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2nd CROATIAN CONGRESS
OF LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICS
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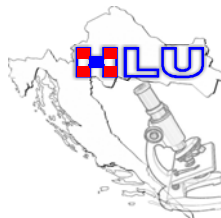
**“The role of laboratory diagnostics
in prevention, detection and treatment of diseases”**

May 08 – 11, 2008

Šibenik, Croatia
(Solaris Holiday Resort)

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT





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Congress informations and registration:

Croatian Laboratory Association - CLA

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Congress web site:

<http://www.hlu.hr>

INVITATION

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 2nd Croatian Congress of Laboratory Diagnostics, with international participation, "The role of laboratory diagnostics in prevention, detection and treatment of diseases", to be held in Šibenik (Solaris Holiday Resort****), Croatia, May 8-11, 2008.

Congress is multidisciplinary, we are pleased that we succeeded in our attempt to make this Congress a bridge between health workers different specialities (MLS and all other). The Congress will be organized in plenary sessions, oral presentations and poster sections, which offers us a chance for exchange of scientific research results, new ideas and technologies and their implementation in everyday diagnostic practice. We hope that the selected topics and active participation of national and international experts will be sufficient invitation for all participants.

Šibenik, the oldest croatian town on the Adriatic coast, is situated in well protected natural port, in the middle of east Adriatic coast, ancient Mare Adriaticum, at the estuarium of river Krka, at the spring of the rich croatian history, probably at the place where some of the first pilgrim Croats have seen a blue sea, misterius and beautiful, which protected, fed and guarded them for centuries. Solaris is situated in middle part of southern Croatia. It is part of Middle Adriatic, in fact part of northern Dalmatia and part of Šibenik-Knin county. Solaris is placed on a small peninsula, situated 6 km from city of Šibenik and about 80 km from Split and Zadar.

I take great pleasure in inviting you to join us on Congress, to actively participate, meet other colleagues and share your knowledge and experience.

Looking forward to seeing you in Šibenik-Solaris, Croatia!

Mirjana Stupnišek
President, CLA

ORGANIZER

Croatian Laboratory Association – CLA

CONGRESS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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CONGRESS TOPICS

Haematology, Transfusion Medicine (Blood Bank), Microbiology, Parasitology, Clinical Chemistry, Molecular Biology, Genetics, Pathology, Histology, Cytology, Immunology, Serology, Nuclear Medicine, Ecology, Toxicology, Public Health, Epidemiology, Quality Control, Education And Others

Important Dates & Deadlines

Abstract Submission Deadline	April 01, 2008
Early Registration	March 31, 2008
Congress Dates	May 08 -11, 2008

Congress venue:

Solaris Holiday Resort****, HR-22000 Šibenik, Croatia

Official languages:

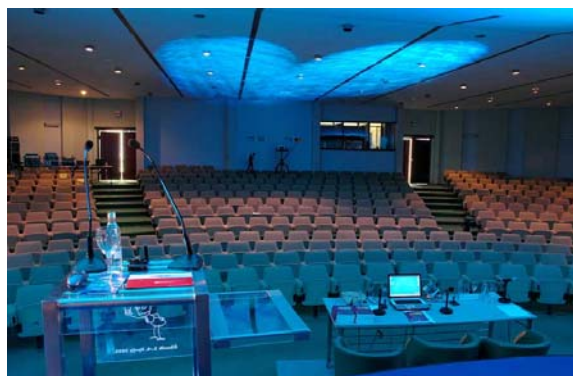
Croatian and English (simultaneous translation will not be provided)

Technical equipment:

Overhead projector for PC

Types of presentation:

Plenary lectures	30 min
Oral presentation	10 min
Poster presentation	5 min



INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION

These instructions are designed to assist you in preparing your abstract submission (use Microsoft Word for Windows). They provide all the information you require to comply with the 2nd Croatian Congress of Laboratory Diagnostics.

Title:

The abstract title should be left aligned over the main body. The font is Times New Roman 12 point in bold. Abbreviation must not be used in the title.

Author(s):

Author names should be in 12 point with the name of the presenting author underlined. The name of each author must include the first name, followed by the last name. No titles (Dr, MD, etc.) should be added.

