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MSRM XVI Annual Meeting of the Mediterranean Society for Reproductive Medicine

**XII Croatian Congress on Gynaecologic Endocrinology,
Human Reproduction and Menopause** with international participation

V Congress of Clinical Embryologist with international participation



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Dear Friends,

With great honor and pleasure we invite you to the XVI Annual Meeting of the Mediterranean Society for Reproductive Medicine, which will be held from the 5th to the 8th September 2019 in Opatija, Croatia.

We are confident that the XVI Annual Meeting of the Mediterranean Society for Reproductive Medicine will offer broad, but at the same time profound presentations of different topics in Reproductive Medicine by renowned and highly experienced speakers.

Exceptional guest speakers as well as workshop moderators will lead us through the latest controversies in the following:

MAIN TOPICS: ANDROLOGY; ENDOMETRIOSIS; ENDOMETRIUM; FERTILITY PRESERVATION; HPV AND INFERTILITY; HYSTEROSCOPY; IMPLANTATION; MENOPAUSE; ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES; OVARIAN STIMULATION; OVARIAN FAILURE; REPEATED IMPLANTATION FAILURE; REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY; REPRODUCTIVE SURGERY; ULTRASOUND IN REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE

WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1.

Quality control (QC) in an andrology laboratory - Sperm selection for ICSI: a practical approach

Workshop 2.

Testis morphology and testicular sperm extraction (TESE): a practical approach

Workshop 3.

A practical approach to abnormal uterine bleeding

We invite authors to submit abstracts related to proposed topics. The best oral presentation will be awarded with a free registration and accommodation for the next MRSRM meeting.

We look forward to sharing another memorable scientific and cultural experience with you.

Professor **Dinka Pavičić Baldani**, MD, PhD
Meeting Chairman

Professor **Timur Gürkan**, MD
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THURSDAY 5th September, 2019

9:00-10:00 REGISTRATION

10:00-19:00 **WORKSHOP 1.**

ANDROLOGY WORKSHOP

Moderators: Marković A, Ljiljak D.

10:00-10:15 Stanić P. Welcome notes - President of Croatian Society of Clinical Embryologists

10:15-10:30 Zaninović N. How to treat and prepare semen after TESE/TESA – an update

10:30-10:45 Kovačić B. Activation of immotile testicular sperm before ICSI – is it necessary

10:45-11:00 Ebner T. A comparison of spermatozoa selection techniques: IMSI vs. PICSI

11:00-11:45 Balaban B. Quality control in andrology lab

11:45-12:00 DISCUSSION

12:00-13:00 **Lunch**

13:00-18:00 **Andrology workshop**

Work Station	Title of Course	Objectives
1. Moderators: Čavlović K, Gelo N, Rakoš Justament R	Semen analysis	Participants will learn how to assess the following: - volume, - coagulation, - liquefaction, - viscosity, - sperm count, - sperm concentration (chambers: Makler, Neubauer hemacytometer, Cell Vision, Cell-VU, Microcell), - sperm motility, - differences between manual and CASA semen analysis, - preparation of seminal smear for morphology
2. Moderators: Tramišak Milaković T, Dundović M	Sperm Morphology	Participants will learn how to evaluate sperm morphology using Strict criteria: - prestained slides - Giemsa dye
3. Moderators: Ljiljak D, Matković K	HBA test	Preselection test for PICSI: - Hyaluronan binding assay
4. Moderators: Ćukušić Kalajžić A, Panić Horvat L, Zovkić S	Vitality test and Hypoosmotic swelling test	Participants will learn how to make: - Vitality test (Eosin-Nigrosin stain): how to distinguish dead and live sperm in a poor motility semen sample. - HOS test evaluates sperm membrane integrity and is used to select live sperm for ICSI in a population of non-motile sperm
5. Moderators: Vujisić S, Šogorić Ševo S	Sperm DNA fragmentation	Participants will learn how to measure sperm DNA damage using HALO test. Also they will be informed about other techniques for the same purpose.

