



# EFC XI EUROPEAN CONGRESS

European Federation for Colposcopy  
and Cervical Cancer Prevention

Bucharest, Romania | 14-17 October 2026

*In collaboration with the Romanian Society of Colposcopy  
and Genital Inferior tract Payhology*



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME



## Pre-Congress Courses

Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

| ROOM: Magnolia 1                                                                                                                                                           |             | ROOM: Magnolia 2                                                                                                                                               | ROOM: Transilvania                                                                    |
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| TIME: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM                                                                                                                                                    |             | TIME: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM                                                                                                                                        | TIME: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM                                                               |
| <b>Chair:</b> <i>Vesna KESIC</i> (SE)                                                                                                                                      |             | <b>Chair:</b> <i>Maggie CRUICKSHANK</i> (GB)                                                                                                                   | <b>Chairs:</b> <i>Mihaela GRIGORE</i> (RO), <i>Mihaela BADEA</i> (RO)                 |
| <b>Vulvo-vaginal colposcopy masterclass</b><br><br>(including skills for vagina/vulval/perianal biopsy and treatment)                                                      |             | <b>Training the trainers</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>Cervical Cancer Prevention in Romania: From Screening to Precision Colposcopy</b>  |
| *Min participants: 25<br>*Max participants: 75                                                                                                                             |             | *Min participants: 25<br>*Max participants: 75                                                                                                                 | *Max participants: 50                                                                 |
| 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM                                                                                                                                                          | Lunch break |                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                       |
| ROOM: Magnolia 1                                                                                                                                                           |             | ROOM: Magnolia 2                                                                                                                                               | ROOM: Transilvania                                                                    |
| TIME: 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM                                                                                                                                                    |             | TIME: 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM                                                                                                                                        | TIME: 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM                                                               |
| <b>Chair:</b> <i>Pekka NIEMINEN</i> (FI)                                                                                                                                   |             | <b>Chair:</b> <i>Amelia PEDRO</i> (PT)                                                                                                                         | <b>Chair:</b> <i>Xavier CARCOPINO</i> (FR)                                            |
| <b>Challenging colposcopy:</b><br><br>Difficult cases + "Bring Your Own Case"(BYOC) Workshops: Delegates submit difficult cases and a small-group experts review them LIVE |             | <b>Colposcopy Skills Masterclass</b><br>(basics + documentation video),<br>Video-Based Masterclass<br><br>Short "How I do it" procedure videos with discussion | <b>Hand-on training course (Ablation, TA&amp;laser, LLETZ)</b><br><br>6 stations / nr |
| *Min participants: 25<br>*Max participants: 75                                                                                                                             |             | *Min participants: 25<br>*Max participants: 75                                                                                                                 | *Min participants: 25<br>*Max participants: 50                                        |



# Congress Session

Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**ROOM: Crown Ballroom**

**Time:**

**SCREENING AND PREVENTION**

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

**Welcome Session**

**Maggie CRUICKSHANK** (GB), **Xavier CARCOPINO** (FR), **Mihaela GRIGORE** (RO)

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

**1. HPV vaccination in Europe: success, inequality and unintended consequences**

**Chairs:** *Christine BERGERON* (FR), *Robert JACH* (PO), *Claudiu MARGINEAN* (RO)

8:30 AM - 8:50 AM

EFC statements regarding vaccination after treatment

**Speaker:** *Xavier CARCOPINO* (FR)

8:50 AM - 9:10 AM

HPV vaccination in Europe: one continent with different realities

**Speaker:** *Pekka NIEMINEN* (FI)

9:10 AM - 9:30 AM

Early adopters' experience: lessons from highly vaccinated European countries

**Speaker:** *Pedro BAPTISTA* (PO)

9:30 AM - 9:50 AM

Cervical cancer screening in vaccinated women

**Speaker:** *Maggie CRUICKSHANK* (GB)

9:50 AM - 10:10 AM

HPV Vaccination outside the teenage

**Speaker:** *Elmar JOURA* (AT)

10:10 AM - 10:30 AM

Discussion

**10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Coffee break**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**2. Screening strategies (personalized screening, self-sampling)**

**From algorithms to clinical practice: can personalized screening be implemented in Europe?**

**Chairs:** *Ilkka KALLIALA* (FI), *Mihaela BADEA* (RO), *Miriam ELFSTRÖM* (SE)

11:00 AM - 11:20 PM

HPV Self-sampling in Europe: where are we now?