Author Affiliation:

Author affiliations (institution, city and country) should be in 12 point *Italic* with regular line spacing. Authors from different institutions should be identified by superscript numeral index at the end of the author's name.

Indicate: preference of presentation (oral/poster), topic and contact person with * (and provide his/her e-mail address at the bottom of the abstract).

Text of the Abstracts:

The body of the text should commence 2 lines below the last affiliation. The abstract should be less than 350 words and typed in 12 point Times New Roman using single space.

The use of tables or figures is not allowed.

Standard abbreviations can be used. Abbreviation must be defined by placing them in parentheses after the full word the first time they appear.

Non-proprietary (generic) named, written in lower-case letters, are required the first time a drug is mentioned.

When used the headings of "**Background**", "**Methods**", "**Results**" and "**Conclusions**" should be in bold.

At the bottom of the abstract indicate: preference of presentation (oral/poster), topic, and key words.

The abstracts will not be edited. Linguistic accuracy is the responsibility of the author. All abstracts will be published in the Abstract book.

Abstract deadlines April 01, 2008.

Abstracts should be sent by e-mail: kongres@hlu.hr

REGISTRATION:

Registration is required for all participants. The participants are asked to fill out the Registration Form (name and family name, institution, address, city, country, phone, fax, e-mail, etc.) and send to the Organizing Committee **fax: ++385 1 4580 965** or e-mail: **kongres@hlu.hr**

All authors presenting either oral or poster presentations must complete an early-registration and remit the required registration fee by **March 31, 2008** in order to remain on the final program.

REGISTRATION FEE:

CATEGORY	Before March 31, 2008	After April 01, 2008.	GALA DINNER May 10, 2008
CLA members	200KN (30 EUR)	300KN (45 EUR)	150KN (25 EUR)
Other participants	400 KN (60 EUR)	500KN (75 EUR)	150KN (25 EUR)

Registration fees are necessary and are obligates for all participants.

Registration fee includes: attendance at all congress sessions; opening and welcome reception; congress kit and abstract book; certificate of attendance; coffee breaks between sessions.

Please indicate your intent to participate at the Gala Dinner (May 10, 2008). Price per person: 150 KN (25 EUR). Full payment must be received by CLA no later than April 20, 2008.

Payment Method:

Registration fee and Gala dinner fee should be covered by bank draft to: **Volksbank d.d., Zagreb, Croatia; SWIFT VBCRHR22; IBAN HR9725030071100028128;** (for Croatian Laboratory Association, Kameniti stol 30A, HR-10000 Zagreb, Croatia).

All bank charges are to be paid by registrants. Be sure to verify the registrant's name when sending the fee.

Credit cards and cheques are not accepted.

On site payments will be accepted as well.

Official Letter of Invitation:

Official Letters of Invitation, which are intended to help overcome administrative difficulties in certain countries, to used for visa application and for your employer, will be issued on request to the Organizing Committee. Such letters do not imply commitment of financial or other support by the organizers. Please send your request to the Organizing Committee e-mail: kongres@hlu.hr

Certificate of Attendance:

A Certificate of Attendance will be issued to all registered participants.

Insurance and Liability:

The Organizing Committee will not be responsible for medical expenses, accidents, or losses or unexpected damage to property belonging to congress participants, either during or as a result of the congress or during all tours and events. Participants are strongly advised to arrange their own insurance for health and accidents, lost luggages, and trip cancellations.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation reservation is necessary. The organized accommodation is offered at Solaris Holiday Resort**** - Šibenik. To book your accommodation, please fill out the Hotel Reservation Form and fax it on: ++385 22 361 800 / 361 801 or call: ++385 22 361 013, e-mail: info@solaris.hr

Hotel reservation deadline: April 01, 2008

SERVICE	Double room (person per day)	Single room (person per day)
Bed and breakfast	260 KN (~ 37 EUR)	345 KN (~ 49 EUR)
Halfboard	283 KN (~ 41 EUR)	368 KN (~ 53 EUR)
Full-board	353 KN (~ 50 EUR)	438 KN (~ 62 EUR)

Sojourn tax not included in the above prices (Tourist taxes 0,70 Eur)

In above mentioned prices included: VAT and entrance into wellness centre (use of fitness and inside pools complex with hydromassage).