6. Moderators: Hafner D, Špoljarić N, Matic I	Sperm Preparation Methods	Participants will be acquaint on schematic slides about methods of sperm preparation. - ejaculated sperm preparation for AIH, - ejaculated sperm preparation for IVF, - ejaculated sperm preparation for ICSI, - sperm preparation after retrograde ejaculation, - sperm preparation for ICSI after TESE/PESA/MESA Basic sperm preparation techniques: swim-up technique, density gradient technique, MACS Sperm selection techniques: PVP, PICSI, IMSI
7. Moderators: Stanić P, Dobec D, Štimac D	Semen Cryopreservation for Ejaculated and Testicular sperm	Participants will learn tips and tricks in cryopreservation of fresh ejaculated semen and testicular sperm.
8. Moderators: Kirinec G, Baričević M	Controlling for quality in the andrology laboratory	Participants will learn about QC and essential elements for good laboratory practise.
Croatian Society of Clinical Embryologists	Sperm analysis report	Participants will learn what are minimal porposals for good quality sperm analysis report. - Revision of last consensus document

18:00-18:30 CERTIFICATE AWARDING

18:30-19:00 CLOSING REMARKS

13:00-19:00 **WORKSHOP 2.**

HISTOLOGY OF THE TESTIS AND TESTICULAR SPERM EXTRACTION (TESE) – a practical approach

Faculty: Ježek D, Katušić Bojanac A, Planinić A

Equipment & means of teaching: 15 binocular microscopes, Histological slides, Video projection & simulation.

The number of participants: max. 15

	Topic Title / Means Of Teaching	Objectives
13:00-14:00	Normal histology of the human testis / histological slides of the normal human testis & epididymis DISCUSSION	- to recognize normal features of seminiferous tubules & seminiferous epithelium; testis interstitium; straight ducts; rete testis; efferent ducts, epididymis;
14:00-15:00	“Open” testicular biopsy & handling of the testicular biopsy – a surgical approach (presentation of the surgical procedure, handling of the testicular biopsy)/video presentation DISCUSSION	- to be acquainted with the surgical procedure of the open testicular biopsy; testicular biopsy excision; handling of the biopsy pieces; transport and freezing of the biopsy;
15:00-15.20	Coffee break	

15:20-17:00	Obstructive azoospermia (OA); Non-obstructive azoospermia; Testicular biopsy scoring/histology slides DISCUSSION	- to distinguish between obstructive and non-obstructive azoospermia; testicular biopsy evaluation and scoring;
17:00-18:00	Special cases: Y-microdeletions, Klinefelter sy.; Testicular sperm extraction (TESE) /histological slides/video DISCUSSION	- to deal with Y-microdeletion cases & Klinefelter sy.; thawing of the tissue & testicular sperm extraction (TESE)

18:00-18:30 CERTIFICATE AWARDING

18:30-19:00 CLOSING REMARKS

14:00-19:00 **WORKSHOP 3.**

A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO ABNORMAL UTERINE BLEEDING (AUB)

Moderators: Šprem Goldštajn M, Haller H.

14:00-14:20 Banović M. Physiology of menstruation

14:20-14:50 Marušić J. Classification and pathogenesis of AUB

14:50-15:20 Ćorić M. Investigation of abnormal uterine bleeding

15:20-15:40 Haller H. Treatment of acute heavy menstrual bleeding

15:40-16:00 Bolanča I. Ovulatory dysfunction and endometrial causes of AUB

16:00-16:20 Šprem Goldštajn M. Perimenopausal bleeding

16:20-16:40 DISCUSSION

16:40-17:00 **Coffee break**

17:00-18:30 **Case studies with interactive participation of participants**

Moderators: Banović M, Bolanča I, Marušić J.

Treatment: Disorders of hemostasis (AUB-C)

Treatment: Endometrial causes (AUB-E) or ovulatory dysfunction (AUB-O)

Treatment: Structural abnormalities (AUB-P,-A, -L)

18:30-18:45 CERTIFICATE AWARDING

18:45-19:00 CLOSING REMARKS

20:00 **CONGRESS OPENING & WELCOME RECEPTION**

FRIDAY 6th September, 2019**Hall 1st floor - morning session****9:00-11:00****SESSION 1****CONTROLLED OVARIAN STIMULATION****9:00**

Šimunić V. Ovarian stimulation - where are we today?

9:20

Sallam H. Ovarian reserve as a guide for ovarian stimulation

9:40

Messinis I. Ovarian stimulation with or without GnRH analogue

10:00

Fatemi H. Individualisation in ART

10:20

DISCUSSION

11:00**GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Kolibianakis E. ESHRE guidelines on COS

11:00-11:30**Coffee break****11.30-12.30****SESSION 2****UNSOLOVED PROBLEMS IN IVF****11:30**

Barri Rague P. Why euploid embryos miscarry?

