

Amadria Conference Park 25/7
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**15th Croatian Congress on
GYNECOLOGICAL
ENDOCRINOLOGY, HUMAN
REPRODUCTION AND MENOPAUSE**

**8th Congress of the Croatian
SOCIETY OF CLINICAL
EMBRYOLOGISTS**

with international participation

OPATIJA / **September 11-13, 2025**

Dear colleagues and friends,

We are approaching another significant event – the 15th Croatian Congress of Gynecological Endocrinology, Human Reproduction and Menopause, alongside the 8th International Congress of Clinical Embryologists.

This congress, traditionally gathering experts from Croatia and abroad, remains one of the most important and well-attended professional meetings in the region. Our aim this year, as always, is to provide a platform for sharing the latest scientific knowledge, clinical experiences, and innovations shaping the future of our field.

We have prepared a comprehensive program featuring top speakers – both global and regional authorities – along with numerous panels, and discussions designed to foster constructive dialogue and inspiring collaboration.

It is our great honor and privilege to welcome a truly remarkable guest this year – Mrs. Louise Brown, the world's first IVF baby. Born in 1978, a groundbreaking moment in medical history, offering new hope to millions. Today, she continues to inspire and advocate for reproductive health, raising awareness about the power of science, compassion, and possibility. Her story is not only a milestone of modern medicine, but also of families struggling with infertility.

We look forward to sharing new knowledge and experiences with you, creating yet another memorable scientific and social event.

Sincerely,

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President of Croatian Society of Clinical Embryologists



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Koen Wouters (B)
Christine Wyns (B)

Methods of presentation

• Invited lectures	20 min / 15 min
• Debates	30 min
• Panel discussion	30 min
• Sponsored lectures	15 min / 20 min
• Industry sponsored session	40 min / 45 min
• Industry sponsored mini symposium	60 min / 75 min
• Oral presentations	10 min
• Posters	

Language

English and Croatian are official languages of the Congress. Lectures in the Hall 2A and Hall 2B (8th Congress of the Croatian Society of Clinical Embryologists), will be held exclusively in English.

Purpose of the scientific Congress

The meeting is intended for doctors specializing in gynecology, obstetrics and human reproduction, specialists in gynecology, embryologists, nurses and all other health professionals who in any way deal with gynecology, endocrinology and human reproduction.

THURSDAY September 11, 2025

Amadria Conference Park 25/7 - Hall 1 / 1st Floor

15.50 – 16.00 INTRODUCTION TO THE CONGRESS

PERINATAL MEDICINE MEETS REPRODUCTION

Chairs: Hafner T., Vulić M.

16.00 – 16.40 DEBATE: Recurrent pregnancy loss: evidence-based management vs. empirical treatment - what should be the standard of care?

16.00 – 16.15 Vulić M. Evidence-based management

16.15 – 16.30 Štimac T. Empirical treatment

16.30 – 16.40 Discussion with televoting

16.40 – 17.00 Herman Mahečić D., Pavičić Baldani D.
When TSH and antibodies are elevated but symptoms are silent - what should a gynecologist do? / Industry sponsored lecture - IntelNet

17.00 – 17.20 Škrgatić L., Hauptman D. From cell to conception: the role of L-carnitine and myo-inositol / Industry sponsored lecture - IntelNet

17.20 – 17.40 Herman M. Hyperemesis gravidarum: new insights into its causes and treatment options

17.40 – 18.10 DEBATE: Prenatal screening in 2025: should we redefine ultrasound standards and embrace a multi-parametric approach?

17.40 – 17.50 Hafner T. In standard we trust: why current ultrasound protocols should remain the foundation of prenatal screening

17.50 – 18.00 Elvedi Gašparović V. Beyond the basics: redefining ultrasound with new parameters and genomic integration

18.00 – 18.10 Discussion with televoting

18.10 – 18.25 Radošević V. Rheumatic diseases and pregnancy - safety of Cimzia® use / Industry sponsored lecture - Medis Adria

18.25 – 18.40 Habek D. Hyaluronic acid in female genital health / Industry sponsored lecture - Proximum

18.40 – 19.00 Elvedi Gašparović V. Pregnancy outcomes after age 45

19.15 CONGRESS OPENING (Royal Square)

THURSDAY September 11, 2025

Amadria Conference Park 25/7 - Hall 2A / 2nd Floor

All lectures will be held in English.