Accommodation: hotel room****, air-conditioning, direct telephone line, SAT-TV, toilet/shower, hair- drier, balcony.

Hotel position: Solaris Holiday Resort, placed on the peninsula, 50 meters distance from sea, surrounded by pine woods, 6 km from Šibenik.

Hotel offer:

reception, exchange office, safe, aperitif bar, hotel restaurant, á la carte restaurant, congress hall, three conference rooms, boutique, shop for sea necessities, hairdresser, news-stand with souvenirs, bank machine, telephone booths, internet access, pizzeria, complex of outside pools with sea water, car-park near the hotel



OFFICIAL & SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Thursday, May 08, 2008

Opening and welcome reception

Saturday, May 10, 2008.

Gala Dinner (optional)

Price: 25 EUR per person

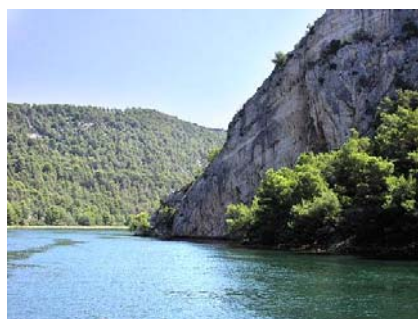
Excursion to National nature park River Krka (optional)

Price: 45 EUR per person

Description: Waterfalls Krka are the biggest and the most famous waterfalls in Dalmatia. Most of the guests that visit Šibenik and the surroundings visit also Krka river in order to see this beautiful nature's game. The National park is an extensive, mainly unaltered area of exceptional and diverse natural values, including one or more conserved or insignificantly changed ecosystem.

See the real beauty of the nature, feel the Krka waterfalls.

Arrangement includes: Boat trip from Solaris, snack, ticket for NP Krka, lunch (fish or meat) with 2 dl of wine or juice, guide.



GENERAL INFORMATIONS

HOW TO REACH US?

Solaris Holiday Resort is easily accessible by all means of transport.

BY PLANE:

Airport Zemunik (Zadar) – Zadar (E 65 / route 8) – Šibenik – Solaris

Airport Resnik (Trogir) – Trogir (E 65 / route 8) – Solaris (5 km before Šibenik)

BY TRAIN:

Train station Šibenik – Solaris

BY FERRY:

Ancona – port Zadar (E 65 / route 8) – Šibenik – Solaris

Ancona - port Split (E 65 / route 8) – Trogir - Solaris (5 km before Šibenik)

Bari - port Split (E 65 / route 8) – Trogir - Solaris (5 km before Šibenik)

BY ROAD:

From Zagreb: Zagreb (E 65 / route 3) - highway (A1) Zagreb – Split – exit Šibenik (E 65 / route 8) – Solaris

From Rijeka: Rijeka (E 65 / route 8) – Žuta lokva (A1) – exit Šibenik (E 65 / route 8) – Solaris

From Split: Split (E 65 / route 8) – Solaris (5 km before Šibenik)



REGION

Solaris is situated in middle part of southern Croatia. It is part of Middle Adriatic, in fact part of northern Dalmatia and part of Šibenik-Knin county. Solaris is placed on a small peninsula, situated 6 km from city of Šibenik and about 80 km from Split and Zadar.

Šibenik-Knin county inhabites 113.000 citizens, from which 52.000 in Šibenik, 15.000 in Knin, 9.500 in Vodice, 8.600 in Drniš and 4.500 in Skradin. Mainland and island part, containing 242 islands and rocks, occupy 3.000 km².

CLIMATE

Climate is distinctly mediteranian with high anual insolation (2710 hours). Summer temperatures are rather high, but they are softened by wind called maestral (blows from the sea towards the coast). It rains mostly in the winter and summers are mostly dry. Coastal vegetation is mediteranian.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Currency:

Kuna (1 Kuna = 100 Lipa). There are 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 Lipa coins, 1, 2, 5 and 25 Kuna coins and 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1,000 Kuna banknotes.

