

XXXIXth Workshop of the European Helicobacter & Microbiota Study Group

EHMSG Postgraduate Course

*“When a Dead Microbe Is a Good Microbe? Exploring microbes in
human health beyond the pathogen paradigm”*

September 10 - 12, 2026 | Belgrade, Serbia



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Welcoming address by the President of the 39th Workshop of the European Helicobacter and Microbiota Study Group



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Annual International **Workshop of the European Helicobacter and Microbiota Study Group!**

In keeping with our tradition, we are offering a comprehensive program highlighting the latest advances in understanding the impact of *Helicobacter pylori* and the microbiota on health, presented in a format suitable for both clinicians and basic scientists.

Leading experts will deliver lectures designed to bridge cutting-edge research and clinical practice, helping you explore how microbiota science is shaping future healthcare.

I look forward to welcoming you to Belgrade and sharing these exciting developments with you.

Warm regards,

Mirjana Rajilić-Stojanović
President of the European Helicobacter Study Group



Save the Dates!

40th Workshop of the European Helicobacter
and Microbiota Study Group

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Thursday, September 10, 2026

09.15 - 18.15 hrs	EHMSG Postgraduate Course “When a Dead Microbe Is a Good Microbe? Exploring microbes in human health beyond the pathogen paradigm”	Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol
14.45 - 15.00 hrs	Industry Sponsored Satellite Symposium 3 (see page 23 for details)	Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol
18.45 hrs	Networking Event	Welcome Reception at the Restaurant Barrel House

Friday, September 11, 2026

08.25 – 18.40 hrs	EHMSG 2026 Workshop	
08.25 - 08.30 hrs	Welcome Words Congress President	Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol
08.30 - 10.20 hrs	Session 01 – Microbiota & Metabolic Syndrome	Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol
10.20 - 11.00 hrs	<i>Coffee Break</i>	Exhibition Area
11.00 - 12.25 hrs	Session 02 – Therapeutic Microbiota Modulation and New Regulation of FMT (Parallel Session)	Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol
11.00 - 12.25 hrs	Session 03 – AI, Omics and Disease Classification in <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> (Parallel Session)	Lecture Room: Gornji Dorćol
12.25 - 13.25 hrs	Industry-Sponsored Satellite Symposium 2 (see page 22 for details)	Lecture Room: Shonda 1
12.25 - 14.00 hrs	<i>Lunch Break & Poster Viewing</i>	Exhibition Area
14.00 - 15.00 hrs	Session 4: Industry-Sponsored Satellite Symposium 1 (see page 20 for details)	Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol
15.00 - 16.25 hrs	Session 05 – New Targets for Clinical Applications in FMT and microbiome modulation (Parallel Session)	Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol
15.00 - 16.30 hrs	Session 06 – <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> Screening (Parallel Session)	Lecture Room: Gornji Dorćol
16.30 - 17.00 hrs	<i>Coffee Break</i>	Exhibition Area
17.00 - 18.40 hrs	Session 07 – Antimicrobial Resistance in <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> and Microbiota	Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol
19.30 hrs	Networking Dinner	Conference Dinner at the Kalemegdanska Terasa

Saturday, September 12, 2026

08.30 – 18.00 hrs	EHMSG 2026 Workshop	
08.30 - 09.50 hrs	Session 08 - Oncobiome	Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol
09.50 - 10.20 hrs	Coffee Break	Exhibition Area
10.20 - 11.45 hrs	Session 09 – Microbiome as a Biomarker <i>(Parallel Session)</i>	Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol
10.20 - 11.45 hrs	Session 10 – Unfinished Agenda for <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> <i>(Parallel Session)</i>	Lecture Room: Gornji Dorćol
11.45 - 13.30 hrs	Lunch Break & Poster Viewing	Exhibition Area
13.30 - 14.55 hrs	Session 11 – Probiotics <i>(Parallel Session)</i>	Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol
13.30 - 14.55 hrs	Session 12 – Gastric Cancer and <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> <i>(Parallel Session)</i>	Lecture Room: Gornji Dorćol
14.55 - 15.30 hrs	Coffee Break	Exhibition Area
15.30 - 16.30 hrs	Session 13 – Progress in the clinical management of <i>H.pylori</i> infection - Maastricht 1996 - 2026	Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol
16.30 - 18.00 hrs	Session 14 – Closing Session	Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol



EHMSG Postgraduate Course

“When a Dead Microbe Is a Good Microbe? Exploring microbes in human health beyond the pathogen paradigm”

Course Directors: Mirjana **Rajilić-Stojanović**, Tomica **Milosavljević**, Miodrag **Krstić**