15.50 - 16.00 INTRODUCTION TO THE CONGRESS

MUST-KNOW TOPICS FOR CLINICIANS AND EMBRYOLOGISTS IN REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE

Chairs: Popović Todorović B., Bolanča I.

16.00 – 16.30 Panel discussion: How to calculate key performance indicators in reproductive medicine

Moderator: Vlasisavljević V.

Panelists: Ebner T., Kovačić B., Motrenko Simić T., Vlasisavljević V.

16.30 – 16.50 Motrenko Simić T. How ESHRE certification and accreditation can help raise standards of reproductive medicine in the region

16.50 – 17.10 Calhaz-Jorge C. IVF in Europe - legislation, regulation, funding and registries in European countries

17.10 – 17.30 Wyns C. European and global ART monitoring & EuMAR

17.30 – 18.00 Panel discussion: Evaluating IVF success: how to interpret reported data?

Moderator: Motrenko Simić T.

Panelists: Calhaz-Jorge C., Kordić K., Kovačić B., Makrigiannakis A., Motrenko Simić T., Pavičić Baldani D., Popović Todorović B., Šimunić V., Wyns C.

18.00 – 18.15 Discussion

18.15 – 19.05 Merck Symposium

18.15 – 18.45 **Fatemi H.** The era of individualized ovarian stimulation and triggering

18.45 – 19.05 Discussion

19.15 CONGRESS OPENING (Royal Square)

FRIDAY September 12, 2025

Amadria Conference Park 25/7 - Hall 1 / 1st Floor

9.00 – 9.30 **FROM MIRACLE TO MAINSTREAM:
THE LEGACY OF FIRST IVF BABY**

Special Guest: Louise Brown

Moderator: Barbara Kolar

WHAT YOU MUST KNOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

9.35 – 10.20 **Elimination of HPV-related cancer /**
Industry sponsored session – MSD

Moderators: Pavičić Baldani D., Vujić G.

9.35 – 9.55 **Pavičić Baldani D.** Values of HPV vaccination
in adults

9.55 – 10.15 **Vujić G.** A comprehensive approach to the
prevention of HPV-related cancer

10.15 – 10.20 Discussion

10.20 – 11.20 **Obesity and Women's Health: A New Therapeutic Era with
Tirzepatide /** Industry sponsored mini symposium – Eli Lilly
Moderator: Škrgatić L.

10.20 – 10.25 **Škrgatić L.** Obesity and Women's Health:
A New Therapeutic Era

10.25 – 10.40 **Jandrić I.** The impact of obesity on women's
health from menarche to menopause

10.40 – 10.55 **Kljajić K.** Dual GIP/GLP-1 agonist: a new
paradigm in appetite and metabolic regulation

10.55 – 11.10 **Božek T.** A New horizon in obesity
pharmacotherapy - what does the latest
research say?

11.10 – 11.20 Discussion

11.20 – 11.45 **Coffee break**

11.45 – 13.00 **Obesity is not someone else's problem: why gynecologists
must intervene /** Industry sponsored mini symposium
Novo Nordisk

Moderator: Pavičić Baldani D.

11.45 – 12.00 **Bolanča I.** Communicating with people
living with obesity

12.00 – 12.15 **Šprem Goldštajn M.** Menopause on
the scale: why does weight gain
come more easily?

12.15 – 12.30 **Herman Mahečić D.** GLP-1 agonists
in the spotlight: what do the clinical
trials really tell us?

12.30 – 12.45 **Marušić J.** GLP1 agonists – to whom, when, and
for how long – case studies with televoting

12.45 – 13.00 Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch**

MENOPAUSE: IT'S TIME TO STOP IGNORING IT

14.30 – 15.30 **Vasomotor symptoms - it is all in our head /**
Industry sponsored mini symposium - Astellas

Moderator: Šprem Goldštajn M.

