

**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 6th Croatian Congress of Laboratory Diagnostics with international participation, to be held in Primosten, Croatia, September 24-27, 2015.

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 6th Congress: "The Role of BLS in Global Biosecurity and Biosafety" 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.

Primosten, a town knitted in "stone lace", a unique monument to centuries of work field labourers' callous hands have done, known for its indigenous stone houses, churches, the narrow streets of the Mediterranean style, is situated on a small island which is connected to mainland with a dike. Primosten became a symbol of international meetings and friendship, and a town where everyone is welcome.

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 Primosten, Croatia!

Mirjana Stupnisek  
Assistant professor, PhD, MLT

Congress Organizing Committee President  
CLA President  
IFBLS Board Director



## **INFORMATION**

### **ORGANIZER**

Croatian Laboratory Association – CLA (HLU)

### **PARTNERS**

International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science  
- IFBLS

European Biosafety Association - EBSA

### **CONGRESS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

**President:** Mirjana Stupnisek

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### **CONGRESS WEB SITE:**

<http://www.hlu.hr>

## **THEME**

### **Highlights:**

„The Role of BLS in Global Biosecurity and Biosafety“

### **Congress Topics:**

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

### **CALL FOR PAPERS:**

Participants are invited to submit abstracts for presentation via e-mail: [kongres2015hlu@gmail.com](mailto:kongres2015hlu@gmail.com)

Abstract received by **July 01, 2015** will be considered under the standard review process.

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

Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their contribution by July 20, 2015.

## GENERAL INFORMATIONS

### Congress venue:

Hotel Zora Adriatic\*\*\* / \*\*\*\*

<http://www.hotelzora-adriatic.com>

Raduca bb, HR-22202 Primosten, Croatia

### Official languages:

- Croatian
- English

*Simultaneous translation will not be provided.*

### Types of presentation:

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

### CONGRESS (REGISTRATION) FEES:

CATEGORY	Before July 31, 2015	After August 01, 2015
CLA members (HLU)	750,00 HRK (~100 €)	1.050,00 HRK (~140 €)
Other participants	1.350,00 HRK (~180 €)	1.650,00 HRK (~220 €)
Accompanying persons*	600,00 HRK (~80 €)	900,00 HRK (~120 €)

Registration fee (CLA/HLU members and other participants) includes: admittance to all congress sessions and exhibition; congress materials (Final programme and Abstract book); congress bag; certificate of attendance; coffee breaks; social events, opening and closing ceremony.

\* Registration fee (accompanying persons) includes: social events, opening and closing ceremony.

### Registration, hotel accommodation and transfer:

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**CROATIAN  
LABORATORY  
ASSOCIATION**



International Federation of  
Biomedical Laboratory Science

**6<sup>th</sup> CROATIAN CONGRESS  
OF LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICS**  
(with international participation)



*“The Role of Biomedical Laboratory Science  
in Global Biosecurity and Biosafety”*

### IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

Deadline for Abstracts Submission	July 01, 2015
Notification for Abstract Acceptance	July 20, 2015
Deadline for Early Registration	July 31, 2015
Congress Dates	September 24 – 27, 2015

### FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

**September 24 – 27, 2015**

**Primosten, Croatia  
(Hotel Zora Adriatic)**