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

THEME

Highlights:

"Laboratory Diagnostics in Clinical Practice and Scientific Research"

CONGRESS TOPICS:

- 1. Haematology, Coagulation
- 2. Microbiology, Parasitology, Virology, Antibiotic Resistence
- 3. Cytology, Histology, Pathology
- 4. Molecular Biology, Forensic Medicine, Genetics
- 5. Immunology, 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 and Evidence Based Medicine
- 13. Education, Management, CPD, International BLSs Mobility
- 14. Quality Control and Quality Assurance
- 15. Free topics

Call for Papers:

Participants are invited to submit abstracts for presentation via e-mail: kongres2019hlu@gmail.com

Abstract received by **September 1, 2019** will be considered under the standard review process.

All papers should be submitted and presented in English or Croatian.

Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their contribution.



Hrvatska laboratorijska udruga CROATIAN LABORATORY ASSOCIATION

8 th CROATIAN CONGRESS OF LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICS

(with international participation)



Under the Auspicies International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science Ministry of Health of the Republic of Croatia

"Laboratory Diagnostics in Clinical Practice and Scientific Research"

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

October 2 – 6, 2019. Brela (Makarska Riviera), Croatia (Bluesun Hotel Soline)

CONGRESS INFORMATION

ORGANIZER

Croatian Laboratory Association - CLA (HLU)

CO-ORGANIZERS AND PARTNERS

Croatian Society for Biosafety and Biosecurity CMA University Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Zagreb Faculty of Dental Medicine and Health, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek Faculty of Medicine,J.J. Strossmayer University of Osijek International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science European Biosafety Association

HLU (CLA) partner with

CONGRESS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President: Mirjana Stupnisek Vice-presidents: Stefica Klisuric Members: Katarina Pajtak, Sanja Bozic, Dijana Varganovic

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (in alphabetical order)

Vincent S. Gallicchio (USA), Kyoko Komatsu (Japan), Julijana Lasovska (Macedonia), Josip Margaletić (Croatia), Damir Marjanovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Alemka Markotic (Croatia), Ivan Milas (Croatia), Gabriel Ó Ríordáin (Austria), Sven Seiwerth (Croatia), Mirjana Stupnisek (Croatia), Aleksandar Vcev (Croatia), Philippe Vielh (France)

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CONGRESS WEB SITE:

http:// www.hlu.hr

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)

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		
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		
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Notice: CLA reserves the right to modify the program.

REGISTRATION, FEES & ACCOMMODATION

Registration is required for all participants The participants are asked to fill out the Registration Form (on: <u>www.hlu.hr</u>)

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 €
Accomp. 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.

ACCOMMODATION Bluesun Hotel Soline 4*	PRICES (per person per day)
Standard room "single" – (1/1)	495 HRK (~ 66 €)
Standard room "double" - (1/2)	395 HRK (~ 53 €)

Hotel accommodation for congress participants is arranged upon special prices in single or double "Standard" rooms at Bluesun Hotel Soline Brela (4* hotel). Registration is necessary.

Price is per person per day. VAT, free WiFi, and parking are included in the price.

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.

PCO (Registration, Hotel Accommodation and Transfer):

For further informations please contact:

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