

CRO RHYTHM 2026

27.-29. OŽUJKA 2026, OPATIJA, HRVATSKA

27-29 MARCH 2026, OPATIJA, CROATIA

21. SIMPOZIJ RADNE SKUPINE ZA ARITMIJE I ELEKTROSTIMULACIJU HRVATSKOG KARDIOLOŠKOG DRUŠTVA

21st CROATIAN SYMPOSIUM ON ARRHYTHMIAS
AND CARDIAC PACING OF THE CROATIAN
SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY



PROGRAM SIMPOZIJA
SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

Petak / Friday, 27.3.2026.

12:30-14:00 Workshops

12:30-13:15 **EKG quiz**
Ivan Zeljković (KB Dubrava), Zoran Bakotić (OB Zadar)

13:15-14:00 **Cardiac pacing quiz**
David Židan (KBC Rijeka), Josip Kedžo (KBC Split)

14:00-15:00 Ručak / Lunch

15:00-16:30 Session 1

Chairs: Nikola Pavlović, Sandro Brusich, Vjekoslav Radeljić

15:00-15:30 **Reprocessing in EP**
Frederic Sacher (Bordeaux, France)

15:30-16:00 **Incorporating cardiogenetics in everyday clinical practice of invasive EP**
Giulio Conte (Lugano, Switzerland)

16:00-16:30 **Same day discharge strategies**
Daniel Scherr (Graz, Austria)

16:30-17:00 Pauza za kavu / Coffee break

17:00-18:30 Session 2

Chairs: Šime Manola, Ante Anić, Vedran Velagić

17:00-17:30 **Sudden cardiac death – Update on PROFID study**
Philipp Sommer (Bad Oeynhausen, Germany)

17:30-18:00 **ETOH in VT ablation / ETOH in atrial ablation**
Miguel Valderrabano (Houston, USA)

18:00-18.30 **Novel catheter technologies for ventricular tachycardia ablation**
Petr Peichl (Prague, Czech Republic)

18:30-18:45 Opening ceremony

*Vedran Velagić, Program director (KBC Zagreb)
Šime Manola, President of the Working Group for Arrhythmias and Cardiac Pacing of the Croatian Cardiac Society (KB Dubrava)*

18:45-19:15 **State of the art lecture:
Artificial intelligence in electrophysiology and pacing**
Helmut Pürerfellner, EHRA president, (Linz, Austria)

19:30 Koktel dobrodošlice / Welcome cocktail

09:00-10:30

Session 3 – Pro et Contra

Chairs: Nikola Pavlović, Mislav Puljević, Ivan Zeljković

09:00-09:30

To occlude or not to occlude

Pro – Ante Anić (KBC Split)

Contra – Vjekoslav Radeljić (KBC Sestre milosrdnice)

Rebuttal/discussion

09:30-10:00

Ablation as first line of therapy for VT

Pro – David Žižek (UKC Ljubljana, Slovenia)

Contra – Sandro Brusich (KBC Rijeka)

Rebuttal/discussion

10:00-10:30

CSP as first line for cardiac resynchronization

Pro – Kristijan Đula (KBC Sestre milosrdnice)

Contra – Ante Lisičić (KB Dubrava)

Rebuttal/discussion

10:30-11:00

Pauza za kavu / Coffee break

11:00-12:30

Session 4 - Sister societies visiting CroRhythm

Chairs: Ante Lisičić, Toni Brešković, Kristijan Đula

11:00-11:15

CroIntervent - TAVI procedures – what about the conduction system

Davorka Lulić (KBC Rijeka)

11:15-11:30

CroEcho - Echo imaging for LAA procedures

Darija Baković Kramarić (KBC Split)

11:30-11:45

Surgeons corner - Convergent option for AF

Tomislav Kopjar (KBC Zagreb)

11:45-12:00

HF corner - ICD therapy in HF patients in the era of modern GDMT

Matias Trbušić (KBC Sestre milosrdnice)

12:00-12:15

GUCH section - Sudden cardiac death prediction in GUCH patients

Irena Ivanac (KBC Zagreb)

12:30-13:20

Clinical cases – part 1

Chairs: Mario Stipinović, Hrvoje Roguljić, Sanda Sokol Tomić

12:30-12:40

Subcutaneous ICD and Catheter Ablation in Idiopathic Ventricular Fibrillation in Young Adults: A Case Series

Ivan Pletikosić (KBC Split)

