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JURAK 31

**GYNAECOLOGICAL,
PERINATAL AND
PAEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY**



5TH – 7TH JUNE 2026

Hotel Academia / ZAGREB - Croatia

INVITED SPEAKERS

Anais Malpica (USA)
Isabel Alvarado-Cabrero (Mexico)
Fabio Del Piero (USA)
Suzana Tkalčić (USA)
Beata Hargítai (Hungary)
Tamas Marton (Hungary)
Christian Vokuhl (Germany)
Jukka Laine (Finland)
Andreas Marnnerides (UK)
Sandra Zekić Tomaš (Croatia)
Ivan-Conrado Šoštarčić-Zuckermann (Croatia)
Ivan Alić (Croatia)
Zvonimir Poljak (Canada)
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Dear colleagues,

The Organizing Committee invites you to take part in the **31st 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.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

MAIN TOPICS

GYNAECOLOGICAL, PERINATAL AND PAEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY

DATE AND VENUE

5th - 7th 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.

POSTER SESSION

Posters will be displayed in electronic version on site.

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.

FRIDAY / JUNE 5, 2026

PROGRAM

08:00 Registration

08:30 Opening

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

11:15 Coffee Break

Chairpersons: Andreas Marnerides, 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

13:15 Lunch

Chairpersons: Beata Hargitai, Fabio del Piero

14:15 **Ivan-Conrado Šoštarić-Zuckermann** (Croatia): From whelping box to necropsy table: A pathologist's perspective on neonatal puppy mortality

14:45 **Sandra Zekić Tomaš** (Croatia): Placental Examination: The Key to Understanding Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes

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

16:00 HDPSM Assembly

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

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

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

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)

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.

16:30 Award for best poster and One Health Award

Closing



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