

8th CROATIAN CONGRESS OF LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICS
(with international participation)

Brela (Makarska Riviera), Croatia, October 2 – 6, 2019

“Laboratory Diagnostics in Clinical Practice and Scientific Research”

INVITATION

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 8th Croatian Congress of Laboratory Diagnostics with international participation, to be held in Brela (Bluesun Hotel Soline, Makarska Riviera), Croatia, October 2 – 6, 2019.

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 8th Congress: “Laboratory Diagnostics in Clinical Practice and Scientific Research” 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. The Makarska Riviera, which many consider to be the most beautiful Croatian coastal region, is located in an area where alpine and Mediterranean climates merge. Brela is a place that safeguards the secret about the Mediterranean as it once was. Thick pine forests, clear blue sea and relaxing peace make Brela one of the most attractive destinations in Croatia.

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 Brela, Croatia!

With kind regards

Mirjana Stupnisek
Assistant professor, PhD, MLT
Congress Organizing Committee President
CLA President



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CONGRESS INFORMATIONS

ORGANIZER

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CONGRESS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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CONGRESS SECRETARIAT (Congress Informations, Abstracts Submission):

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Krese Golika 5, Zagreb, Croatia

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E-mail: kristijan@makstravel.hr

CONGRESS WEB SITE:

<http://www.hlu.hr>

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

Deadline for Abstracts Submission Sept 1, 2019

Notification for Abstract Acceptance by Sept 8, 2019

Deadline for Early Registration Aug 15, 2019

Congress Dates Oct 2 - 6, 2019



GENERAL INFORMATIONS

Congress venue:

Bluesun Hotel Soline 4*
Trg Gospe od Karmela 1, 21322 Brela, Croatia
(Makarska Riviera)

Official languages:

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

Technical equipment:

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

Types of presentation:

- Plenary lectures 30 min
- Oral presentation 10 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 September 8th, 2019)

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: kongres2019hlu@gmail.com

Certificate of Attendance:

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

Exhibition:

During the Congress, an exhibition of medical equipment, instruments and material will be organised in the exhibit space of the hotel. Companies interested in advertising their products should contact the Congress Organizer.

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.



PROGRAM AND CONGRESS TOPICS

A comprehensive program which includes plenary lectures, panel discussion, free papers, oral presentations, posters and symposia 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 congress.

THEME:

Highlights:

“Laboratory Diagnostics in Clinical Practice and Scientific Research“

Congress Topics:

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

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CALL FOR PAPERS

You are cordially invited to submit the abstract of your presentation via e-mail:
kongres2019hlu@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 **September 1st, 2019** will be considered under the standard review process. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their contribution by September 8th, 2019. Post-deadline abstracts can be accepted only in a limited number after individual agreement with the author(s).



ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION

Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail to: kongres2019hlu@gmail.com
The Abstract (summary) sent via e-mail must be in the form of a Word document attached.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION

These instructions are designed to assist you in preparing your abstract submission (use Microsoft Word for Windows). They provide all the information you require to comply with the 8th Croatian Congress of Laboratory Diagnostics.

Participants are invited to submit abstracts for presentation (oral or poster). Abstract received by **September 1st, 2019** will be considered under the standard review process. Abstract will be used by the Scientific Program Committee for the composition of the scientific program. To ensure that your abstract is properly positioned in the program, if accepted, the abstract should clearly and concisely state the problem addressed, the methodology used and the main conclusions. All papers should be submitted and presented in English or Croatian.

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, PhD, 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 and at the beginning of the institution 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.

Designated presenting author (of either an oral or poster paper) **MUST** be registered for the 8th CLA Congress and have paid the required registration fee by September 5, 2019 in order to remain in the Final program. Failure to register will result in your abstract(s) being withdrawn from the congress.

Abstract deadlines: September 1, 2019

Abstracts should be sent by **e-mail** to: kongres2019hlu@gmail.com

Submission Confirmation:

An acknowledgement of the receipt of an abstract will be sent to the presenting author by e-mail upon submission. It is the responsibility of each individual to verify the acknowledgements and carefully review the abstracts.

Notification of Acceptance by September 8, 2019

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



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEAKERS AND POSTER PRESENTERS

Presentation:

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

Technical Equipment:

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

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

Speakers are kindly asked to prepare their oral presentations using PC program Microsoft Power Point file for Windows, and to give their presentations to official person (technical support person) in congress hall at least one hour before their lecture.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

Posters will be displayed in the exhibition area on poster panelling. Posters would be 0.90 m wide x 1,2 m high. The authors will bring the posters in person. Supplies for mounting of posters will be provided by the Organizer.