Lecture Room: **Donji Dorćol**

09.15 – 09.30 hrs	Welcoming and Course Overview by Course Directors
09.30 – 10.45 hrs	Session 01 - From pathogens to partners – a historical and biological perspective Chair: Tomica Milosavljević , Belgrade, Serbia & Mirjana Rajilić-Stojanović , Belgrade, Serbia
09.30 – 09.55 hrs	01.01. Microbes in medicine: from enemies to allies – a historical overview Tomica Milosavljević , Belgrade, Serbia
09.55 – 10.20 hrs	01.02. From associations to mechanisms: Pinpointing when microbes are beneficial or harmful Koen Venema , Wageningen, Netherlands
10.20 – 10.45 hrs	01.03. Akkermansia muciniphila: from commensal to therapeutic tool Muriel Derrien , Leuven, Belgium
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.30 hrs	Session 02 – <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> eradication in modern gastroenterology Chair: Francis Mégraud , Bordeaux, France & Miodrag Krstić , Belgrade Serbia
11.15 – 11.40 hrs	02.01. <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> eradication and long-term clinical outcomes Peter Malfertheiner , Munich, Germany
11.40 – 12.05 hrs	02.02. Eradication therapy in daily practice resistance patterns and treatment strategies Vladimir Milivojević , Belgrade, Serbia
12.05 – 12.30 hrs	02.03. Population-based <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> eradication benefits risks and open questions Bojan Tepeš , Ljubljana, Slovenia
12.30 – 13.30 hrs	Lunch break
13.30 – 14.45 hrs	Session 03 – Disrupting microbial ecosystems: consequences beyond the target Chair: Georgina Hold , Sydney, Australia & Sinéad Smith , Dublin, Ireland
13.30 – 13.55 hrs	03.01. Mucins, dysbiosis and the path from inflammation to cancer Annemieke Smet , Antwerp, Belgium
13.55 – 14.20 hrs	03.02. When intervention reshapes ecosystems: long-term consequences of antibiotic therapy John Penders , Maastricht, Netherlands
14.20 – 14.45 hrs	03.03. Microbiota dysregulation in immune-mediated diseases Sergej Tomić , Belgrade, Serbia
14.45 – 15.00 hrs	Industry-Sponsored Satellite Symposium 3 See page 23 for details

15.00 – 15.30 hrs Coffee break

15.30 – 16.45 hrs Session 04 - Clinical diagnostics – looking beyond the usual suspects

Chair: Simon **Baunwall**, Aarhus, Denmark & Mirjana **Stojšić**, Novi Sad Serbia

15.30 – 15.55 hrs 04.01. Infectious versus dysbiotic disease: diagnostic dilemmas from a clinical microbiome Perspective
Ernesto **Margarita**, Rome, Italy

15.55 – 16.20 hrs 04.02. When Good Bacteria Are in the Wrong Place – Linking SIBO, IBS and Antibiotic Therapy
Nikola **Panić**, Belgrade, Serbia

16.20 – 16.45 hrs 04.03. Fungal and non-bacterial microorganisms in human disease
Aleksandra **Barać**, Belgrade, Serbia

16.45 – 18.00 hrs Session 05 - Therapeutic modulation of microbiota from early life to clinical intervention

Chair: Francesco **Franceschi**, Rome, Italy & Theodore **Rokkas**, Athens, Greece

16.45 – 17.10 hrs 05.01. Probiotics in preterm infants evidence clinical relevance and open questions
Mirjana **Stojšić**, Novi Sad, Serbia

17.10 – 17.35 hrs 05.02. Fecal microbiota transplantation outside clinical trials
Goran **Hauser**, Rijeka, Croatia

17.35 – 18.00 hrs 05.03. Functional foods and traditional fermented products for sustainable health outcomes
Nataša **Golić**, Belgrade, Serbia

18.00 – 18.15 hrs Closing remarks and discussion

18.45 hrs Networking Event





08.25 – 08.30 hrs **Welcome by EHMSG President Mirjana Rajilić-Stojanović, Belgrade, Serbia**

08.30 – 10.20 hrs **Session 01 – Microbiota in Health and Disease**

Chair: Francis **Mégraud**, Bordeaux, France & Tomica **Milosavljević**, Belgrade, Serbia

Lecture Room: **Donji Dorćol**

08.30 – 08.50 hrs 01.01. Gut microbiota and metabolic disorders: pathophysiological insights
Herbert **Tilg**, Innsbruck, Austria

08.50 – 09.10 hrs 01.02. *Helicobacter pylori* and Metabolic Syndrome
Francesco **Franceschi**, Rome, Italy

09.10 – 09.30 hrs 01.03. Gut Microbiota Metabolism and Metabolic Diseases
Katharina **Beck**, Gothenburg, Sweden