11:50

Makrigianakis A. Repeat implantation failure

12:10

Popović-Todorović B. How to manage refractory endometrium

12:30

DISCUSSION

12:40-14:00**SESSION 3****REGULATORY IMPLICATIONS IN IVF****12:40**

Gianaroli L., Magli C. Egg donation - is anonymity still realistic?

13:00

Motrenko T. Which are optimal monitoring parameters in national IVF registers?

13:20

Farquharson R. The role of medical societies in promoting good practice and reprovigilance

13:40

DISCUSSION

14:00-15:00**Lunch**

Hall 1st floor – afternoon session

15:00-17:30 SESSION 4

POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME

15:00-15:30 GUIDELINES NAD RECOMMANDATIONS

Pavičić Baldani D. ESHRE gudellines for PCOS

15:30 Škrgatić L. The choice of hormonal contraception according to PCOS fenotype

15:50 Sefrioui O. The role of metformin and inositols in the management of PCOS

16:10 Tavmergen E. Current algorithm for management of infertility in anovulatory PCOS

16:30 Herman M. Effects of metformin on pregnancy outcomes in women with PCOS

16:50 DISCUSSION

17:00-17:30 Coffee break

17:30-19:00 SESSION 5

REPRODUCTIVE SURGERY

17:30-18:00 KEY NOTE LECTURE

Calhaz-Jorge C. Is endometriosis relevant for ART success?

18:00-19:00 DEBATE

Voting

TBA. Removal of fibroids in asymptomatic patients to improve infertility and/or reduce miscarriage rate

Pro: Kopitović V. / Contra: Banović V.

Voting results

18:30-19:00 KEY NOTE LECTURE

Gianaroli L. Hysteroscopy before IVF? Ā

21:00 Congress Dinner



Hall 2nd floor - morning session

9.00-11.00 **SESSION 6**

CONTRACEPTION

- 9:00** Bolanča I. What makes the difference between hormonal contraceptives?
- 9:20** Smiljan Severinski N. Adolescent contraception
- 9:40** Banović M. Optimal contraception for women with endometriosis
- 10:00** Marušić J. Migraine and hormonal contraception: what doctors may prescribe and what to expect?
- 10:20** DISCUSSION

10:30-11:00 **GUIDELINES NAD RECOMMANDATIONS**

Bokić S., Jandrić I. Examination and tests needed before initiation of hormonal contraception

11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

11.30-14.00 **SESSION 7**

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

11:30-11:50 **KEY NOTE LECTURE**

Haller H. / Pavičić Baldani D. Medical termination of pregnancy

- 11:50** Butorac D. HPV vaccine confidence and hesitancy
- 12:10** Pavičić Baldani D. Myo-inostiol - to whom, when and how?
- 12:30** Ćorić M. Adhaesions - the size of the problem

12:50-13:20 **GUIDELINES NAD RECOMMANDATIONS**

Škrablin S. Recurrent pregnancy loss

- 13:20** Roje D. A practical approach to dydrogesterone use
- 13:40** DISCUSSION

14:00-15:00 **Lunch**

Hall 2nd floor - afternoon session

15:00-16:30 **SESSION 8**

HOT TOPICS IN EMBRIOLOGY 1

- 15:00** Balaban B. Sequential or single step media? The impact on clinical outcome in ART
- 15:20** Kovačić B. Optimal embryo culture
- 15:40** Magli C. PGT- aneuploidy and mosaic embryos
- 16:00** Gelo N. The quiete embryo hypothesis
- 16:20** DISCUSSION

16:30-17:00 **DEBATE**

- Voting
- Time lapse imaging
- Pro: Zaninović N. / Contra: Ebner T.
- Voting results

17:00-17:30 **Coffee break**

17:30-19:00 **SESSION 9**

HOT TOPICS IN EMBRIOLOGY 2

- 17:30** Vujisić S. Laboratory KPIs or how to define a successful IVF lab?
- 17:50** Zaninović N. Artificial intelligence in IVF lab
- 18:10** Tramišćak Milaković T. Right number of oocytes: Quality or quantity?
- 18:30** Antifadis G. Understanding the mechanisms of oocyte activation and assisted oocyte activation
- 18:50** DISCUSSION

21:00 **Congress Dinner**



SATURDAY 7th September, 2019

Hall 1st floor - morning session

9:00-11:30

SESSION 10

CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

9:00

Popović-Todorović B. Optimal treatment for poor responders

9:20-9:50

DEBATE

Voting

More eggs is better than less eggs?

