

16th CONFERENCE ON LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS

(with international participation)

Zagreb, Croatia, May 11 – 13, 2018

„Laboratory and Clinical Medicine - Achievements, Challenges and Innovations“

INVITATION

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is my great honour and pleasure to invite you, on behalf of the Organizing Committee, to participate at the 16th Conference on Laboratory Diagnosis with international participation, to be held in Zagreb, Croatia, May 11-13, 2018.

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 16th Conferences: „Laboratory and Clinical Medicine - Achievements, Challenges and Innovations“ is therefore highly relevant and important.

Conference 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 Conference will be organized in plenary sessions, 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 Conference and for sightseeing. The city of Zagreb, capital of Croatia, is the cultural, scientific, economic, political and administrative centre of the Republic of Croatia. The streets and monuments of Zagreb proudly testify to its thousands of years of history. In this city, you can easily meet remarkable people, make new friends and enjoy special moments.

Finally, allow me to invite you to our beautiful country, to join us on Conference, 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 Zagreb, Croatia!

Mirjana Stupnisek
Assistant Professor, PhD, MLT

Organizing Committee President
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Organizer

Croatian Laboratory Association – CLA (HLU)

Co-organizers

University Hospital for Infectious Diseases „Dr. Fran Mihaljevic“ Zagreb
Croatian Society for Biosafety and Biosecurity CMA (HDBIB)

Under the Auspices

International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science - IFBLS

Partner

European Biosafety Association - EBSA

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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Members: Katarina Pajtak, Sanja Bozic, Marinko Zulj, Dijana Varganovic, Ante Gambiraza

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE *(in alphabetical order)*

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CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT (Conference Info, Abstracts Submission):

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Conference web site

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CONFERENCE VENUE:

Panorama Zagreb Hotel 4*
Conference Hall Kaptol
Trg Krešimira Čosića 9, HR-10000 Zagreb, Croatia

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:

Croatian and English
(*Simultaneous translation will not be provided.*)

TYPES OF PRESENTATION:

Invited lectures 30 min
Oral presentation 15 min
Poster presentation 5 min

(The organizers reserve the final decision for acceptance, categorization and type of presentation of submitted papers. The authors will be notified by April 23, 2018.)

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT:

Overhead projector for PC (Microsoft Power Point file for Windows)

Official Letter of Invitation:

Official Letters of Invitation, which are intended to help overcome administrative difficulties in certain countries, to be used for visa application and for your employer, will be issued on request to the Organizing Committee. Such letters do not imply commitment of financial or other support by the organizers, and the recipient is expected to register to the congress.

Please send your request to the Organizing Committee e-mail: konferencija2018hlu@gmail.com

Certificate of Attendance:

A Certificate of Attendance will be issued to all registered participants.

Exhibition:

During the Conference, an exhibition of medical equipment, instruments and material can be organised in the exhibit space of the hotel. Companies interested in advertising their products should contact the Organizer on e-mail: konferencija2018hlu@gmail.com

Insurance and Liability:

The Organizing Committee will not be responsible for medical expenses, accidents, or losses or unexpected damage to property belonging to congress participants, either during or as a result of the congress or during all tours and events. Participants are strongly advised to arrange their own insurance for health and accidents, lost luggage, and trip cancellations.

SCIENTIFIC-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM AND CONFERENCE TOPICS

A comprehensive program which includes plenary lectures, panel discussion, free papers, workshops, oral and poster presentations have been planned and it will cover major disciplines in Biomedical Laboratory Science. Speakers of national and international repute will be invited to share their experiences and expertise with all participants.

The Organizing Committee cordially invite to present your oral/ poster paper at the conference.

THEME:

Highlights:

„Laboratory and Clinical Medicine - Achievements, Challenges and Innovations“

Conference Topics:

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

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CALL FOR PAPERS

You are cordially invited to submit the abstract of your presentation via e-mail:

konferencija2018hlu@gmail.com

Abstracts/papers must be written in English or Croatian and should be formatted according to the Instructions for abstracts submission available on this web site.

Abstract received by April 20, 2018 will be considered under the standard review process.

Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their contribution by April 23, 2018.

Post-deadline abstracts can be accepted only in a limited number after individual agreement with the author(s).