09.30 – 09.50 hrs 01.04. Gut Microbiota and Metabolic Health – From Mechanisms to Intervention
Sahar **El Aidy**, Amsterdam, Netherlands

09.50 – 10.05 hrs 01.05. Gain-of-function TLR4 variants and *Helicobacter pylori*-related gastric cancer.
Isidora **Simovic**, Sidney, Australia

10.05 – 10.20 hrs 01.06. Faecal microbiota transplantation for refractory immune checkpoint inhibitor-induced colitis:
a pan-european cohort study
Ernesto **Margarita**, Rome, Italy

10.20 – 11.00 hrs Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.25 hrs **Session 02 – Therapeutic Microbiota Modulation and New Regulation of FMT (Parallel Session)**

Chair: Vladimir **Milivojević**, Belgrade, Serbia & Josbert **Keller**, The Hague, Netherlands

Lecture Room: **Donji Dorćol**

11.00 – 11.20 hrs 02.01. Update on the regulatory aspects of FMT
Simon Mark **Baunwall**, Aarhus, Denmark

11.20 – 11.40 hrs 02.02. How to build a FMT centre: the Eastern Europe experience
Georgiana-Emmanuela **Gilca-Blanariu**, Iasi, Romania

11.40 – 11.55 hrs 02.03. Microbiome-targeted therapy improves symptoms in Rett syndrome
Francesco **Strati**, Kaunas, Lithuania

11.55 – 12.10 hrs 02.04. Achillea millefolium exerts distinct modulatory effects on gut bacterial and fungal communities in the TIM-2 in vitro model of the colon
Ana **Bacic**, Belgrade, Serbia

12.10 – 12.25 hrs 02.05. Paromomycin is an effective treatment option for rifaximin-refractory small intestinal bacterial overgrowth: a retrospective analysis
Ernesto **Margarita**, Rome, Italy

11.00 – 12.25 hrs **Session 03 – AI, Omics and Disease Classification in *Helicobacter pylori* (Parallel Session)**

Chair: Kaisa **Thorell**, Gothenburg, Sweden & Byung-Wook **Kim**, Seoul, Korea

Lecture Room: **Gornji Dorćol**

11.00 – 11.20 hrs	03.01. Can AI be the Pathologist Friend? / How can Pathologists take advantage of AI? Ari Ristimäki , Helsinki, Finland
11.20 – 11.40 hrs	03.02. AI in Endoscopy Yoshio Yamaoka , Yufu, Japan
11.40 – 11.55 hrs	03.03. Assessing the accuracy of commonly used bioinformatic tools to predict antibiotic resistance phenotypes from <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> genomes. Farah Mahmood , Nottingham, United Kingdom
11.55 – 12.10 hrs	03.04. Epigenomic Landscape of <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> : Direct Detection and Validation of DNA Methylation in the <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> Genome Project Constanza Camargo , Rockville, MD, United States
12.10 – 12.25 hrs	03.05. Autoimmune Gastritides: Nosology Affects Clinical Practice. Massimo Rugge , Padova, Italy

12.25 - 13.25 hrs Industry-Sponsored Satellite Symposium 2

Lecture Room: Shonda 1

See details on page 22

12.25 – 14.00 hrs	Lunch Break & Poster Viewing
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14.00 – 15.00 hrs Session 04 – Industry-Sponsored Satellite Symposium 1

Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol

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15.00 – 16.25 hrs Session 05 – New Targets for Clinical Applications in FMT and microbiome modulation (Parallel Session)

Chair: Simon Mark **Baunwall**, Aarhus, Denmark & Gianluca **Ianiro**, Rome, Italy

Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol

15.00 – 15.20 hrs	05.01. FMT in oncology Gianluca Ianiro , Rome, Italy
15.20 – 15.40 hrs	05.02. FMT in noncommunicable disorders Nicolas Benech , Lyon, France
15.40 – 15.55 hrs	05.03. Feasibility and Symptom Improvement Signals of Oral Capsule Versus Colonoscopic Fecal Microbiota Transplantation for Irritable Bowel Syndrome: A Double-Blind Randomized Trial (CAP-COLONO Study) Ratha-korn Vilaichone , Pathumthani, Thailand
15.55 – 16.10 hrs	05.04. Modulation of the Gut Microbiota by a Gluten-Free Diet in Healthy Individuals Lisa Lungaro , Palermo/Ferrara, Italy
16.10 – 16.25 hrs	05.05. Antibiotic Pre-conditioning for fecal microbiota transplantation does not impair gut barrier integrity in mice Enrico Capuano , Rome, Italy



15.00 – 16.30 hrs **Session 06 – *Helicobacter pylori* Screening (Parallel Session)**

