Dear colleagues and friends,

It is my great honour and pleasure to invite you, on behalf of the Congress Organizing Committee, to participate at the 5th Croatian Congress of Laboratory Diagnostics with international participation, to be held in Sibenik (Solaris), Croatia, September 21-25, 2013.

Our profession plays a vital role in the diagnosis, care and treatment of patients, in monitoring, development of new tests and in surveillance of diseases of Public Health importance. The theme for the 5th Congress: "The Role of BLSs in Science and Health Care System", is therefore highly relevant and important.

Congress is multidisciplinary, designed as a bridge between scientists and experts of different specialities (BLSs, Medical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists, Medical Scientists, Clinical Pathologists, Cytologists, Microbiologists, Molecular Biologists, Medical Doctors, Nurses, Researchers, as well as Laboratory Suppliers from all fields of Laboratory Medicine and Technology).

The Congress will be organized in plenary sessions, symposia, oral presentations and poster sections, workshops and coordinated discussions, which will be great opportunity for all participants to exchange information related to scientific research, new ideas and technologies and their implementation in science or everyday diagnostic/clinical practice. We hope that the selected topics and active participation of renowned national and international experts will be sufficient invitation for all participants.

It is our wish to use part of the time for pleasant contacts during the Congress and for sightseeing.

Sibenik, the oldest Croatian town on the Adriatic coast, is situated in well proctected natural port, in the middle of east Adriatic coast, anciant Mare Adriaticum, at the estuarium of river Krka, at the spring of the rich Croatian history, probably at the place where some of the first pilgram Croats have seen a blue sea, misterius and beautiful, which protected, fed and guarded them for centuries.

Finally, allow me to invite you to our beautiful country, to join us on Congress, to actively participate, meet other colleagues, share your knowledge and experience and create social and professional networks and friendship.

Looking forward to seeing you in Sibenik-Solaris, Croatia!

Mirjana Stupnisek, PhD, MLT

Congress Organizing Committee President CLA President IFBLS Board Director

INFORMATION

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THEME

Highlights:

"The Role of BLSs in Science and Health Care System"

Congress Topics:

- 1. Code of Ethics
- 2. Education, Management, CPD
- 3. Molecular Biology and Genetics
- 4. Immunology, Immunohaematology, Transfusion Medicine (Blood Bank)
- 5. Haematology, Coagulation
- 6. Microbiology, Parasitology, Virology
- 7. Clinical Chemistry, Toxicology
- 8. Cytology, Histology, Pathology
- Ecology, Epidemiology, Sanitary Engineering, Public Health and Preventive Medicine
- 10. Quality Control and Quality Assurance
- 11. Evidence Based Medicine
- 12. Experimental Methods in Biomedical Research
- 13. Intrahospital Infections, Patient Safety, Biosafety
- 14. Infectious Diseases, STD
- 15. Free topics

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Participants are invited to submit abstracts for presentation (e-mail: <u>kongres@hlu.hr</u> or ONLINE)

Abstract received by **July 25, 2013** will be considered under the standard review process.

All papers should be submitted and presented in English or Croatian.

GENERAL INFORMATIONS

Congress venue:

Hotel Ivan**** Solaris Beach Resort, <u>www.solaris.hr</u> Hoteli Solaris 86, HR-22000 Sibenik, Croatia

Official languages:

- Croatian
- English

Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

Types of presentation:

- Invited lectures 30 min
- Plenary lectures 20 min
- Oral presentation 10 min
- Poster presentation 5 min

CONGRESS (REGISTRATION) FEES:

CATEGORY	Before August 05, 2013	After August 06, 2013
CLA members*	750,00 HRK	1.050,00 HRK
(HLU)	(~100 €)	(~140 €)
Other	1.350,00 HRK	1.650,00 HRK
participants*	(~180 €)	(~220 €)
Accompanying	600,00 HRK	900,00 HRK
persons**	(~80 €)	(~120 €)
Students*+	750,00 HRK	1.050,00 HRK
(full time)	(~100€)	(~140 €)

*Registration fee includes: admittance to all congress sessions and exhibition; congress materials (Final programme and Abstract book); congress bag; certificate of attendance; coffee breaks; opening and closing ceremony; welcome reception.

** Registration fee (accompanying persons) includes: opening and closing ceremony; welcome reception.

+Students must provide student ID (transcript, copy of student identification card, or letter signed by head of department) upon registration.

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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

Deadline for Abstracts Submission	July 25, 2013
Deadline for Early Registration	August 05, 2013
Congress Dates	September 21 – 25, 2013



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