Abstract submission deadline: April 20, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION

These instructions are designed to assist you in preparing your abstract submission (use Microsoft Word for Windows). Participants are invited to submit abstracts for presentation (oral or poster).

Title:

The abstract title should be left aligned over the main body. The font is Times New Roman 12 point **in bold**. Abbreviation must not be used in the title.

Author(s):

Author names should be in new line, left aligned over the main body, 12 point with the name of the presenting author underlined and indicate contact person with * (and provide his/her e-mail address at the bottom of the abstract). The name of each author must include the first name, followed by the last name. No titles (Dr, MD, etc.) should be added.

Author Affiliation:

Author affiliations (institution, city and country) should be in 12 point *Italic* with regular line spacing. Authors from different institutions should be identified by superscript numeral index (^{1,2,3,...}) at the end of that author's name.

Text of the Abstracts:

The body of the text should commence 2 lines below the last affiliation. The abstract should be less than 350 words and typed in 12 point Times New Roman using single space. The use of tables or figures is not allowed. Standard abbreviations can be used. Abbreviation must be defined by placing them in parentheses after the full word the first time they appear. Use numerals to indicate numbers except when beginning sentences. Non-proprietary (generic) names, written in lower-case letters, are required the first time a drug is mentioned. When used the headings of **"Background"**, **"Methods"**, **"Results"** and **"Conclusions"** should be in bold.

At the bottom of the abstract indicate:

- key words
- e-mail address for the contact*
- preference of presentation (oral/poster)
- topic /scientific field (please, select number from the list of Congress topics)

Abstracts should be written in english or croatian.

The abstracts will not be edited. Linguistic accuracy is the responsibility of the author. Papers must be in their final form so as to exclude the need for corrections in proof.

All abstracts will be published in the Abstract book.

All authors presenting either oral or poster presentations must complete registration and remit the required registration fee by May 2, 2018 in order to remain on the final program.

Abstract deadlines: April 20, 2018

Notification of Acceptance: April 23, 2018

Abstracts should be sent by **e-mail** (as attach. word doc.): konferencija2018hlu@gmail.com

Submission Confirmation: An acknowledgement of the receipt of an abstract will automatically be sent to the presenting author by e-mail upon submission. Post-deadline abstracts can be accepted only in a limited number after individual agreement with the author(s).

REGISTRATION:

Registration is required for all participants.

The participants are asked to fill out the Registration Form:

- Download Registration form (word doc.) from the website www.hlu.hr

Fill out (name and family name, institution, address, city, country, phone, fax, e-mail, etc.)
and send by **fax: ++385 52 217 644** or e-mail: natasa@ati.hr

(Notice: Designated presenting author (of either an oral or poster paper) MUST be registered for the conference and have paid the required registration fee by May 2, 2018 in order to remain in the Final program.)

REGISTRATION FEES:

CATEGORY	Before April 20, 2018.	After April 21, 2018
CLA members *	600 HRK (~ 80 €)	800 HRK (~ 107 €)
Other participants	900 HRK (~ 120 €)	1.100 HRK (~ 147 €)
One-day fee for selected date**	600 HRK (~ 80 €)	800 HRK (~ 107 €)

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Registration fees are necessary and are obligates for all participants.

Registration fee (CLA/HLU members and Other participants) includes: admittance to all conference sessions; conference materials (Final programme and Abstract book); certificate of attendance; coffee breaks; dinner May 11; lunch May 12.

* CLA members should have paid all the membership fees, including membership fees for 2018.

**One-day registration fee includes: admittance to conference sessions on selected day; conference materials (Final programme and Abstract book); certificate of attendance; coffee breaks and activities on selected day.

Students interested in attending the conference should first report to the Conference Secretariat.

Cancellation of registration:

Registration must be canceled in writing. Any cancellation must be sent by email to: natasa@ati.hr

- Up to 21 days before Congress - 40% penalty
- 20-0 days before Congress - 100% penalty

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

For congress participants, hotel accommodation is secured upon specially agreed prices in **Panorama Zagreb Hotel 4***

Trg Kresimira Cosica 9, HR-10000 Zagreb, Croatia

Accommodation reservation is necessary.