Chair: Marcis **Leja**, Riga, Latvia & Fahad **Alsohaibani**, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Lecture Room: **Gornji Dorćol**

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| 15.00 – 15.20 hrs | 06.01. Risk of Gastric Adenocarcinoma after Eradication of <i>Helicobacter pylori</i>
Verena Friedrich , Munich, Germany` |
| 15.20 – 15.35 hrs | 06.02. EU Gastric Cancer Prevention Initiatives
Marcis Leja , Riga, Latvia |
| 15.35 – 15.47 hrs | 06.03. Shaping Europe's First Evidence-Based Guidelines for Gastric Cancer Prevention: The European Commission Initiative on Gastric Cancer
Jin Young Park , Lyon, France |
| 15.47 – 16.07 hrs | 06.04. Korean Registry on the Current Management of <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> (K-Hp-Reg)
Joon Sung Kim , Seoul, Korea |
| 16.07 – 16.19 hrs | 06.05. <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> eradication and local recurrence after endoscopic treatment of gastric low-grade dysplasia: a Korean multicenter cohort study.
Jong Yeul Lee , Goyang, Korea |
| 16.19 – 16.31 hrs | 06.06. <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> Screen and treat study for the primary prevention of gastric cancer in young adults in six EU member states—TOGAS Project
Bojan Tepes , Ljubljana, Slovenia |

16.30 – 17.00 hrs Coffee Break

17.00 – 18.40 hrs **Session 07 – Antimicrobial Resistance in *Helicobacter pylori* and Microbiota**

Chair: Emilie **Bessède**, Bordeaux, France & Sinéad **Smith**, Dublin, Ireland

Lecture Room: **Donji Dorćol**

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| 17.00 – 17.20 hrs | 07.01. The impact of travelling on resistome
John Penders , Maastricht, Netherlands |
| 17.20 – 17.40 hrs | 07.02. Antimicrobial Treatment and Resistome
Ioanna Chatzigiannidou , Lyngby, Denmark |
| 17.40 – 18.00 hrs | 07.03. The optimization of helicobacter eradication therapy based on the results of KCAST-HP
Ji Yong Ahn , Seoul, Korea |
| 18.00 – 18.20 hrs | 07.04. Challenges for <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> Resistance
Christian Schulz , Munich, Germany |
| 18.20 – 18.40 hrs | 07.05. <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> Resistance in Patients with Therapeutic Failure – Results from Tertiary Center in Serbia
Dragana Mijač , Belgrade, Serbia |

19.30 hrs **Conference Dinner** (Bus Departure at 19.00 hrs)

08.30 - 09.50 hrs

Session 08 – Oncobiome

Chair: Annemieke **Smet**, Antwerp, Belgium & Sergej **Tomić**, Belgrade, Serbia

Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol

08.30 – 08.50 hrs

08.01. Microbiome in Immune Checkpoint Inhibition
Johannes **Björk**, Groningen, Netherlands

08.50 – 09.10 hrs

08.02. Microbiome Immune Interactions in Cancer
Luigi **Nezi**, Milan, Italy

09.10 – 09.30 hrs

08.03. Intra-Tumoral Microbiome
Emilie **Bessède**, Bordeaux, France

09.30 – 09.50 hrs

08.04. The gastric microbiome in gastric carcinogenesis and the emerging role of *Streptococcus anginosus*
Céu **Figueiredo**, Porto, Portugal

09.50 – 10.20 hrs

Coffee Break

10.20 – 11.45 hrs

Session 09 – Microbiome as a Biomarker (Parallel Session)

Chair: Georgina **Hold**, Sydney, Australia & Alexander **Link**, Munich, Germany

Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol

10.20 – 10.40 hrs

09.01. Evaluating Microbial Dysbiosis through Meta-Analysis
Georgina **Hold**, Sydney, Australia

10.40 – 11.00 hrs

09.02. Microbiome Testing in Clinical Practice
Juozas **Kupcinskis**, Kaunas, Lithuania

11.00 – 11.15 hrs

09.03. Characterization of gut bacterial and fungal community in paediatric progressive familial Intrahepatic cholestasis
Konrad **Lehr**, Magdeburg, Germany

11.15 – 11.30 hrs

09.04. Gut microbiome predicts risk of aggressive disease course in ulcerative colitis: Development and validation of a risk classifier
Lena **Öhman**, Gothenburg, Sweden

11.30 – 11.45 hrs

09.05. Gastric microbiota profiles in autoimmune gastritis compared to *H. pylori* gastritis: a multicenter prospective cross-sectional study
Ricardo **Vasapolli**, Munich, Germany

