanin (CRO)</i> <i>Sara Nikolić (SVN)</i> <i>João Sabino (BE)</i>
17:00–17:30	Case 1 - Panel Based Discussion <i>Jože Simonič (SVN)</i>
17:30–18:00	Case 2 - Panel Based Discussion <i>Nejc Bukovnik (SVN)</i>
18:00–18:30	Case 3 - Panel Based Discussion <i>Tadeja Pačnik Vižintin (SVN)</i>
Panel:	abdominal surgeon, dermatologist, nephrologist, rheumatologist
18:30–19:00	Satellite Symposium – AbbVie (20 min + 10 min Q&A)
20:00–22:00	Congress Dinner

Session 5:	Iron Deficiency in IBD: Old Problem, New Solutions
Chairs:	<i>Nataša Smrekar (SVN)</i> <i>Aida Saray (BIH)</i>
09:00–09:45	Intravenous iron and Hypophosphatemia: Why It Deserves Attention? <i>Stefan Lindgren (SWE)</i>
09:45–10:00	Q&A Panel
Session 6:	Nutrition & Quality of Life
Chairs:	<i>Andreja Ocepek (SVN)</i> <i>Matic Koželj (SVN)</i> <i>Aida Saray (BIH)</i>
10:00–10:15	Nutrition in IBD: Diets, Supplements, and Malnutrition <i>Irena Karas (CRO)</i>
10:15–10:30	IBD is the leading cause of gastrointestinal failure <i>Nada Rotovnik Kozjek (SVN)</i> <i>Tajda Košir Božič (SVN)</i>
10:30–10:50	Beyond the Gut: Practical Psychiatric Toolkit for the IBD-ologists <i>Gregor Novak (SVN)</i> <i>Tina Šubic Metlikovič (SVN)</i>
10:50–11:00	Q&A Panel
11:00–11:30	Satellite Symposium – Eli Lilly (20 min + 10 min Q&A)
11:30–12:00	Coffee break

Session 7:	Workshops & Nurses' Session 12:00–12:30 / 12:30–13:00 / 13:00–13:30 Workshops rotating 3 times
	A Guide to Reading Scientific Papers <i>Jurij Hanžel (SVN)</i> <hr/>
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	Endoscopy - tips and tricks <i>Samo Plut (SVN)</i> <hr/>
12:00–13:30	Nurses' Session: What Makes a Well-Oiled IBD Team - the role of IBD nurse <i>Carmen Bobnar Sekulić (SVN)</i> <i>Tadeja Polanc (SVN)</i> <i>Andreja Planinšek (SVN)</i> <hr/>
Session 8:	Awards for Best Posters
13:30–14:15	Poster Evaluation <i>David Drobne (SVN)</i> <i>Andreja Ocepek (SVN)</i> <i>Nataša Smrekar (SVN)</i> <hr/>
14:15–14:30	Final Thoughts & Closing Remarks <hr/>
14:30–15:30	Lunch break <hr/>