

6th European Hematology Association Balkan Hematology Day and 4th Congress of Macedonian Hematology Association

April 25-26, 2025 – Skopje, North Macedonia

Venue: **Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Skopje, North Macedonia**

Chairs: **Irina Panovska-Stavridis** (Macedonian Hematology Association), **Dimitar Efremov** (Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts)

Friday, April 25, 2025

09:00–10:05

OPENING SESSION

Chair: **Irina Panovska-Stavridis** (Skopje), **Dimitar Efremov** (Skopje, Trieste)

09:00-09:05 Welcome note

09:05-09:10 Introduction of meeting program

09:10-09:20 History of Balkan Hematology Association

09:20-09:30 EHA and History of Balkan Hematology Day

09:30-09:50 Recent regional developments in the treatment of lymphoma

09:50-10:05 CAR T-cell program in Slovenia

Dimitar Efremov (Skopje / Trieste)

Irina Panovska-Stavridis (Skopje)

Oliver Karanfilski (Skopje)

Gianluca Gaidano (Novara)

Irina Panovska-Stavridis (Skopje)

Biljana Todorova (Ljubljana)

10:05-10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30–12:00

MANTLE CELL LYMPHOMA

Chair: **Georg Hess** (Mainz), **Svetlana Krstevska-Balkanov** (Skopje)

10:30-11:00 State-of-the-Art lecture

11:00-11:10 Indolent mantle cell lymphoma

11:10-11:20 Indolent, recurrent extranodal mantle cell lymphoma: case report

11:20-11:30 Obinutuzumab in combination with targeted therapies in the treatment of relapsed mantle-cell lymphoma

11:30-11:40 Is autologous stem cell transplantation still an option for the treatment of mantle cell lymphoma?

11:40-12:00 Discussion

Georg Hess (Mainz)

Darko Antic (Belgrade)

Lazar Chadievski (Skopje)

Nevenka Ridova (Skopje)

Murat Özbalak (Istanbul)

All speakers

12:00-12:45 *Octapharma Corporate symposium: "Secondary Immunodeficiency"*

Chair: **Svetlana Kocheva** (Skopje)

Characteristics and management of immunodeficiency in lymphoproliferative diseases"

Goran Marjanović (Niš)

12:45-13:30 *Lunch break*

13:30–15:00

HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA

Chair: **Sirpa Lëppa** (Helsinki), **Oliver Karanfilski** (Skopje)

13:30-14:00 State-of-the-Art lecture

14:00-14:10 HIV - Associated Hodgkin's lymphoma Prognosis and Therapy

14:10-14:20 Immune checkpoint inhibitors in Hodgkin's lymphoma - When and how?

14:20-14:30 Where are we in late relapse Hodgkin lymphoma?

Sirpa Lëppa (Helsinki)

Miranda Hoti (Pristina)

Hristina Ivanova (Plovdiv)

Merve Ecem Erdoğan Yön (Ankara)

14:30-14:40 Unusual Primary Bone Marrow Hodgkin Lymphoma Presentation
14:40-15:00 Discussion

Fitim Gashi (Kosovo)
All speakers

15:00–16:30

DIFFUSE LARGE B-CELL LYMPHOMA

Chair: **Maria Gomes da Silva** (Lisbon), **Aleksandar Stojanovic** (Skopje)
15:00-15:30 State-of-the-Art lecture
15:30-15:40 Prognostic significance and in vivo modeling of cluster 2 DLBCL
15:40-15:50 Inflammation and inflammatory prognostic indices in DLBCL
15:50-16:00 Prognostic significance of CD47 expression in patients with newly diagnosed DLBCL
16:00-16:10 What treatment for DLBCL in 2025?
16:20-16:30 Discussion

Maria Gomes da Silva (Lisbon)
Ivan Negara (Chisinau / Trieste)
Zorica Cvetković (Belgrade)
Ilija Bukurecki (Belgrade)