10.20 -11.45 hrs

Session 10 – Unfinished Agenda for *Helicobacter pylori* (Parallel Session)

Chair: Theodore **Rokkas**, Athens, Greece & Peter **Malfertheiner**, Munich, Germany

Lecture Room: Gornji Dorćol

10.20 – 10.40 hrs

10.01. Optimizing Current *Helicobacter pylori* Therapies: Strategies to Improve Efficacy in Clinical Practice
Theodore **Rokkas**, Athens, Greece

10.40 – 11.00 hrs

10.02. *Helicobacter pylori* Search-and-Treat Policy: Current Challenges
Colm **O'Morain**, Dublin, Ireland

11.00 – 11.15 hrs

10.03. Is bismuth-containing therapy still effective and safe in patients infected by *helicobacter pylori*? A six-years multicentre real life study
Francesco **Di Mario**, Parma, Italy



- 11.15 – 11.30 hrs 10.04. Long-Term Impact of *Helicobacter Pylori* Eradication on Splenectomy Outcomes in Refractory Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura: A 10-Year Follow-Up Study
Khalighi **Amir**, San Diego, CA, United States
- 11.30 – 11.45 hrs 10.05. Experience with Rifabutin-Containing Therapy in 900 Patients from the European Registry on *Helicobacter pylori* Management (Hp-EuReg)
Olga **Nyssen**, Madrid, Spain

11.45 – 13.30 hrs Lunch Break & Poster Viewing

13.30 – 14.55 hrs

Session 11 – Probiotics (Parallel Session)

Chair: Francesco **Franceschi**, Rome, Italy & Nataša **Golić**, Belgrade, Serbia

Lecture Room: **Donji Dorćol**

- 13.30 – 13.50 hrs 11.01. Next Generation Probiotics and Aging
Miroslav **Dinić**, Belgrade, Serbia
- 13.50 – 14.10 hrs 11.02. Psychobiotics
Gerard **Clarke**, Cork, Ireland
- 14.10 – 14.25 hrs 11.03. Effect of *Saccharomyces boulardii* supplementation during proton pump inhibitor therapy on gut microbiome and symptom outcomes in reflux disease: a prospective multicenter study
Hyo-Joon **Yang**, Seoul, Korea
- 14.25 – 14.40 hrs 11.04. Efficacy of *Bifidobacterium longum* BBH-016 on Gastrointestinal Symptoms and Gut Microbiota: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial
Ho-Kyoung **Lee**, Seoul, Korea
- 14.40 – 14.55 hrs 11.05. From Bench to Bedside: A 10-Year Translational Journey to Develop Antimicrobial-Tolerant Probiotics to Reduce Adverse Events During *Helicobacter pylori* Eradication Treatment: Results of a Randomised Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Trial
Gabiella **Massarenti**, Bologna, Italy

13.30 – 14.55 hrs

Session 12 – Gastric Cancer and *Helicobacter pylori* (Parallel Session)

Chair: Jose **Machado**, Porto, Portugal & Miodrag **Krstić**, Belgrade, Serbia

Lecture Room: **Gornji Dorćol**

- 13.30 – 13.50 hrs 12.01. Mucosal Immunity and *Helicobacter Pylori*
Raquel **Mejias-Luque**, Munich, Germany
- 13.50 – 14.10 hrs 12.02. The Role of the Tumor Microenvironment in Gastric Carcinogenesis
Martijn **Gloerich**, Utrecht, Netherlands
- 14.10 – 14.25 hrs 12.03. Non-*Helicobacter pylori* *Helicobacter* is associated with inflammation and cellular stress in patients with functional dyspepsia.
Jona **Verstraelen**, Antwerp, Belgium
- 14.25 – 14.40 hrs 12.04. Temporal Trend of Gastric Cancer Burden Attributed to *Helicobacter pylori* in the World
Wai Keung **Leung**, Hong Kong, China
- 14.40 – 14.55 hrs 12.05. Hydrogen sulfide donors suppress *Helicobacter pylori*-driven pro-carcinogenic stromal reprogramming and potentiate metronidazole
Gracjana **Krzysiek-Maczka**, Krakow, Poland

14.55 – 15.30 hrs Coffee Break

15.30 – 16.30 hrs Session 13 – Progress in the clinical management of *Helicobacter pylori* infection: Maastricht 1996 - 2026

Chair: Christian **Schulz**, Munich, Germany & Jan **Bornschein**, Oxford, United Kingdom

Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol

15.30 – 15.50 hrs 13.01. Diagnostics
Francis **Mégraud**, Bordeaux, France

15.50 – 16.10 hrs 13.02. Therapeutics
Colm **O'Morain**, Dublin, Ireland

16.10 – 16.30 hrs 13.03. Clinical Strategies
Peter **Malfertheiner**, Munich, Germany