Preliminary Timetable:

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

16.00 – 18.00 Registration

18.00 – 20.00 Opening ceremony
Plenary Session

Thursday, October 3, 2019

08.00 – 17.00 Registration

08.00 – 09.00 Posters mounting

09.00 – 13.00 Plenary Sessions/Oral Presentations/Discussion

14.30 – 18.30 Plenary Sessions/Workshop/Round Table/Discussion

Friday, October 4, 2019

08.00 – 17.00 Registration

09.00 – 13.00 Plenary Sessions/Oral Presentations/Symposium/Discussion

14.30 – 18.30 Oral and Poster Presentations/Workshop/Discussion

Saturday, October 5, 2019

08.00 – 12.00 Registration

09.00 – 13.00 Oral and Poster Presentations/Discussion

15.00 – 18.30 Oral Presentations/Discussion
Selection of the best oral and poster presentation

19.00 – 21.00 Closing ceremony

Sunday, October 6, 2019

... – 11.00 Check Out / Departure

Lab Tour/Workshop/Social activities

Notice: CLA reserves the right to modify the program.



REGISTRATION:

Registration is required for all participants.

The participants are asked to fill out the **Registration Form**:

- Download Registration form (word doc.)
- Fill out (name and family name, institution, address, city, country, phone, fax, e-mail, etc.) and send by e-mail to: kristijan@makstravel.hr

(Notice: Designated presenting author (of either an oral or poster paper) **MUST** be registered for the congress and have paid the required registration fee by September 5, 2019 in order to remain in the Final program.)

REGISTRATION FEES:

CATEGORY	Before August 15, 2019	After August 16, 2019
CLA members	1.000 HRK / ~ 134 €	1.300 HRK / ~ 174 €
Other participants	1.500 HRK / ~ 200 €	1.800 HRK / ~ 240 €
Accompanying persons	1.000 HRK / ~ 134 €	1.300 HRK / ~ 174 €

Registration fees are necessary and are obligates for all participants.

VAT 25 % is included in the price.

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.

Students interested in attending the congress should first report to the Congress Secretariat.

Cancellation of registration:

Registration must be canceled in writing. Any cancellation must be sent by email to:
kristijan@makstravel.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 Bluesun Hotel Soline 4*

Address: Trg Gospe od Karmela 1, 21322 Brela, Croatia
(Makarska Riviera)

The participants are asked to fill out the **Registration Form**:

- Download Registration form (word doc.)
- Fill out (name and family name, institution, address, city, country, phone, fax, e-mail, etc.) and send by e-mail to: kristijan@makstravel.hr

The Hotel is located by the beach, approximately 10 meters from the sea. Pinewood forests, crystal blue sea and the interesting architecture of the Hotel offer a backdrop for superb service in a luxury Hotel with a sophisticated wellness & space and fitness program. Hotel Soline**** extends a warm welcome to all who seek an extraordinary experience.

Hotel accommodation for congress participants is arranged upon special prices in single (1/1, accommodation for one person) or double (1/2, accommodation for two persons) "Standard" rooms at Bluesun Hotel Soline Brela (4* hotel).

Bluesun Hotel Soline BRELA 4* - Accomodation	PRICES (per person per day)
Standard room „single“ – (1/1, for one person)	495 HRK (~ 66 €)
Standard room „double“ – (1/2, for two persons)	395 HRK (~ 53 €)

Optional: Supplement for buffet lunch is 90 HRK (12 €) per person per day.

Important:

- Price is per person per day
- VAT is included in the price
- Check in 14:00 / Check out 11:00
- If your choice is "double" 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.
- Participants who use the listed hotel accommodation will get opportunity to have free dinner.
- Reservation should be made as soon as possible (best before August 5, 2019)
- After August 5, 2019 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:

kristijan@makstravel.hr

- 56-46 days before arrival - penalty 25 % of total costs
- 45-30 days before arrival - penalty 50 % of total costs
- 29-8 days before arrival - penalty 75 % of total costs
- 7-0 days prior to arrival and NoShow - penalty 100% of total costs



PAYMENT METHODS:

Payment should be made:

- **By bank transfer**

Beneficiary: MAKS TRAVEL d.o.o.

