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Bridging Meeting in Gastroenterology

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Thursday – 27 November

18:00 – 18:15 Opening

18:15 – 18:45 Cultural presentation: *Oana Habor: The History of Medical Education in Cluj: Institutional Evolution and Academic Heritage (1775-2025)*

18:45 – 19:15 Quintet Fantastique Chamber Concert

19:15 – 21:00 Welcome cocktail

Friday – 28 November

Session of the youth and of the Bridging Meeting alumni

09:00 – 09:05 Introduction: Peter Malfertheiner, Jan Tack, Dan Dumitrascu

UPPER GUT

Chairs: Simona Bataga, Alexander Link, Vasile Drug

09:05 – 09:13 Pantea Monica, Targu-Mures: *Predictive Value of Clinical and Endoscopic Scores in Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding Outcomes: A Retrospective Study*

09:13 – 09:17 Discussant: Vasile Drug

09:17 – 09:25 Aleksandra Sztogrin-Pluta, Warsaw: *Endoscopic treatment for primary neoplasia of the gastroesophageal junction: an outcome study*

09:25 – 09:29 Discussant: Simona Bataga, Targu-Mures

09:29 – 09:37 Diana Floria, Iasi: *The non-invasive diagnostic of GERD and the role of pepsin*

09:37 – 09:41 Discussant: Jan Tack, Leuven

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- 09:41 – 09:49** Andrei Picos, Cluj-Napoca: *Atomic force microscopy analysis of the dental tissues of surfaces exposed to low oral pH in GERD*
- 09:49 – 09:53** Discussant: Vasile Drug, Iasi
- 09:53 – 10:01** Vera Ciornolutchii, Cluj-Napoca: *Microbiota of the esophagus: systematic review*
- 10:01 – 10:05** Discussant: Vladimir Milivojevic, Belgrade
- 10:05 – 10:13** Sabrina Munteanu, Targu-Mures: *H. pylori Infection and Prolonged PPI Use: Endoscopic and Histologic Perspectives*
- 10:13 – 10:17** Discussant: Christian Schulz, Munich
- 10:17 – 10:25** Radu Farcas, Cluj-Napoca: *Gastric juice MicroRNA as biomarkers in Functional Dyspepsia: A Case-Control Analysis*
- 10:25 – 10:29** Discussant: Alexander Link, Bayreuth
- 10:29 – 10:37** Voicu Rednic, Cluj-Napoca: *Rapid on-site confocal microscopy using vivascope for tumor biopsies during EUS: a comparative analysis with classical histology*
- 10:37 – 10:41** Discussant: Anca Negovan, Targu-Mures
- 10:41 – 10:56 Satellite symposium (Sanofi): AccelRare – Support for Every Medical Decision**
- 10:56 – 11:15 Coffee Break**

LOWER GUT

Chairs: Piero Portincasa, Miodrag Krstic, Tomica Milosavljevic

- 11:15 – 11:23** Biljana Knežević, Zagreb: *Claudin expression in colon lamina propria mononuclear cells of patients with ulcerative colitis*
- 11:23 – 11:27** Discussant: Tomica Milosavljevic, Belgrade
- 11:27 – 11:35** Mirela Georgiana Perne, Cluj-Napoca: *Checkpoint inhibitor-induced colitis: Early diagnosis, Therapeutic management according to severity*
- 11:35 – 11:39** Discussant: Miodrag Krstic, Belgrade

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11:39 – 11:47 Konrad Lehr, Magdeburg: *Microbial interactions in the gut: influence of bacterial communities on fungal colonization in twins*

11:47 – 11:51 Discussant: Teodora Surdea-Blaga, Cluj-Napoca

11:51 – 11:59 Andrei Pop, Cluj-Napoca: *Prevalence and Clinical Aspects of Celiac Disease in Romania*

11:59 – 12:03 Discussant: Marko Banic, Zagreb

12:03 – 12:11 Mohamad Khalil, Bari: *Unraveling the role of gut permeability in health and disease at the translational level*

12:11 – 12:15 Discussant: Simona Grad, Cluj-Napoca

12:15 – 12:23 Vytautas Kiudelis, Kaunas: *Microbiome in microscopic colitis*

12:23 – 12:27 Discussant: Dan Dumitrascu, Cluj-Napoca

12:27 – 12:35 Abdulrahman Ismaiel, Cluj-Napoca: *Antispasmodics and antidepressants in IBS: network meta-analysis*