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Fill out (name and family name, institution, address, city, country, phone, fax, e-mail, etc.) and send by **fax: ++385 52 217 644** or e-mail: natasa@ati.hr

Hotel accommodation for congress participants is arranged upon special prices in double rooms at Panorama Zagreb Hotel (4* hotel). Rooms can be used as "double use" (accommodation for two persons) or as "single use" (1/1, accommodation for one person).

Panorama Zagreb Hotel 4* - accommodation	PRICES (per room per day)
Room „double use“ – (for two persons)	638 HRK (~ 85 €)
Room „single use“ – (for one person)	555 HRK (~ 74 €)

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Important:

- Accommodation (bed and breakfast) prices are per room per day.
- Residence tax and VAT is included in the price
- Check in 14:00 / Check out 11:00
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- If your choice is "double use" room accommodation please specify the name of the person you will be sharing it with, otherwise you shall be charged for a "single use" room.
- Reservation should be made not later than May 1, 2018.
- After May 1, 2018 Organizer does not guarantee the availability of rooms and the same depending on hotel occupancy at the time of receipt of booking and payment of the full amount.

Cancellation of accommodation:

Accommodation must be canceled in writing. Any cancellation must be sent by email to: natasa@ati.hr

- 32-20 days before arrival - penalty 50% of total costs
- 19-7 days before arrival - penalty 75% of total costs
- 6-0 days prior to arrival and NoShow - penalty 100% of total costs

PAYMENT METHODS:

Payment should be made:

- **BY BANK TRANSFER**

Bank name: Zagrebačka banka, Croatia

IBAN: HR1723600001101376088

SWIFT CODE: ZABA HR 2X

Beneficiary: A.T.I. d.o.o.

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All bank charges are to be paid by registrants.

- **CREDIT CARDS are accepted:** Amex., Visa, Diners, Master
- **In exceptional cases**, with prior arrangement with the organizer On site payments will be accepted as well.

Important:

- payments should clearly state the participant's name(s)
- for summary payment orders, please enclose a list of names
- payment or proof of payment should accompany the registration form
- all bank charges are to be paid by registrants
- for further information please contact PCO: A.T.I. d.o.o..

REGISTRATION, HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSFER INFORMATIONS (PCO)

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How to reach us?

CONGRESS VENUE:



GPS coordinates:
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Driving instructions

Panorama Zagreb is located in the new Zagreb business centre, in the Trešnjevka neighbourhood. The sports hall Dom Sportova, a central place for numerous sports and cultural events, is located in the vicinity of the hotel. Panorama Zagreb, much like a postcard, features a unique view of the beautiful Croatian capital on its higher floors.

Public transportation and taxi

The hotel is situated across from the sports hall Dom Sportova. Tram lines 3, 9 and 12 bring you to the hotel. Get off at the Trešnjevački Square tram stop.

If you travel by car

From the East

If you are coming from the East (highway A5 - Slavonika), after the toll station, drive straight down on Slavonska Avenue until you get to the centre, then turn right on Savska Street and follow the signs for Panorama Zagreb.

From the West

If you are coming from the West (highway A2, Bregana border crossing, Slovenia) take the Zagreb West exit. Continue driving along on Zagrebačka Avenue (9 km), then turn left on Savska Street and follow the signs for Panorama Zagreb.

From the South

If you are returning from the Croatian coast travelling on highway A1 towards Zagreb, after the toll station continue on Jadranska Avenue until you get to the roundabout. Take the 3rd exit on the roundabout and continue driving on Jadranski Bridge. At the first traffic lights, turn right on Savska Street and continue driving towards the city centre following the signs for Panorama Zagreb.

The hotel has an open parking lot for the hotel guests.

Railway

If you are travelling by train, take the tram line 9 (direction west, towards Ljubljana) from the Central Railway Station. Get off at the 4th stop (Trešnjevački Square). The hotel is situated to the north of the square, walking distance 5-10 minutes.

Airport Zagreb

From Pleso Airport, you can take a taxi or a special Croatia Airlines bus that goes to the Central Bus Station in Zagreb.

Central Bus Station

From the Central Bus Station take the tram to the Central Railway Station (direction west, towards Črnomerec). Get off at the 3rd stop. Then take the tram line 9 (direction west, towards Ljubljana). Get off at the 4th stop (Trešnjevački Square). The hotel is situated to the north of the square, walking distance 5-10 minutes.

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