14.30 – 14.45 **Šprem Goldštajn M.** Understanding the
perimenopause journey

14.45 – 15.00 **Pavičić Baldani D.** Importance of individualizing
MHT and its impact on CV health in
postmenopausal women

15.00 – 15.15 **Jandrić I.** Fezolinetant – new non-hormonal
option for VMS in menopause

15.15 – 15.30 **Marušić J.** Fezolinetant – to whom, when, and
for how long – case studies with televoting

Chairs: Spremović Rađenović S., Šprem Goldštajn M.

15.30 – 15.40 **Jandrić I.** Results of DAYLIGHT study

15.40 – 16.00 **Šprem Goldštajn M.** Advances in the treatment
of vaginal atrophy: The role of estriol /
Industry sponsored lecture - Remedia

16.00 – 16.20 **Spremović Rađenović S.** Inovative therapeutic approach
for women in perimenopause and menopause /
Industry sponsored lecture – Abela Pharm

16.20 – 16.40 **Coffee break**

**FROM OUTPATIENTS' CLINIC TO OPERATING ROOM:
ENDOMETRIOSIS AS A CHALLENGE IN MODERN GYNECOLOGY**

Chairs: Ćorić M., Vrtačnik Bokal E.

16.40 – 17.00	Bolanča I. How understanding the pathogenesis of endometriosis shapes pharmacological therapy
17.00 – 17.30	Panel discussion with case-reports and televoting: Pharmacological treatment of endometriosis: when, what, how, and what if it doesn't work? Chair: Bolanča I. Panelists: Vrtačnik Bokal E., Bolanča I., Šalamun V.
17.30 – 18.00	DEBATE: Laparoscopic surgery or direct IVF? Which is the optimal approach for women with endometriosis seeking pregnancy? 17.30 – 17.40 Ćorić M. First surgery, then natural conception or IVF 17.40 – 17.50 Karadža M. Avoid surgery, go straight to IVF 17.50 – 18.00 Discussion with televoting
18.00 – 18.15	Matak L. Preservation of ovarian fertility potential in patients with ovarian endometriosis using the Helix system (Helica) Industry sponsored lecture – Riv Medical
18.15 – 18.35	Vrtačnik Bokal E. Endometriosis and risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes
18.35 – 18.45	Discussion
21.00	Informal gathering of congress participants (Royal Hall – Hotel Royal)

FRIDAY September 12, 2025

Amadria Conference Park 25/7 - Hall 2A / 2nd Floor

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Chairs: Popović Todorović B., Alebić M. Š.

10.00 – 10.15	Jurić T. Infertility and demographic decline
10.15 – 10.30	Kordić K. The missing lesson: FAacts! on fertility awareness and sexual health education in Croatia
10.30 – 10.45	Vrtačnik U. Legal issues and challenges in gamete donation
10.45 – 11.00	Discussion
11.00 – 11.30	Šimunić V. Hormones in IVF - Benefit and dilemmas
11.30 – 11.50	Coffee break
11.50 – 12.10	Alebić M.Š. The AMH-AFC dilemma: when numbers don't match: who wins?
12.10 – 12.30	Grbavac I. The optimal number of oocytes we should aim with ovarian stimulation
11.30 – 12.50	Tikvica Luetić A. Follicle size at the time of trigger and oocyte maturation: does one size fit for all ovarian stimulation protocols?
12.50 – 13.00	Discussion
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch

**FROM STIMULATION TO IMPLANTATION:
NAVIGATING THE COMPLEX PATH TO IVF SUCCESS**

Chairs: Motrenko Simić T., Grbavac I.