12:35 – 12:39 Discussant: Piero Portincasa, Bari

12:39 – 12:47 Paul Grama, Targu-Mures: *The Role of Eosinophilic Cationic Protein in IBD*

12:47 – 12:51 Discussant: Stefan Popa, Cluj-Napoca

12:51 – 12:59 Nikola Krumina, Riga: *Ferritin-serum iron relationship in enteropathy patients evaluated by capsule endoscopy*

12:59 – 13:03 Discussant: Lidia Ciobanu, Cluj-Napoca

13:03 – 13:33 Satellite symposium (Alfasigma): *Dan D. Dumitraşcu – The Life of Patients with Irritable Bowel Syndrome*

13:33 – 14:23 Lunch Break

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LIVER - PANCREAS

Chairs: Meri Trajkovska, Davor Stimac, Ludovico Abenavoli

14:23 – 14:31 Giuseppe Guido Maria Scarlata, Catanzaro: *Applying the combinatorial Metabolic Dysfunction-associated Steatotic Liver Disease nomenclature to patients with Hepatitis C Virus*

14:31 – 14:35 Discussant: Davor Stimac, Rijeka

14:35 – 14:43 Andrej Belančić, Rijeka: *Sneak peek on effectiveness, safety and pharmacoeconomics of anti-obesity medicines*

14:43 – 14:47 Discussant: Tomica Milosavljevic, Belgrade

14:47 – 14:55 Bojan Korica, Belgrade: *Potential protective effects of raspberry seed polyphenols in MASLD*

14:55 – 14:59 Discussant: Ludovico Abenavoli, Catanzaro

14:59 – 15:07 Iulia Minciuna, Cluj-Napoca: *Platelet proteomics – a new perspective in MASLD pathogenesis*

15:07 – 15:11 Discussant: Ludovico Abenavoli, Catanzaro

15:11 – 15:19 Nikola Bakovic, Belgrade: *Liver Frailty Index in patients with alcoholic and non-alcoholic liver cirrhosis*

15:19 – 15:23 Discussant: Bogdan Procopet, Cluj-Napoca

15:23 – 15:31 Catalina Olaru-Stavila, Chişinău: *Borreliosis and viral B hepatitis: a misleading association*

15:31 – 15:35 Discussant: Simona Bataga, Targu-Mures

15:35 – 15:43 Katarina Jankovic, Belgrade: *Efficacy and Safety of Atezolizumab and Bevacizumab in the Treatment of Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Experience from a Tertiary Center.*

15:43 – 15:47 Discussant: Alexander Link, Bayreuth

15:47 – 15:55 Andrei Motofelea, Cluj-Napoca: *Ultrasound -CT/MRI fusion imaging in the detection and characterisation of nodules in liver cirrhosis*

15:55 – 15:59 Discussant: Radu Badea

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15:59 – 16:07 Emilija Nikolovska Trpchevska, Skopje: *Hyperglycaemia in pancreatic cancer: a symptom or consequence? Single center experience*

16:07 – 16:11 Discussant: Dan Dumitraşcu, Cluj-Napoca

16:11 – 16:19 Max Ole Hubert, Muenchen: *Severe Acute Pancreatitis: Why Obesity Is More Than Just a Comorbidity*

16:19 – 16:23 Discussant: Meri Trajkovska, Skopje

16:23 – 16:38 Satellite symposium (Vedra)

16:38 – 16:55 Coffee Break

State of Art

Chair: Peter Malfertheiner, Dan Dumitraşcu

16:55 – 17:00 Jaroslaw Regula, Warsaw: *Are blood-based tests for CRC screening ready to use*

17:00 – 17:15 Jan Bornschein, Oxford: *Stomach inflammation and related early neoplastic changes in H. pylori positive patients – the SIREN project*

17:15 – 17:30 Andrada Seicean, Cluj-Napoca: *Acute cholecystitis treatment – surgical, endoscopic or conservative?*

17:30 – 17:45 Jan Tack, Leuven: *Advices for a successful career in gastroenterology*

17:45 – 18:00 Closing remarks

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Saturday – 29 November

EAGEN Postgraduate course



09:00 – 09:10 Introduction:

