

International Symposium on  
COMPARATIVE PATHOLOGY

LJUDEVIT  
JURAK 31

**GYNAECOLOGICAL,  
PERINATAL AND  
PAEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY**



**Dear colleagues,**

The Organizing Committee invites you to take part in the **31<sup>st</sup> Ljudevit Jurak International Symposium on Comparative Pathology**. This symposium encourages international collaboration and involves a wide array of professionals within the field of pathology. Traditionally, what separates and defines this symposium is collaboration with veterinary pathologists and the comparison of pathologic changes in human and veterinary medicine. With this symposium, we honour Professor Ljudevit Jurak, who founded the first pathology department in Croatia, in Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center. Professor Ljudevit Jurak contributed greatly to veterinary and human pathology as well as forensic medicine, and represents a historical and eminent figure in the field of pathology both in Croatia and worldwide. All pathologists dealing with human and veterinary pathology as well as forensic pathologists are invited to participate in this multidisciplinary meeting and engage in a variety of discussions, social gathering and enjoyment.

We also invite all interested colleagues to send their abstracts about the main topics, as well as other surgical pathology and forensic topics, for the poster presentation.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

## MAIN TOPICS

GYNAECOLOGICAL, PERINATAL AND PAEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY

## DATE AND VENUE

5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2026, Hotel Academia, Tkalčićeva 88, Zagreb.

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English

## REGISTRATION FEE

- Residents: 70€
- Specialists: 100€
- Students: gratis

On-site registration will also be available, but pre-registration is highly preferable due to organization issues. You may electronically apply at registration form: <https://contres.hr/dogadjaj/31st-ljudevit-jurak-international-symposium-on-comparative-pathology/#registration>

## POSTER SESSION

Posters will be displayed in electronic version on site.

### Instructions for e-posters and abstracts:

- e-posters and poster abstracts should be sent online by 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026
- e-poster should be prepared in PowerPoint and contain only one slide in landscape format. Font size should not be less than 10pt. The e-poster must not contain audio/video content
- poster abstracts should be short and informative, must include title, authors' names and institutions
- abstracts will be part of the book of abstracts

Please submit the poster abstract and poster to <https://contres.hr/dogadjaj/31st-ljudevit-jurak-international-symposium-on-comparative-pathology/#poster-session>

## EVALUATION AND CONFIRMATION ON PARTICIPATION

All Croatian participants will receive official points from the Croatian Medical Chamber and Croatian Veterinary Chamber.

## SOCIAL PROGRAM

For registered participants there will be coffee breaks and lunch on Friday and Saturday, dinner on Friday and an interesting trip to Plitvice lakes on Sunday.

Friday's dinner will be held at the Restaurant Bar&Ton, Avenija Dubrovnik 17, Zagreb at 20:00.

On Sunday we will take you on a trip to Plitvice lakes. The bus will begin collecting participants at 7:15 a.m. in the Maksimir stadium parking lot, at 7:30 in front of the Academia Hotel, and at 7:45 in the Arena Centre parking lot. On the way to the lakes, we will stop for breakfast at the Degenija restaurant and take a guided walk through the national park. After the walk, we plan to have lunch at the Ambar restaurant around 15:00. We plan to return to Zagreb later in the evening.



## **INVITED SPEAKERS**

Añais Malpica (USA)  
Isabel Alvarado-Cabrero (Mexico)  
Fabio Del Piero (USA)  
Suzana Tkalčić (USA)  
Beata Hargitai (Hungary)  
Tamas Marton (Hungary)  
Christian Vokuhl (Germany)  
Jukka Laine (Finland)  
Andreas Marnerides (UK)  
Sandra Zekić Tomaš (Croatia)  
Ivan-Conrado Šoštarić-Zuckermann (Croatia)  
Ivan Alić (Croatia)  
Zvonimir Poljak (Canada)  
Brian Oakley (USA)

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# PROGRAM

## FRIDAY / JUNE 5, 2026

**08:00** Registration

**08:30** Opening

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### INVITED LECTURES

**Chairpersons: Ana Šepac, Ivan-Conrado Šoštarić-Zuckermann**

**09:00** **Anais Malpica** (USA): Mucinous tumors of the ovaries, what you should know

**09:45** **Isabel Alvarado-Cabrero** (Mexico): The evolution of Endometrial Cancer Classification: From Bokhman to Molecular Taxonomy

**10:30** **Fabio Del Piero** (USA): Diseases of Foals

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**11:15** Coffee Break

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**Chairpersons: Andreas Marnérides, Monika Ulamec**

**11:30** **Christian Vokuhl** (Germany): Paediatric rhabdomyosarcomas and other more common soft tissue sarcomas

**12:15** **Jukka Laine** (Finland): Fetal phenotype and genotype in autopsy cases. Examples from clinical practice

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**13:15** Lunch

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**Chairpersons: Beata Hargitai, Fabio del Piero**

**14:15** **Sandra Žekić Tomaš** (Croatia): Placental Examination: The Key to Understanding Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes

**15:00** **Ivan-Conrado Šoštarić-Zuckermann** (Croatia): From whelping box to necropsy table: A pathologist's perspective on neonatal puppy mortality

**15:30** **Ivan Alić** (Croatia): Comparative challenges of implantation and placentation throughout pregnancy

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**16:00** HDPSM Assembly

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**20:00** Symposium Dinner – Restaurant Bar&Ton, Avenija Dubrovnik 17, Zagreb

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# PROGRAM

## SATURDAY / JUNE 6, 2025

**Chairpersons: Sandra Zekić Tomaš, Tamas Marton, Lovorka Batelja Vuletić**

- 08:30** **Isabel Alvarado-Cabrero** (Mexico): Current state of Endocervical carcinoma
- 09:15** **Anais Malpica** (USA): Ovarian serous neoplasms, the essential and more
- 10:00** **Beata Hargitai** (Hungary): Pathology of the Placenta in the Great Obstetric Syndromes

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**10:45** Coffee Break

**Chairpersons: Jukka Laine, Christian Vokuhl**

- 11:00** **Tamas Marton** (Hungary): Fetal minimally invasive and non-invasive autopsy
- 11:45** **Andreas Marnierides** (UK): The role of the paediatric pathologist in the investigation of sudden death in infancy and childhood – The UK approach (Part 1)
- 12:30** Short Break
- 12:40** **Andreas Marnierides** (UK): The role of the paediatric pathologist in the investigation of sudden death in infancy and childhood – The UK approach (Part 2)

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**13:25** Lunch

**Chairpersons: Fabio del Piero, Monika Ulamec**

- 14:15** **Brian Oakley** (USA): AI-enabled microbiome optimizations and precision nutrition for food animals
- 15:00** **Zvonimir Poljak** (Canada): Animal laboratory data for zoonotic surveillance. How legal requirements and existing data streams shape what we see, what we miss, and how we can do better
- 15:45** **Suzana Tkalčić** (USA): *Staphylococcus intermedius* at human-marine mammal interface: a One Health approach.

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**16:30** Award for best poster and One Health Award

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Closing