Contact: ++ 385 99 200 5225

IBAN: HR8723900011100377848

SWIFT CODE: HPBZ HR 2X

Bank name: Hrvatska poštanska banka d.d. Zagreb

Purpose: 201910 - **Za 8. Kongres HLU2019** (registrant's name and family name)

Be sure to verify the registrant's name when sending the fee.

All bank charges are to be paid by registrants and should be paid in addition to the total amount

- **Credit cards are accepted:** Amex,, Visa, Diners, Master
- On site payments will **not be** accepted.

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

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Registration, hotel accommodation and transfer info

For further informations please contact:

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HOW TO REACH US?

Congress Venue:

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Trg Gospe od Karmela 1, 21322 Brela, Croatia
(Makarska Riviera)

<https://www.hotelsolinebrela.com/en/soline-bluesun-hotel.aspx>

Location:

Thick pine forests, clear blue sea and relaxing peace in addition to the superb service available at the luxury hotels make Brela one of the most attractive tourist destinations in Croatia.



Croatia is becoming a favourite tourist destination, attracting travellers with its sea, islands and beaches, famous for their untouched and pristine beauty.

The Makarska Riviera, which many consider to be the most beautiful Croatian coastal region, is located in an area where alpine and Mediterranean climates merge. Central Dalmatia and the Makarska Riviera maintain one of the longest tourist traditions in Croatia.

If you are arriving from the direction of Split, Brela is the first town on the Makarska Riviera that you will come across that offers a unique blend of tourism tradition and hospitality. Brela is a place that safeguards the secret about the Mediterranean as it once was.

Bluesun Hotel Soline Brela is located on the Makarska Riviera, at this unique meeting point of the mountains and the blue sea - the Biokovo Mountain and the Adriatic. Soline Hotel is only 10 meters away from the beach and the sea.

Brela – History:

Many writers locate the old Porphyrogenetos' Berulia, or, more precisely, Brelo, in many locations: today's Brela Gornja, Vrulja, Verulja, near the church of St. Nicola (in the field, on the southern part) or as a little village on the elevation near the seaside and in the vicinity of Vrulja.

The name of the place comes from the springwater, called vrilo or vrelo by the locals, and from vrulja, located under the surface of the sea. Vrelo (springwater) is the spring coming out from the land, while vrulja (wellspring) is the springwater under the sea. Our Vrulja is the spring of the anonymous river which has its headwaters in the Biokovo massif, flowing out around twenty metres under the sea surface. Besides this major and the strongest springwater, there are also some smaller and weaker springwaters, mixing with the sea water.

To Beroyllia" is the oldest written historical and cultural monument of the place, conserved thanks to the Byzantine emperor Constantine Porphyrogenetos (around year 950), who mentions it in



Greek language in the book "On the Administration of the Empire", as one of the four fortified cities of the old Narentine principality of Pagania. Brela of that time, besides Makar, Zaostrog and Gradac, is described as four inhabited fortifications of the old Pagania.

In the charter of Croatian duke Juraj Šubić from the town of Klis, the inhabitants of Brela are mentioned in the latinized word "Brolanenses" from the year 1315.

At the end of the 16th century the foreign sources clearly differentiate "Brehlia superior et inferior", while at the end of the 17th century "Brehgli Dolgri" and "Brehgli Gorgni", i.e. Gornja Brela behind the hill in the hinterland and Donja Brela on the coast.

In the Croatian language, the term Brela is recorded for the first time – as far as we know – in 1694 in Friar Nikola Ursić' s testament. In the year 1993 Brela became an independent municipality. Between the two centuries the inhabitants of Brela celebrated the 1050th anniversary of their written history.

The beach Punta Rata

American journal Forbes classified this beach among the 10 most beautiful beaches in the world, placing it as the 6th most beautiful and the 1st in Europe!

In 2014 The Huffington Post website described Brela as dream destination and a perfect reason to get on a plane to Croatia as soon as possible.

According to Belgian website European Best Destinations - Punta Rata is one of the most beautiful beaches in 2015.

Business Insider in May 2015 wrote: "Brela Beach, between Split and Makarska, is a Mediterranean oasis with 6km of white sands dotted with fig trees and olive groves. For this reason, it's a favorite with couples..."

<http://www.livecamcroatia.com/najljepse-plaze-hrvatske/brela-kamen-atraktivna-plaza-web-kamera/>

Šakan

The original name of the rock symbol of Brela, the natural landscape phenomena and the recognizable brand of the Croatian tourism, is Šakan.