Pro: Blockeel C. / Contra: Pinborg A.

Voting results

9:50-10:20

DEBATE

Voting

Freeze all for all the patients?

Pro: Fatemi H. / Contra: Makrigianakis A.

Voting results

10:20

Blockeel C. How to prepare a frozen embryo transfer?

10:50

Pinborg A. Twins after ART - acceptable or iatrogenic complication

11:10-11:30

SYMPOSIUM FERRING

TBA. Ovarian stimulation with follitropin delta: our experience

11:30-12:00

Coffee break

12:00-12:40

SYMPOSIUM - MERCK

12:40-14:00

EXPERTS INTERACTIONS

TBA. The fate of human embryos following long-term cryopreservation

14:00-15:00

Ručak / Lunch



Hall 1st floor – afternoon session

15:00-16:00 SYMPOSIUM - GEDEON RICHTER

Donnez J. The current place of medical therapy in uterine fibroid management

16:00 -16:30 GUIDELINES NAD RECOMMANDATIONS

Vlaisavljević V. Premature ovarian insufficiency (POI)

16:30-19:00 SESSION 11

FERTILITY PRESERVATION

16:30-17:00 GUIDELINES NAD RECOMMANDATIONS

Barri Rague P. Fertility preservation

17:00-17:30 Coffee break

17:30

Vidaković S. Fertility preservation and infertility treatment in breast cancer patients. How to stimulate and what are the outcomes?

18:10

Tanos V. Uterine fibroids in young women. How to preserve uterus?

18:30-19:00 DEBATE

Voting

Social freezing

Pro: Gürkan T. / Contra: Bauman R., Sibičić S.

Voting results

21:00

Congress Dinner

Hall 2nd floor – morning session

10:00-11:30 **SESSION 12**

ULTRASOUND IN REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE

- 10:00** Tomičić K. Ultrasound evaluation of ovarian reserve, ovarian cysts and PCOS
- 10:20** Karelović D. Ultrasound evaluation of congenital uterine anomalies
- 10:40** Radošević V. Ultrasound evaluation of uterine fibroids, polyps and adhesions
- 11:00** Despot A. 3D ultrasound, isthmus transformation zone and ntestital space of the cervix
- 11:20** DISCUSSION

11:30-12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00-13:30 **SESSION 13**

PRACTICAL APPROACH TO HORMONAL CONTRACEPTION

Bokić S, Jandrić I, Pejković L, Podgajski M, Šunj M, Turudić T.,
Interactive memory game and slide presentation on the treatment of common side effects of combined hormonal contraception (irregular bleeding, headache, weight gain, nausea, skin changes, breast tenderness, dyspareunia, libido loss and mood changes)

13:30-14:00 **GUIDELINES NAD RECOMMANDATIONS**

Pejković L., Šijanović S. Intrauterine contraception – to whom, examinations and tests needed and how to deal with side effects

14:00-15:00 **Lunch**



Hall 2nd floor – afternoon session

15:00-19:00 **SESSION 14**

MENOPAUSAL MEDICINE

15:00 Šprem Goldštajn M. Inform consent for HRT - yes or no?

15:20 Verbanac D. Should we test the microbioma in menopausal transition?

15:40 **DEBATE**

Ovarian tissue crypreservation: new antiaging treatment?

Pro: Šprem Goldštajn M. / Contra: Alebić M.Š.

Voting results

16:10 Herman D. Diabetesity - 21st century disease

16:30 Franič D. Regenerative medicine in postmenopause

16: 50 DISCUSSION

17:00-17:30 **Coffee break**

17:30-18:00 **DEBATE**

Improving sex at menopause - testosterone / laser?

Pro: Fistonić I / Contra: Bolanča I.

Voting results

18:30 Vujić G. HRT after carcinoma

18:50 Matković V. HRT and breast cancer - is there something new?

21:00 **Congress Dinner**

SATURDAY 8th September, 2019

Hall 1st floor – morning session

10:00-13:00

SESSION 15

CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

12:00

TBA. Microbiome of female reproductive tract

10:20

TBA. Environment pollutants and pregnancy

10:40

TBA. To whom to recommend NIPT testing?

11:00

TBA. Cervical shortening - how to treat it?