14.30 – 14.50	Ata B. Highlights of the updated ovarian stimulation guideline
14.50 – 15.10	Poljak P. Novel protocols in ovarian stimulation
15.10 – 15.30	Popović Todorović B. Adjuncts in ovarian stimulation: game changers or unnecessary extras?
15.30 – 15.50	Polyzos N. Fresh evidence for frozen transfers: choosing the right FET protocol
15.50 – 16.10	Bozdog G. Too little or too much? The progesterone puzzle in fresh and frozen embryo transfers
16.10 – 16.30	Discussion

16.30 – 17.00 **Coffee break**

- 17.00 – 17.20** **Ata B.** Walking on the thin endometrium
- 17.20 – 17.40** **Makrigiannakis A.** Endometrial solutions for implantation failure: from theory to therapy
- 17.40 – 18.00** **Motrenko Simić T.** Chronic endometritis and microbiome testing: clinical value or just hype?
- 18.00 – 18.20** **Marton U.** Modulating the Reproductive Microbiome: The Role of Probiotics in Enhancing IVF Success / Industry sponsored lecture – AllergoSan
- 18.20 – 18.40** Discussion

21.00 **Informal gathering of congress participants**
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Moderators: Ljiljak D., Stanić P.

- 9.45 – 10.00** **Kovačić B.** Advanced maternal age affects FET susceptibility to high oxygen environment
- 10.00 – 10.15** **Ebner T.** Mitochondrial DNA mutation in human oocytes
- 10.15 – 10.30** **Scarica C.** Management of low-quality blastocysts
- 10.30 – 10.45** **Quintana Vehi A.** Decoding embryo development: patient and embryo factors shaping morphokinetics
- 10.45 – 11.00** Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee break**

Moderators: Kovačić B., Vujisić S.

- 11.30 – 11.45** **Popović M.** Ultrafast warming of oocytes and embryos: translational research meets clinical practice
- 11.45 – 12.00** **Tilleman K.** Embryo cryo protocols in 2025
- 12.00 – 12.15** **Štimpfel M.** Cryopreservation changes miRNA expression in spermatozoa
- 12.15 – 12.30** **Dundović M.** Epigenomic implication of embryo vitrification – what do we know?
- 12.30 – 12.45** **Čavlović K.** Frozen blastocyst: day 5 vs day 6 survival and clinical outcomes
- 12.45 – 13.00** Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch**

Moderators: Hafner D., Tramišak T.

- 14.30 – 14.45** **Krstivojević M.** DET vs SET: more is less!
- 14.45 – 15.00** **Štimac D.** Recurrent implantation failure (RIF) and recurrent pregnancy loss (RPL) – a view from the IVF lab

15.00 – 15.15	Božiković L. Evolution of non-invasive preimplantation genetic testing
15.15 – 15.30	Wouters K. ICSI for patients with non male factor infertility
15.30 – 15.45	Kovačević Obradović B. Is microfluidic sperm separation the best option for daily routine?
15.45 – 16.00	Jovanović A. Quality control in the IVF laboratory
16.00 – 16.15	Matić I. Mentorship programme: a better mentor, a better mentee
16.15 – 17.00	Discussion
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17.00 – 18.00	New SoHO Regulation
17.00 – 17.15	Gelo N. Updates to new European legislation – short overview on new legislation
17.15 – 17.30	Tilleman K. Data transfer – to whom, when, why?
17.30 – 18.00	Round table
	Moderator: Gelo N.
	Participants: Tilleman K., Vukić V.
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18.00 – 18.15	De Silva O. Marginal gains: oocytes and blastocysts vitrification / Industry sponsored lecture A&B
18.15 – 18.35	Stewart B. Ultra RapidWarm Blast: Maintain stable results in a fraction of your time / Industry sponsored lecture Eurokontakt, FertiCAD and Vitrolife
18.15	Conclusions and closing of the congress of embryologists
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21.00	Informal gathering of congress participants (Royal Hall – Hotel Royal)

SATURDAY September 13, 2025

Amadria Conference Park 25/7 - Hall 1 / 1st Floor

PCOS: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERY OF THE ENIGMATIC SYNDROME

Chairs: Jandrić I., Škrgatić L.