Alma Cili (Tirana)
All speakers

16:30-17:00 *Coffee break*

17:00–18:30

MARGINAL ZONE LYMPHOMA

Chair: **Martin Ivanovski** (Skopje), **Laze Cadievski** (Skopje)
17:00-17:30 State-of-the-Art lecture
17:30-17:40 Diagnosis & treatment of nodal marginal zone lymphoma
17:40-17:50 Approach to extranodal marginal zone lymphoma
17:50-18:00 Successful treatment of extranodal marginal zone lymphoma with kidney affection- case report
18:00-18:10 Our experience with primary refractory extranodal marginal zone lymphoma
18:10-18:20 How to manage Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia in 2025
18:20-18:40 Discussion

Anastasios Stathis (Bellinzona)
Zdravko Mitrović (Zagreb)
Selin Küçükyurt Kaya (Ankara)

Laze Cadievski (Skopje)

Bozhidar Kochovski (Skopje)
Evdoxia Hatjiharissi (Thessaloniki)
All speakers

19:00-21:00

WELCOME RECEPTION (Main Lobby of Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts)

Saturday, April 26, 2025

09:00–11:00

CLASSIFICATION, DIAGNOSIS, GENETIC SUBTYPING AND MONITORING OF LYMPHOID MALIGNANCIES

Chair: **Gordana Petrusevska** (Skopje), **Aleksandar Dimovski** (Skopje)
09:00-09:30 Classification of B-cell lymphoproliferative disorders
09:30-10:00 Genomic profiling of lymphoid neoplasms
10:30-11:00 Stereotyped B-Cell Receptors in B-Cell Lymphomas
11:00-11:30 Liquid biopsy of lymphoma

Andreas Rosenwald (Würzburg)
Richard Rosenquist (Stockholm)
Kostas Stamatopoulos (Thessaloniki)
Gianluca Gaidano (Novara)

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30–13:30

ADVANCES IN THE BIOLOGY AND TREATMENT OF CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA

Chair:	Lidija Cevreska (Skopje), Dimitar Efremov (Skopje / Trieste)	
11:30-12:00	New insights in the biology of CLL	Nicholas Chiorazzi (New York)
12:00-12:30	First line CLL treatment	Luca Laurenti (Rome)
12:30-13:00	Mechanisms of resistance to targeted therapies and Richter transformation	Dimitar Efremov (Skopje / Trieste)
13:00-13:30	Treatment of relapsed/refractory CLL and Richter transformation	Gianluca Gaidano (Novara)

13:30-14:00 *Corporate symposium “New generation of potent BTK Inhibitors for treatment of CLL”*

Chair:	Dimitar Efremov (Skopje / Trieste)	
13:30-13:40	BTK inhibitors similarities and differences	Dimitar Efremov (Skopje / Trieste)
13:40-13:55	Acalabrutinib, a BTK inhibitor for treatment of CLL	Alessandra Tedeschi (Milan)
13:55-14:00	Discussion	

14:00-15:00 *Lunch break*

15:00–17:00

ADVANCES IN THE TREATMENT OF FL, HCL, WM and MM

Chair:	Irina Panovska-Stavridis (Skopje), Aleksandra Pivkova-Veljanovska (Skopje)	
15:00-15:30	Advances in the biology and treatment of Follicular Lymphoma	Francesco Forconi (Southampton)
15:30-16:00	Current and future therapies for Hairy Cell Leukemia	Enrico Tiacchi (Perugia)
16:00-16:30	Treatment of Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia	Alessandra Tedeschi (Milan)
16:30-17:00	Current and future therapies for Multiple Myeloma	Francesca Gay (Torino)

17:00-17:45

PATIENT ADVOCACY SESSION

Chair: **Bibi Conveska** (Skopje), **Marija Vuk** (Skopje)

17:00-17:20	Patient Advocacy in North Macedonia in 2025	Lidija Pecova (HEMA-ONKO, Skopje)
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