16.30 – 18.00 hrs Session 14 – Closing Session

Chair: Mirjana **Rajilić-Stojanović**, Belgrade, Serbia & Peter **Malfertheiner**, Munich, Germany

Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol

Awarding of the Marshall and Warren Medal 2026 to Tomica **Milosavljevic**, Belgrade, Serbia

16.30 – 16.40 hrs 14.01. Introduction by Peter **Malfertheiner**, Munich, Germany

16.40 – 16.55 hrs 14.02. Awarding Lecture: The *Helicobacter pylori* Revolution: A Personal Perspective
Tomica **Milosavljevic**, Belgrade, Serbia

16.55 – 17.15 hrs 14.03. Awarding of the EHMSG Oral and Poster Awards
Poster Jury:
- Gianluca **Ianiro**, Rome, Italy
- Christian **Schulz**, Munich, Germany
- Sinéad **Smith**, Dublin, Ireland

17.15 – 17.30 hrs 14.04. Presentation of the EHMSG Journal
Francesco **Franceschi**, Rome, Italy

17.30 – 17.45 hrs 14.05. Presentation of the next meeting in Athens
Theodore **Rokkas**, Athens, Greece

17.45 – 18.00 hrs Closing Remarks



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Exhibition & Poster Area

Poster Session 01 - Helicobacter 1 | Poster Numbers P01.01. - P01.11.

Chair: Mashiko **Setshedi**, South Africa & Peter **Malfertheiner**, Germany

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Chair: Jan **Bornschein**, United Kingdom & Tomica **Milosavljević**, Serbia

Poster Session 03 - Helicobacter 3 | Poster Numbers P03.01. - P03.11.

Chair: Alexander **Link**, Germany & Vladimir **Milivojevic**, Serbia

Poster Session 04 - Helicobacter 4 | Poster Numbers P04.01. - P04.11.

Chair: Franco **Bazzoli**, Italy & Yoshio **Yamaoka**, Japan

Poster Session 05 - Microbiota 1 – Upper GI-related Topics | Poster Numbers P05.01. - P05.11.

Chair: Annemieke **Smet**, Belgium & Ernesto **Margarita**, Italy

Poster Session 06 - Cancer 1 | Poster Numbers P06.01. - P06.10.

Chair: Ari **Ristimäki**, Finland & Georgina **Hold**, Australia

Poster Session 07 - Helicobacter 5 | Poster Numbers P07.01. - P07.11.

Chair: Danute **Razuka-Ebela**, Latvia & Varocha **Mahachai**, Thailand

Poster Presentations

Saturday, September 12, 2026 | 11.45 - 13.30 hrs

Exhibition & Poster Area

Poster Session 08 - Helicobacter 6 | Poster Numbers P08.01. - P08.12.

Chair: Luiz **Coelho**, Brazil & Theodore **Rokkas**, Greece

Poster Session 09 - Helicobacter 7 | Poster Numbers P09.01. - P09.11.

Chair: Christian **Schulz**, Germany & Stella **Smith**, Nigeria

Poster Session 10 - Helicobacter 8 | Poster Numbers P10.01. - P10.12.

Chair: José **Machado**, Portugal & Nikola **Panic**, Serbia

Poster Session 11 - Microbiota 2 – Microbiota in Diseases and Systemic Effects | Poster Numbers P11.01. - P11.11.

Chair: Ernesto **Margarita**, Italy & Nataša **Golić**, Serbia

Poster Session 12 - Cancer 2 | Poster Numbers P12.01. - P12.09.

Chair: Sergej **Tomić**, Serbia & Emilie **Bessède**, France

Poster Session 13 - Microbiota 3 – Probiotics and Interventions | Poster Numbers P13.01. - P13.12.

Chair: Sahar **El Aidy**, Netherlands & Nataša **Golić**, Serbia





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14.00 - 15.00 hrs

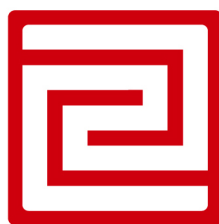
Industry-Sponsored Satellite Symposium 1

Lecture Room: Donji Dorćol

A Global Scientific Perspective on *Helicobacter pylori*

Chair: Colm **O'Morain**, Dublin, Ireland & Mirjana **Rajilić-Stojanović**, Belgrade, Serbia

14.00 - 14.15 hrs	04.01. Chinese Expert Consensus on the Application of Breath Tests in Digestive Disorders Yunsheng Yang , China
14.15 - 14.30 hrs	04.02. Bacteria Against Bacteria: Effects of Probiotics on <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> Eradication Ye Chen , China
14.30 - 14.45 hrs	04.04. From Guidelines to Real Practice: The Brazilian Experience with <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> Adolpho Letizio da Silva , Brazil
14.45 - 15.00 hrs	04.06. Richen Competition 2026 Nikola Panic , Serbia