9.00 – 9.15	Škrgatić L. Challenges in the diagnosis and treatment of PCOS in adolescents and early reproductive age
9.15 – 9.30	Jandrić I. Metabolic challenges of PCOS in later reproductive age and menopause
9.30 – 9.45	Mikuš M. From puberty to menopause: clinical interpretation of AMH in everyday gynecological practice
9.45 – 10.00	Strah D. Multidisciplinary holistic treatment of PCOS in private gynecological clinic in Slovenia
10.00 – 10.20	Herman Mahečić D. PCOS and folate: a small molecule, a big impact / Industry sponsored lecture – JGL
10.20 – 10.35	Erceg Ivkošić I. Inositols – therapeutic support in PCOS management / Industry sponsored lecture - Medis Adria

10.35 – 11.05 Panel discussion with patient case presentations: Personalized care for PCOS - tailoring treatments for better outcomes with televoting

Chair: Škrgatić L.

Panelists: Erceg Ivkošić I., Herman Mahečić D., Jandrić I., Strah D., Škrgatić L.

11.05 – 11.25 Coffee break

CONTRACEPTION - BETWEEN FEAR AND FACTS

Chairs: Smiljan Severinski N., Šunj M.

11.25 – 11.55	DEBATE: Should we opt for an individualized approach or standardized testing for all hormonal contraception users?
11.25 – 11.35	Šijanović S. Pro: Testing is crucial for patient safety
11.35 – 11.45	Smiljan Severinski N. Contra: Testing does not enhance safety and only creates a false sense of risk
11.45 – 11.55	Discussion

- 11.55 – 12.15 **Jandrić I.** Venous thrombosis and hormones: where science ends and fear begins? / Industry sponsored lecture - Gedeon Richter
- 12.15 – 12.35 **Marton U.** Real - world experience using the MIDI copper IUD / Industry sponsored lecture – Adexilis

- 12.35 – 13.00 **DEBATE: Impact of hormonal contraception on mental health and sexual function: benefit or burden?**
- 12.25 – 12.35 **Šunj M.** Pro: Let's be objective – evidence from clinical studies
- 12.35 – 12.45 **Pitner I.** Contra: Different preparations, different risks – why individualized care matters
- 12.45 – 12.55 Discussion

13.00 CLOSING CEREMONY

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch**

SATURDAY September 13, 2025

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ONE GOAL, ONE TEAM: CLINICIANS AND EMBRYOLOGISTS TOGETHER

9.30 – 10.30 Industry sponsored mini symposium - Ferring

- 9.30 – 10.00 **dos Santos Ribeiro S.** The Path to Precision: Clinical Evidence Shaping Ovarian Stimulation Today
- 10.00 – 10.30 **Pavičić Baldani D., Popović Todorović B.** What would you do? Interactive case challenges with televoting

Chairs: Štimac D., Bolanča I.

10.30 – 11.00 Choose one, gain more: the science behind single embryo transfer

- 10.30 – 10.40 **Popović Todorović B.** SET vs DET from the gynecologist's perspective
- 10.40 – 10.50 **Štimac D.** SET vs DET from the embryologist's perspective
- 10.50 – 11.00 Discussion

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee break

11.20 – 11.35 **De Silva O.** OPU procedure - focus on the integrity of the oocytes / Industry sponsored lecture A&B

11.35 – 12.05 DEBATE: Freeze or wait? Defining the right time for fertility preservation

Chairs: Bursać D., Škrgatić L.

- 11.35 – 11.45 **Scarica C.** Freeze smart, not everyone, not anytime
- 11.45 – 11.55 **Bursać D.** Freeze anytime, freeze for all
- 11.55 – 12.05 Discussion

12.05 – 12.35 **Time to rethink fertility preservation in breast cancer patients**

Chairs: **Bursać D.**, **Kisić M.**

12.05-12.15 **Šola I. M.** Do all patients need fertility preservation?

12.15-12.25 **Škrgatić L.** Do we need anti-estrogen therapy in the stimulation protocols?

12.25-12.35 Discussion

12.40 CLOSING CEREMONY

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch**





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