Jan Tack: The mission of EAGEN

Dan Dumitraşcu, Peter Malfertheiner: presentation and objectives of the course

Session 1: Liver, Pancreas

Chairs: Tamara Milovanovic, Eugen Tcaciuc, Ludovico Abenavoli

09:10 – 09:25 Ludovico Abenavoli, Catanzaro: *The gut-liver axis and the gut microbiota in health*

09:25 – 09:40 Davor Štimac, Rijeka: *MASLD in obesity – two epidemics*

09:40 – 09:55 Tamara Milovanovic, Belgrade: *Muscles in chronic liver diseases*

09:55 – 10:10 Eugen Tcaciuc, Chişinău: *HBV reactivation in patients under immunotherapy*

10:10 – 10:25 Zeno Sparchez, Cluj-Napoca: *Modern Ultrasound techniques in the management of hepatocellular carcinoma*

10:25 – 10:40 Bogdan Procopet, Cluj-Napoca: *Particularities of portal hypertension in patients with MASLD*

10:40 – 10:55 Meri Trajkovska, Skopje: *Chronic Pancreatitis: Innovations in multimodal treatment and Complication management*

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10:55 – 11:15 Satellite Symposium (Salveo): *Therapeutic Efficacy of LOLA (L-ornithine-L-aspartate) Therapy in Hepatic Encephalopathy Management – Horia Ștefănescu, Oana Farcău (IRGH Cluj)*

11:15 – 11:35 Satellite symposium (Opella)

11:35 – 11:50 Coffee Break

Session 2: Lower Gastrointestinal Tract

Chairs: Piero Portincasa, Marko Banic, Marcel Tanțău

11:50 – 12:05 Tomica Milosavljevic, Belgrade: *Chronic constipation – complexity of multiple causes & targeted therapies*

12:05 – 12:10 Piero Portincasa, Bari: *Opioid induced constipation – we can do better!*

12:10 – 12:25 Teodora Surdea-Blaga, Cluj-Napoca: *Obstructive defecatory disorders*

12:25 – 12:40 Marcel Tanțău, Cluj-Napoca: *Early detection of dysplasia in IBD*

12:40 – 12:55 Simona Fourie, Oxford: *Unmet needs regarding sexual wellbeing in patients after undergoing stoma formation*

12:55 – 13:10 Radu Badea, Cluj-Napoca: *Ultrasonographic diagnosis of intestinal diseases*

13:10 – 13:25 Dan L. Dumitrașcu, Cluj-Napoca: *The management of chronic diarrhea*

Q&A

13:25 – 13:40 Satellite symposium (Biocodex): *Practical implications in irritable bowel syndrome: what new evidence does *Bifidobacterium longum* 35624 bring to the management of symptoms?*

13:40 – 14:30 Lunch Break

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14:30 – 14:45 Marko Banic, Zagreb: *The peculiar case of intestinal mucosa: immunity, microbiota and environment*

14:45 – 15:00 Simona Grad, Cluj-Napoca: *Indications of fecal material transplantation*

15:00 – 15:15 Lidia Ciobanu: *Gastrointestinal and liver immune-related adverse effects induced by immune checkpoint inhibitors*

15:15 – 15:30 Stefan Popa, Cluj-Napoca: *Artificial intelligence in gastroenterology*

Q&A

15:30 – 15:45 Satellite symposium (Innergy): The role of intestinal eubiosis in the management of irritable bowel syndrome

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:10 Satellite symposium (Abbvie)

Session 3: Upper Gastrointestinal Tract

Chairs: Anca Negovan, Christian Schulz, Vladimir Milivojevic

16:10 – 16:25 Peter Malfertheiner, Muenchen: *Gastric microbial ecosystem beyond H. pylori*

16:25 – 16:40 Vasile Drug, Iași: *The management of extra-esophageal GERD – a continuous challenge*

16:40 – 16:55 Simona Bataga, Tg-Mureș: *Autoimmune gastritis*

16:55 – 17:10 Christian Schulz, Munich: *Gastritis chapter closed*

17:10 – 17:25 Anca Negovan: *Modulators of Progression in Preneoplastic Gastric Lesions*

17:25 – 17:40 Vladimir Milivojevic, Belgrade: *In search for Helicobacter pylori eradication success; tailored made PCR guided therapy versus empirical treatment*

17:40 – 17:55 Alexander Link, Bayreuth: *Beyond Junk: Unlocking the Biomarker and Therapeutic Potential of ncRNAs*

Q&A

17:55 – 18:10 Closing remarks