Foreign currencies:

can be exchanged in banks, exchange offices, post offices, travel agencies, hotels, camps, marinas; cheques can be cashed in banks.

Power supply: 220 V, 50 Hz

Our UK guests should note that power outlets in Croatia are the Continental two-pin type and that a socket adapter is therefore required.

Water:

Tap water is potable in all parts of Croatia.

The telephone code for Croatia is +385.

Time zone:

GMT plus one hour in winter and GMT plus two in summer.

Travel documentation:

A valid passport or some other identification document recognised by international agreement; for certain countries a personal identity card is sufficient (i.e. a document which testifies to the identity and citizenship of the bearer).

For more information:

Diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Republic of Croatia abroad or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia. Tel: ++385 1 4569 964; E-mail: stranci@mvpei.hr; www.mvpei.hr

Customs regulations:

Customs regulations of the Republic of Croatia are harmonised with the standards of E.U. member states, but the value of objects of non-commercial character for personal use allowed to be brought into the country without tax duty or PDV (VAT) is limited to 300 HRK.

The permitted amount of meat and milk products which can be brought in without special veterinary inspection, as well as honey, is limited to 1 kg, while the amount of wine is limited to 5 liters. Foreign and local currency may be freely taken in and out of the country; local currency up to an amount of 15, 000 HRK, but any amount brought in our taken out of the country (whether foreign currency or HRK) in an amount exceeding a value of 40,000 HRK, must be declared to the customs officers. More valuable professional and technical equipment must be declared at the border. A non-resident can freely bring in and take out cheques in HRK.

Refund of tax when leaving the country is made to foreign nationals for individual goods purchased in Croatia for amounts in excess of 500 HRK, on presentation of a "Tax-cheque" form. This form is provided on request by a sales assistant, when items are purchased.

Pets which are being imported, or which are travelling through for non-commercial purposes, in the company on their owner (up to 5 animals: dogs, cats, African polecat, all types of birds, rodents and domesticated rabbits, invertebrates. (with exception of bees and crabs), ornamental tropical fish, amphibians and others will be allowed to enter Republic of Croatia only if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- they have a valid international passport or health certificate (veterinary certificate) in which a licensed veterinary surgeon in the exporter's country certifies that the animal (s) in question are healthy and show no symptoms of infectious diseases which must be reported, and that they do not

come from an area in which infectious diseases are present and which that particular type of animal can transfer.

Dogs, cats and animals of the marten family must be:

- marked with a clearly legible tattoo or fitted with a microchip;
- have a passport issued by a licensed veterinary surgeon proving they have been vaccinated or re-vaccinated against rabies. For additional information please contact the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management – Veterinary administration (Tel. +385 1 610 6703 and + 385 1 610 6669; www.mps.hr)

Health services

There are hospitals and clinics located in all the larger towns and cities, while smaller centres have dispensaries and chemist's.

Foreign visitors are not obliged to pay for medical services if a convention on Social Security has been signed between Croatia and visitors' country of origin, i.e. if they have in their possession a certificate stipulated by such a convention confirming their right to health care. Health care (including transport) is used for emergency cases in the manner and according to regulations valid for Croatian citizens covered by Social Security, with the costs of health care being participated in, in the same way (participation and administrative duty). Persons coming from countries with which no such convention has been signed bear the costs of health services rendered personally.

Working hours:

Most shops are open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on weekdays and until 2 or 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Some shops work a split-shift system: from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and again from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Many shops stay open until 10 p.m., even on Sundays, especially in summer, while certain shops in the larger cities are open for business 24 hours a day. Public services and business offices work from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Mondays to Fridays.

Post and Telecommunications:

Post offices are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, in smaller centres from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m.; some offices work a split shift. In most towns and tourist centres, on-duty post offices are open on Saturdays and Sundays until 9 p.m. Postage stamps may also be purchased from newspaper and tobacco kiosks. Phone cards are used in all public telephones and may be purchased from post offices and from newspaper and tobacco kiosks. International calls may be made directly from public telephones. www.posta.hr

Environmental protection:

Protection of biodiversity complies with valid E.U. regulations. As regards bathing, the sea at the Croatian Adriatic is of high quality, again according to E.U. criteria. In the event of extraordinary environmental pollution on land, please advise Centre 112.