11:20

TBA. Biomarkers for preterm birth

11:40

TBA. Relevance of hyperprolactinemia

12:00

DISCUSSION

12:10-13:00

CLOSING REMARKS - CONCLUSION



GENERAL INFORMATION

Opatija, Croatia

Opatija is Croatia's well-known summer and winter tourist seaside resort, with average high temperatures of 10°C in winter, and 32 °C in summer. Opatija is known for its Mediterranean climate and historic buildings. In the past it was a meeting point for numerous famous people and the members of the European aristocracy.

Opatija is located 18 km southwest of the regional capital Rijeka, about 90 km from Trieste and 174 km from Croatian capital, Zagreb.

Venue

Amadria Park Grand Hotel 4 Opatijska Cvijeta
Conference Park 25/7
Viktora Cara Emina 6
51410 Opatija, Croatia

Dates

5th-8th September 2019

Language

English and Croatian are the official language of the Congress. Simultaneous translation of all lectures will be enabled. When registering, please indicate the need for simultaneous translation to ensure the exact number of devices.

Scientific program

The scientific program comprises of state-of-art presentations, lectures, discussions, guidelines and recommendation, oral and poster presentations.

Evaluation and Certificate of Attendance

The Congress will be graded according to the Ordinance for continuous training of the Croatian Medical Chamber. All participants who will have completed all courses and participated in the Congress, will get a certificate at the end of the Congress.

Televoting system

In order to analyze the success of the transmitted messages, to verify participants' opinions and to encourage active participation, the participants televoting system will be enabled.

Scientific presentations and PC reception

The Congress Halls offers full audio-visual equipment. A PC Reception desk will be in place next to entrance to Congress Halls. All presentations should be clearly labeled with author's name and session's title. A speakers are kindly requested to check-in and deliver their presentations at least 2 hours prior to the session they participate.

Methods of presentation

- Invited lectures – 20 min
- Guidelines and recommendations – 30 min
- Debates – 30 min
- Key note lectures – 30 min
- Oral presentations – 10 min
- Posters

Registration fee

- Precongress courses
 - WORKSHOP 1**
Andrology Workshop **150 EUR**
 - WORKSHOP 2**
Histology of the testis and testicular sperm extraction (TESE) – a practical approach **50 EUR**
 - WORKSHOP 3**
A practical approach to abnormal uterine bleeding (AUB) **50 EUR**
- Congress Participants
 - Early registration until June 21st, 2019 **220 EUR**
 - Late registration from June 22nd, 2019 **260 EUR**
- Residents **137 EUR**
- Sponsors and staff **137 EUR**
- Seniors **68 EUR**

Registration fee includes: Participation in all scientific Workshops and Congress activities, work materials, certificate of attendance as well as other supporting materials and contents of the Congress. Meals are not included in the price of registration fee.

Registration

- The Registration desk will be in Conference Park 25/7

Working hours

- Thursday, 05.09.2019. 09:00 – 18:00
- Friday, 17.5.2019. 08:00 – 18:00
- Saturday, 18.5.2019. 08:00 – 18:00
- Sunday, 19.5.2019. 09:00 – 11:00

Cancellation policy

The refund of the entry fee is possible until 03rd August, 2019. The amount paid will be reduced by 30% of the net amount due to administrative costs. Return is possible only on the basis of a written request to the Organizer. Refunds will be made after the end of the Congress. The fee will not be refunded if the cancellation of the participation occurs after 03rd August, 2019.

Accommodation

For congress participants we offer accommodation in Amadria Park hotels:

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Hotel Continental ****	495 EUR	385 EUR
Hotel Continental ****	535 EUR	398 EUR
Villa Royal ****	535 EUR	398 EUR
Hotel Royal ****	565 EUR	440 EUR

Accommodation prices include following services (per person):

- 3 overnights with breakfast and dinner services (September 5 – 8, 2019)
- lunches during the congress
- stay tax and VAT

Passport and Visas

A valid passport is required for entry in to Croatia. Please consult the nearest Croatian Consulate for specific details.

Letter of invitation

Persons that require invitation letter for VISA purposes may refer directly to the Congress Secretariat at the maja@contres.hr or info@msrmsociety.com. This procedure aims to assist participants who need to obtain visa or permission to attend the Congress and should not be considered as an official invitation covering fees or other expenses.

Travel to Opatija

Nearby airports: Rijeka (44 km), Pula (75 km), Zagreb (200 km), Ljubljana (135 km), Venecija (208 km)

Find more information about arriving in Opatija at the link

<https://www.visitopatija.com/en/how-to-come-to-opatija-c298>



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