Due to ignoring the early history of the town in tourist trends, today it is popularly called Kamen Brela (Rock of Brela), while in the historical period, till the beginning of the 20th century, solely the name Šakan was used. The name itself originated and was used due to the fact that it was the natural habitat of the Mediterranean monk seal, monachus monachus, today an almost extinct species on the red list of IUCN, popularly called by various mythical names like Šakan.

In addition to this locality, it dwelled on the locality Soline-Loznica as well, which is witnessed by the name Medvidina, a small beach embedded deep in a natural cave, the ideal place for "relaxing" after abundant fish meals in the rich and preserved underwater landscapes of Brela. In accordance with narrations, the last observations of permanent residence of the sea human on these localities were recorded at the beginning of the 20th century.

In Croatian literature the Mediterranean monk seal was mentioned for the first time by the Benedictines in the 16th century, and in 1779 it was scientifically described for the first time.



It is an interesting fact that exactly this part of today's Brela was owned and under administration of the Benedictines but it remains a secret whether the name itself is related to the Benedictines. Due to the ignorance and the lack of knowledge regarding this species, the few inhabitants of Brela who witnessed the presence of this mammal, awarded mythical attributes to this creature such as sea human or sea monk hermit which is also confirmed by the scientific name *monachus monachus*.

Just like in the broader Mediterranean area, in search for a better, safe and preserved habitat, in search for peace and hermit's solitude, endangered by the aggressive behaviour of the inhabitants and the fishermen, this sea human has left Brela, and left behind a mark in the name of today's rock symbol of our tourism.

ARRIVAL

By airplane

The nearest airport is Split airport, then you should take a bus or taxi to Brela.

More information:

www.croatiaairlines.hr

www.split-airport.hr

[Direct Flights](#)

From the Split airport you can take a bus (after each flight) to the ferry port, as well as the tax or rent-a-car. You can use **the regular bus line number 37** which takes you from the Split airport to Trogir (leaves every 20 minutes). It takes only 30 minutes to get to Split.

Then, from the Split bus station you take the bus to Brela. It takes 1 hour to get from Split to Brela.

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By bus

From Split to Brela the bus leaves every 1/2 hour. Simply get on the bus, direction Makarska or Dubrovnik.

More information:

[ONLINE RESERVATION \(Promet Makarska\)](#)

[ONLINE RESERVATION \(VOLLO.HR\)](#)

[ONLINE RESERVATIONS \(BUSCROATIA.COM\)](#)

[ONLINE RESERVATIONS \(FLIXBUS\)](#)

[Autobusni kolodvor Split](#)

[Promet Makarska](#)

By car

By motorway, direction Zagreb-Šestanovac or direction Rijeka-Šestanovac. From the exit Šestanovac to Brela there are cca 10 kilometres.

More information on Croatian motorway - www.hac.hr

By train

By train you can come from Zagreb or Rijeka to Split, then by bus or taxi to Brela.

More information is available on Croatian Railways - <http://www.hznet.hr>

By ferry

Line RIJEKA – SPLIT

Line SPLIT-ANCONA-SPLIT

More information on Jadrolinija official site - www.jadrolinija.hr



OTHER INFORMATIONS

Currency:

Kuna (1 Kuna = 100 Lipa). There are 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 Lipa coins, 1, 2, 5 and 25 Kuna coins and 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 Kuna banknotes.

Foreign currencies:

can be exchanged in banks, exchange offices, post offices, travel agencies, hotels, camps, marinas; cheques can be cashed in banks.

Credit Cards:

All major credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, Diners Club and American Express) are widely accepted.

Power supply: 220 V, 50 Hz

Our guests should note that power outlets in Croatia are the Continental two-pin type and that a socket adapter is therefore required.

Water:

Tap water is potable in all parts of Croatia.

The telephone code for Croatia is +385.

Time zone:

GMT plus one hour in winter and GMT plus two in summer.

Travel documentation:

A valid passport or some other identification document recognised by international agreement; for certain countries a personal identity card is sufficient (i.e. a document which testifies to the identity and citizenship of the bearer).

For more information (visa regime):

Diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Republic of Croatia abroad or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia: www.mvep.hr
<http://www.mvep.hr/en/consular-information/visas/visa-requirements-overview/>

All questions regarding Croatia's visa regime can be submitted at: vize@mvep.hr