Fire prevention

Check that you have undertaken all the necessary measures to prevent fire!

Do not throw burning objects or inflammable objects into the environment!

If you notice a fire, please alert other persons in your surroundings; immediately inform the fire service on telephone number 93 or 112; attempt to extinguish the fire before the arrival of the fire brigade, but do not place yourself or others in danger!

Observe the signs forbidding the lighting of fires!

Take care that your parked vehicles do not obstruct fire-fighting approaches and access roads.

Search and rescue

In the event of accident on land or at sea, call 112 (number for all emergency situations), and in the event of accident at sea call 112 or 9155 (National Centre for search and rescue at sea).

Important telephone numbers:

International country code for Croatia: +385

Police: 92

Fire Brigade: 93

Ambulance: 94

Roadside vehicle assistance: 987

(when calling from abroad or by mobile phone, call +385 1 987)

National Search and Rescue Centre: 9155.

A single countrywide number for all emergency situations: 112

General information: 981

Information local and intercity numbers: 988

Information international numbers: 902

Weather forecast and road conditions: 060 520 520

Croatian Automobile Club (HAK): +385 1 46 40 800,

Internet: www.hak.hr; E-mail: info@hak.hr

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Solaris Holiday Resort**** Šibenik, Croatia, May 08 – 11, 2008
Hrvatska laboratorijska udruga / Croatian Laboratory Association

REZERVACIJA SMJEŠTAJA / HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Family name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal code: _____ City: _____ Country: _____

E-mail: _____ Mobil.phone: _____

Tel. /Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Credit Card: _____ Card number: _____

Expiry Date: _____ Name of Cardholder _____

If you want double room accommodation please specify the name of the person you will be sharing it with, otherwise you shall be charged for a single room:

Family name and name: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Departure Date: _____

PLEASE TICK YOUR CHOICE !!!

SERVICE	Double room (person per day)	Single room (person per day)
Bed and breakfast	260,00 KN	345,00 KN
Halfboard	283,00 KN	368,00 KN
Full-board	353,00 KN	438,00 KN

Sojourn tax not included in the above prices (Tourist taxes 0,70 Eur)

In above mentioned prices included: VAT and entrance into wellness centre (use of fitness and inside pools complex with hydromassage). Accommodation: hotel****, air-conditioning, direct telephone line, SAT-TV, toilet/shower, hair- drier, balcony.

Please, send to the following address:

SOLARIS d.d.

Solaris Holiday Resort**** B.B.

22000 ŠIBENIK CROATIA

tel: +385 22 361 013

fax: +385 22 361 800/361 801

e-mail: info@solaris.hr

www.solaris.hr

Date: _____

Signature: _____

- HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE: **April 01, 2008**
- ACCOMMODATION RESERVATION IS NECESSARY
- FILL OUT THE HOTEL RESERVATION FORM AND SEND TO SOLARIS
- CANCELLATION POLICY: www.solaris.hr; e-mail: info@solaris.hr

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REGISTRATION FORM

Personal Informations:

Family name: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ Position: _____

Hospital/Institution/University: _____

Address: _____

Postal code: _____ City: _____ Country: _____

E-mail: _____ Mobil.phone: _____

Tel. /Phone: _____ Fax: _____

I am sending you payment for:

Total Payments (amount in kuna)	
Registration fee:	
Gala Dinner:	
Excursion to National Park:	
TOTAL (KN)	

Payment Instructions:

By bank draft to: **Volksbank d.d., Zagreb, Croatia;**
SWIFT VBCRHR22
IBAN HR9725030071100028128
(for Croatian Laboratory Association, Kameniti stol 30A,
HR-10000 Zagreb, Croatia, tel: ++385 1 4580 626).

All bank charges are to be paid by registrants.

Be sure to verify the registrant's name when sending the fees.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please complete and return to the Organizing Committee:

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e-mail: kongres@hlu.hr