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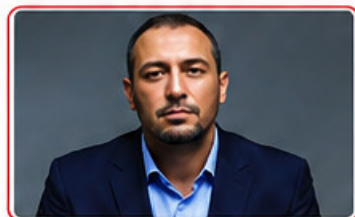


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Friday, September 11, 2026

12.25 - 13.25 hrs

Industry-Sponsored Satellite Symposium 2

Lecture Room: Shonda 1

Research Project: Prevalence of *Helicobacter pylori* Infection in the Galápagos Islands

12.25 - 12.55 hrs	Investigating the Prevalence of <i>H. pylori</i> Infection in the Galápagos Archipelago Massimo Rugge , Padua, Italy
12.55 - 13.25 hrs	Gastric Cancer Prevention by Means of the Urea Breath Test Dino Vaira , Bologna, Italy



Thursday, September 10, 2026

14.45 - 15.00 hrs

Industry-Sponsored Satellite Symposium 3

Lecture Room: Gornji Dorćol

14.45 - 15.00 hrs

Beyond Standard Eradication: The Role of Supportive Therapy in *Helicobacter pylori* Management

Srđan Đuranović, Belgrade, Serbia



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Postgraduate Course ONLY	192,-	216,-	240,-
Welcome Reception Thursday, September 10 ***	---	---	---
Conference Dinner Friday, September 11 ***	96,-	96,-	96,-

*** no fee but registration was mandatory. (Event fully booked)

*** Purchasing tickets on site is subject to availability

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Please note

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What is covered by the registration fee?

- Admission to all scientific sessions and the exhibition
- Admission to the Welcome Reception - *Limited attendance. Ticket mandatory, Onsite availability subject to availability*
- Programme book
- Access to the Online Abstract Book
- Lunch (*had to be pre-ordered*)
- Refreshments during coffee breaks

General Information in alphabetical order.

More information can be found on the EHMSG 2026 website at www.workshop.ehmsg.org - see "General Information"

Access the Conference Venue

See www.workshop.ehmsg.org/venue for more information on how to access the conference venue MONA PLAZA HOTEL. Cara Uroša 62-64 | 11000 Belgrade, Serbia | www.monaplaza.com

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Notice of cancellation had to be made in writing by email or fax to the Congress Office.

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Cash Dispensers

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Coffee Breaks and Lunch

During the session breaks refreshments (coffee, tea, and water) will be served free of charge to participants wearing name badges. Lunch for Thursday (EHMSG Postgraduate Course), Friday and Saturday (EHMSG Workshop) had to be pre-ordered and **cannot** be ordered on site.

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- Type C - The standard European plug. Commonly used in Europe, South-America and Asia, but also in quite a few other countries. Plugs of type E and F will also fit in a type C outlet.
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The official language of the workshop is English (no simultaneous translation).

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EHMSG Postgraduate Course

Thursday, September 10, 2026: 08.00 - 18.00 hrs

EHMSG Workshop

Friday, September 11, 2026: 07.30 – 18.30 hrs

Saturday, September 12, 2026: 07.45 – 17.00 hrs

Safety - Crime

Visitor safety is generally adequate, like in any other major European city. You can walk everywhere using common sense. Pick pocketing in heavily visited tourist zones or in public transport lines might be a concern.

Unfortunately experience has shown that some basic precautionary measures should always be kept in mind in any city:

- Do not carry important items like flight tickets, passports etc. with you when visiting the conference or strolling through the city, leave them in the hotel safe during your stay. Rather carry a Xerox copy of your passport or an identity card with you.
- Try not to carry all documents, money, credit cards and other essential items and valuables in one bag. If it is lost or stolen, everything will be gone and might be difficult to replace on short notice, especially passports and visa to return to your country of residence.
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EHMSG supports the use of social media around the EHMSG conference to network with your colleagues and friends attending the meeting. Please do however respect the EHMSG social media guidelines, including the following:

Dos:

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- Communicate in a respectful and considerate way, and show your criticism in a fair, constructive and professional manner.
- Do remember that people who will read your tweets are not necessarily professionals, but also patients, policymakers, members of the media, and the general public.