12:40-12:50	Cardioneuroablation as a Method of Choice in the Treatment of Symptomatic Bradycardia <i>Nikola Verunica (OB Zadar)</i>
12:50-13:00	Extravascular Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator Implantation in a 11-Year-Old Girl following Myocardial Infarction Complicated with Cardiac Arrest <i>Andrija Nekić (KBC Zagreb)</i>
13:00-13:10	When Genetics Confuse: an RYR2 Variant in a Patient with ACM <i>Domagoj Vučić (Opća bolnica Dr. Josip Benčević, Slavonski Brod)</i>
13:10-13:20	Stubborn AT - When PFA Resolves What RF cannot <i>Ana Jordan (KB Dubrava)</i>
13:20-14:15	Ručak / Lunch
14:15-15:00	Satelite Session 1 <i>Chairs: Šime Manola, Ante Anić</i>
14:15-14:35	ReVolt Against the Ordinary <i>Milan Antić (Abbott)</i> Leadless, not limited: From AAI to DDD <i>Miona Malešević (Abbott)</i>
14:35-14:55	Aurora EV-ICD: Tech innovation and practical implications <i>Marko Perković (Medtronic)</i>
15:00-16:30	Croatian Rhythm Science part 1 <i>Chairs: Katica Cvitkušić-Lukenda, Matija Marković, Richard Matasić</i>
15:00-15:15	Results of topology-based critical isthmus ablation in comparison to conventional anatomy-based ablation in atypical atrial flutter <i>Janko Szavits-Nossan (Klinika za kardiovaskularne bolesti Magdalena)</i>
15:15-15:30	Adjunctive empirical superior vena cava isolation versus pulmonary vein isolation alone with fourth-generation cryoballoon in paroxysmal atrial fibrillation: the outcomes of a randomized CISPAF trial <i>Vedran Pašara (KBC Zagreb)</i>
15:30-15:45	Right coronary artery safety after cavotricuspid isthmus pulsed field ablation: Insights from multislice computed tomography coronary angiography <i>Josip Katić (KBC Split)</i>
15:45-16:00	Single-nucleotide polymorphism analysis in atrial fibrillation: clinical relevance of genetic testing and population distribution of AF-associated variants in a Croatian cohort <i>Rea Levicki (OB Požega)</i>
16:00-16:15	PFA Champion: Randomized, Prospective Comparison of Three Different Pulsed Field Ablation Systems <i>Ivan Zeljković (KB Dubrava)</i>

16:30-17:00	Pauza za kavu / Coffee break
17:00-18:00	Session 5 - News from EP world <i>Chairs: Ivica Premužić Meštrović, Zoran Bakotić, Vedran Velagić</i>
17:00-17:15	Top EP studies in 2025/2026 <i>Chaba Foldeshi (Budapest, Hungary)</i>
17:15-17:30	Top pacing studies in 2025/2026 <i>Bratislav Kirčanski (Belgrade, Serbia)</i>
17:30-17:45	EHRA compendium on antiarrhythmic drugs <i>Jane Taleski (Skopje, North Macedonia)</i>
17:45-18:00	EHRA consensus on cardioneuroablation <i>Tolga Aksu (Istanbul, Turkey)</i>
20:00	Symposium Dinner

10:00-11:00

Clinical cases – part 2

Chairs: Borka Pezo Nikolić, Vito Mustapić, David Židan

10:00-10:10

Brugada Syndrome – do we really know enough?

Pavao Mioč (KBC Sestre milosrdnice)

10:10-10:20

Large footprint pentaspline pulsed field ablation catheter as bailout for electrical storm in patient with extensive ventricular scar

Ivan Sikirić (KBC Split)

10:20-10:30

Cardiomyopathy due the incessant SVT after attempted ablation of the midseptal accessory pathway

Valentina Obadić (KB Merkur)

10:30-10:40

Right sided CSP in CRT indication - a bailout or first choice

Sanda Sokol Tomić (KB Dubrava)

10:40-10:50

Myocardial perforation caused by migrated ventricular pacemaker lead - management strategies

Luka Matej Mahečić (KB Merkur)

11:00-11:40

Satelite session 2

Chairs: Nikola Pavlović, Sandro Brusich

11:00-11:20

Future of Boston Scientific's therapies

Nikola Petrović (Boston Scientific)

11:20-11:40

Abundance of choice

Iva Kopčić Nikolić (Johnson & Johnson MedTech)

11:45-12:15

Pauza za kavu / Coffee break

12:15-14:00

Croatian Rhythm Science part 2

Chairs: Toni Brešković, Janko Szavits-Nossan, Marin Bištrilić

12:15-12:30

The Detection of Early Changes in Inflammatory Response After Pulmonary Vein Isolation in Patients with Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation Can Predict Late Atrial Fibrillation Recurrence

Ana Lanča Bastiančić (KBC Rijeka)

12:30-12:45

Ablation of idiopathic PVCs from different sites of origin using focal PFA

Lucija Lisica (KBC Split)

12:45-13:00 **Completely Fluoroless, "Apron-Less" Approach to Supraventricular Tachycardia Ablation Compared to Traditional Fluoroscopy Guided Ablation: Feasibility, Safety and Clinical Outcomes**
Andrija Nekić (KBC Zagreb)

13:00-13:15 **Conventional AI in Clinical Arrhythmology**
Andrej Novak (KB Dubrava)

13:30-13:45 **Whether there are differences in the psychological profile between a patient with coronary disease and atrial fibrillation**
Josip Stjepanović (KB Merkur)

14:00 **Closing remarks & case winner presentation**
Chairs: Šime Manola, Vedran Velagić

14:30 **Ručak / Lunch**