

Annual EFI Region 8 & Balkan EPT Meeting

October 25th, 2025

The Envoy Conference Center, Belgrade, Serbia

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY October 24th, 2025

19.00 – 21.30 Welcome reception (The Envoy Hotel)

SATURDAY October 25th, 2025

08:00-12:00	Registration	
08:45-09:00	<i>Official opening</i>	
09:00-10:30	Session 1 Chairpersons: Gottfried Fischer, Elissaveta Naumova, Irina Monica Dutescu	
09:00-09:30	Blanka Vidan Jeras (Slovenia)	30 years of EFI Accreditation Programme
09:30-10:00	Gottfried Fischer (Austria)	DSA in view of new immunosuppressive therapies
10:00-10:30	Elissaveta Naumova, Tsvetelin Lukanov (Bulgaria)	Optimizing Donor Selection: HLA Matching Strategies in Allogeneic HSCT
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00-12.55	Session 2 Chairpersons: Katerina Tarassi, Milena Ivanova, Zorana Andrić	
11:00-11:20	Antonij Slavčev (Czech Republic)	Kidney paired donations
11:20-11:40	Renata Žunec (Croatia)	Virtual crossmatch in real-life - Experience of Tissue Typing Center Zagreb
11:40-12:00	Katerina Tarassi (Greece)	Epitope matching in kidney transplantation
12:00-12:20	Fatma Oguz (Turkey)	HLA-B leader peptide in HSCT
12:20-12:40	Jelena Dmitrović (Serbia)	When platelets fail: anti-HLA and anti-HPA antibodies in clinical transfusion practice – Experiences from the Blood Transfusion Institute of Serbia
12:40-12:55	Frieda Jordan (Armenia)	ABMDR: 26 years of saving lives through science, outreach, and education
12:55-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00-14:30	Poster viewing Moderators: Aleksandar Petlichkovski, Tsvetelin Lukanov, Ana Moise	
14:30-16:00	Session 3 Chairpersons: Antonij Slavčev, Fatma Oguz, Zorana Grubić	
14:30-14:40	Chryso Pieridou (Cyprus)	Enhancing Donor-Specific Antibody Detection in Transplantation: Impact of High-Resolution HLA Typing via Nanopore Sequencing
14:40-14:50	Marija Burek Kamenaric (Croatia)	Concordance between virtual and physical crossmatches in cadaveric kidney transplantation

14:50-15:00	Aleksandra Milojevic (Serbia)	Correlation of DQ-specific eplet mismatch load and Pirche-II with de novo DSA in living donor kidney transplants
15:00-15:10	Asimina Fylaktou (Greece)	Immunosenescence: friend or foe in kidney transplantation?
15:10-15:20	Aleksandar Petlichkovski (Republic of North Macedonia)	Generation of human induced pluripotent stem cells from haplo-selected cord blood samples
15:20-15:30	Danica Stefanovic (Serbia)	Distribution of B-leader dimorphism and HLA-E in Serbian population
15:30-15:40	Milena Ivanova (Bulgaria)	Allelic polymorphism of KIRs in JAK2V617F and CALR mutation driven myeloproliferative neoplasms
15:40-15:50	Mariana Pavel-Tanasa (Romania)	Genetic profiling of HLA class I and II alleles in Romanian myasthenia gravis subtypes
15:50-16:00	Moshe Israeli (Israel)	From samples to stories: why your HLA lab needs a patient-centric laboratory information management system
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:30-17:30	Session 4 Chairpersons: Blanka Vidan Jeras, Anastasia Mihaylova	
16:30-16:45	Irina Monica Dutescu (Romania)	Commissioner report EFI Region 8A
16:45-17:00	Katerina Tarassi (Greece)	Commissioner report EFI Region 8B
17:00-17:15	Fatma Oguz (Turkey)	Balkan EPT results for HLA typing schemes in 2025
17:15-17:30	Anastasia Mihaylova (Bulgaria)	Balkan EPT results for alloantibodies, crossmatch and HLA-B27 schemes in 2025
17:30-17:45	<i>Best Presentation Awards & Closing Remarks</i>	

19:30-23:30 Network dinner