Don'ts:

- The use of photography, video, or other type of recording devices in oral sessions (plenary, educational, concurrent sessions and symposia) and poster sessions at the EHMSG conference is strictly prohibited. Hence posting pictures or videos of these sessions on any social media platform, blogs, or websites, etc., is also strictly prohibited.
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- Refrain from engaging in personal attacks or showing rude behaviour.
- Offensive and disrespectful behaviour, sales-oriented, self-promoting, or otherwise inappropriate comments will not be tolerated.
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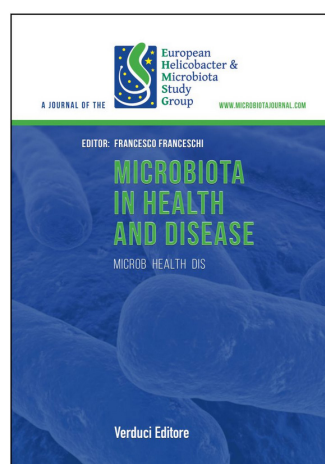
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You are kindly invited to submit your valuable paper completely **FREE OF CHARGE**
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Networking Events

Thursday, September 10, 2026, 18.45 hrs

Networking Event at the “Barrel House” Restaurant

For registered participants only.

No fee, but pre-registration is mandatory.

*Limited Attendance - **Event fully booked***

A ticket is required to access the cocktail and will be collected at the venue.



Friday, September 11, 2026, 19.30 hrs

EHMSG Networking Evening at the “Kalemegdanska Terasa” Restaurant

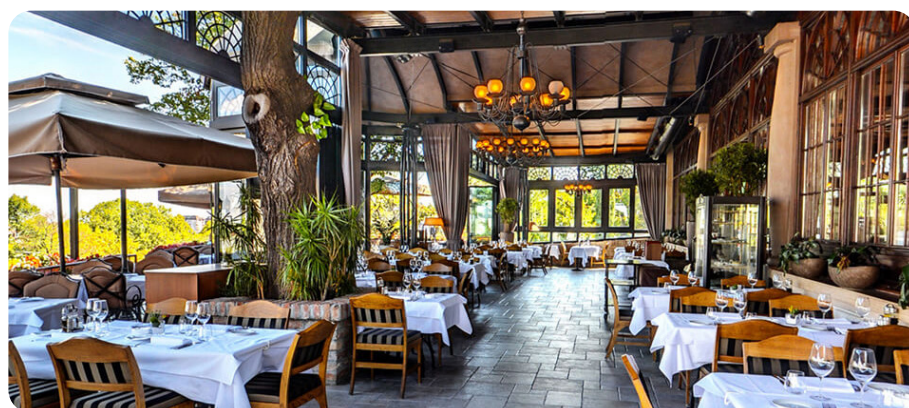
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Bus departure from the venue at 19.00 hrs

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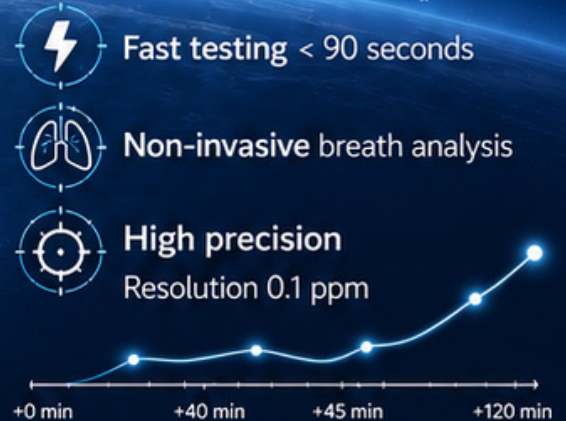
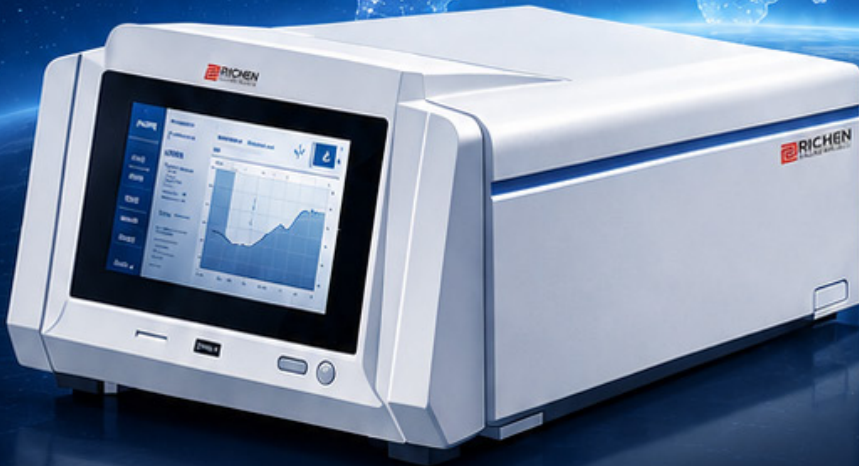
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