**Speaker:** *Marc ARBYN* (BE)



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| 11:20 AM - 11:40 AM      | HPV vaccination in Europe - One algorithm, many Europes: can personalised screening be standardised?<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Miriam ELFSTRÖM</i> (SE)                                                          |
| 11:40 AM - 12:00 AM      | Screening Failures: why do cancers still occur in screened women?<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Hanna MILERAD</i> (SE)                                                                                               |
| 12:00 AM - 12:20 AM      | Molecular markers in screening<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Mihaela BADEA</i> (RO)                                                                                                                                  |
| 12:20 AM - 12:40 AM      | Screening in European setting when resources are limited<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Vesna KESIC</i> (SE)                                                                                                          |
| 12:40 AM - 1:00 PM       | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM</b> | <b>Lunch break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM        | <b>3. Current knowledge on HPV natural history: persistence, latency and clinical consequences</b><br><b>Chairs:</b> <i>Maggie CRUICKSHANK</i> (GB), <i>Melanie HENES</i> (DE), <i>Laurentiu PIRTEA</i> (RO) |
| 2:00 PM - 2:20 PM        | The current model of HPV persistency and CIN development<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>John DOORBAR</i> (UK)                                                                                                         |
| 2:20 PM - 2:40 PM        | Persistence vs progression: why most HPV infections do not behave the same<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Olaf REICH</i> (AT)                                                                                         |
| 2:40 PM - 3:00 PM        | The new WHO Guidance on HPV Genotyping: Right Test, Wrong Continent?<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Maggie CRUICKSHANK</i> (GB)                                                                                       |
| 3:00 PM - 3:20 PM        | HPV Reactivation or Redetection in Older Women: A Real Phenomenon?<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Melanie HENES</i> (DE)                                                                                              |
| 3:20 PM - 3:40 PM        | HPV treatment/ new treatment for microbioma / therapeutic vaccines<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Robert JACH</i> (PO)                                                                                                |
| 3:40 PM - 4:00 PM        | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>4:00 PM - 4:30 PM</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM        | <b>4. The grand triage challenge: interactive case voting &amp; discussion</b><br><b>Chair:</b> <i>Xavier CARCOPINO</i> (FR), <i>Pekka NIEMINEN</i> (FI), <i>Jana ŽODŽIKA</i> (LV)                           |
| 4:30 PM - 4:45 PM        | Persistent high-Risk HPV with repeated low-grade cytology<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Andre KIND</i> (CH)                                                                                                          |



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| 4:45 PM - 5:00 PM  | HPV16 positive, cytology negative, type 3 transformation zone<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Christina FOUNTA</i> (GR)                                                              |
| 5:00 PM - 5:15 PM  | HPV persistence with negative cytology and normal colposcopy<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Goran DIMITROV</i> (MK)                                                                 |
| 5:15 PM - 5:30 PM  | Post-treatment HPV positivity with normal colposcopy<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Elvira BRATILA</i> (RO)                                                                         |
| 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM  | HPV positive woman over 50 with negative cytology<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Amelia PEDRO</i> (PT)                                                                              |
| 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM  | Abnormal cytology but HPV negative test<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Maggie CRUICKSHANK</i> (GB)                                                                                  |
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| 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM  | <b>Oral Presentations ( I )</b> - 4 best oral presentations (10 minutes each)<br><b>Chairs:</b> <i>Vlad TICA</i> (RO), <i>Andre KIND</i> (CH), <i>Dominic ILIESCU</i> (RO) |
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| 6:45 PM            | <b>End day 1</b>                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM | <b>Networking Evening</b>                                                                                                                                                  |
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# Congress Session

Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**ROOM: Crown Ballroom**

**Time:**

**COLPOSCOPY EXCELLENCE DAY**

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

**Oral Presentations (II) - 4 best oral presentations (10 minutes each)**

**Chairs:** *Cecilia KÄRRBERG (SE), Liana PLES (RO), Demetra SOCOLOV (RO)*

8:45 AM - 10:40 AM

**5. At the cutting edge in colposcopy**

**Chairs:** *Mario PRETI (IT), Mihaela GRIGORE (RO), Stefania TUDORACHE (RO)*

8:45 AM - 9:05 AM

Recent Updates in the IFCPC Classification

**Speaker:** *Jacob BORNSTEIN (IL)*

9:05 AM - 9:25 AM

ESGO-EFC consensus on EEC

**Speaker:** *Mario PRETI (IT)*

9:25 AM - 9:45 AM

AI in cervical cancer screening and colposcopy: current evidence and clinical integration in Europe

**Speaker:** *Theresa FREEMAN WANG (UK)*

9:45 AM - 10:05 AM

New technologies in colposcopy

**Speaker:** *Murat GULTEKIN (TR)*

10:05 AM - 10:25 AM

Consensus statement on older women

**Speaker:** *Gráinne FLANNELLY (IE)*

10:25 AM - 10:40 AM

Discussion

10:40 AM - 11:00 AM

**Coffee break**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**6. Optimal management in cervical intraepithelial neoplasia**

**Chairs:** *Xavier CARCOPINO (FR), Laura KOTANIEMI-TALONEN (FI), Uliana TABUICA (MD)*

11:00 AM - 11:20 AM

EFC consensus CIN2 management

**Speaker:** *Xavier CARCOPINO (FR)*

11:20 AM - 11:40 AM

Optimal management of high grade cervical squamous lesions

**Speaker:** *Jana ŽODŽIKA (LV)*



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| 11:40 AM - 12:00 AM | CIN2: perspectives and concerns of the pathologist<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Christine BERGERON</i> (FR)                                                                                  |
| 12:00 AM - 12:20 AM | CIN management and reproductive outcomes: where should we draw the line?<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Ilkka KALLIALA</i> (FI)                                                                |
| 12:20 AM - 12:40 AM | Ablation or excision: how to choose the optimal treatment<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Maggie CRUICKSHANK</i> (GB)                                                                           |
| 12:40 AM - 1:00 PM  | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM   | <b>Lunch break</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM   | <b>7. Quality Assurance in Europe: standards, gaps and real-life challenges</b><br><b>Chairs:</b> <i>Simon LEESON</i> (UK), <i>Ameli TROPÉ</i> (NO), <i>Tamar ALIBERGASHVILI</i> (GE) |
| 2:00 PM - 2:20 PM   | Key quality indicators: detection rates, biopsies, margins, follow-up<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Vesna KESIC</i> (SE)                                                                      |
| 2:20 PM - 2:40 PM   | EFC practical QA toolkit for daily practice in colposcopy<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Simon LEESON</i> (UK)                                                                                 |
| 2:40 PM - 3:00 PM   | Strengthening Colposcopy Quality within EUCanScreen<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Ameli TROPÉ</i> (NO)                                                                                        |
| 3:00 PM - 3:20 PM   | Implementing QA in the transitional setting in Europe<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Cecilia KÄRRBERG</i> (SE)                                                                                 |
| 3:20 PM - 3:40 PM   | How to solve a quality improvement problem?<br><b>Speaker:</b> Winner of the competition                                                                                              |
| 3:40 PM - 4:00 PM   | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM   | <b>Coffee break</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM   | <b>8. Challenging Clinical cases - Mock MDT (Multidisciplinary Team)</b><br><b>Chairs:</b> <i>Theresa FREEMAN WANG</i> (UK), <i>Gráinne FLANNELLY</i> (IE), <i>Deirdre LYONS</i> (UK) |
| 4:30 PM - 4:45 PM   | Cervical Congenital metaplasia with abnormal cytology/HPV positive test<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Tamar ALIBERGASHVILI</i> (GE)                                                           |
| 4:45 PM - 5:00 PM   | HSIL (CIN2/3) on histology in adolescence<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Robert KOISS</i> (HU)                                                                                                 |



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| 5:00 PM - 5:15 PM            | Discordant results: persistent HPV, abnormal cytology, negative biopsies<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Noirin RUSSELL</i> (IE)                                                                |
| 5:15 PM - 5:30 PM            | Glandular lesion of the cervix<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Natalya VOLODKO</i> (UA)                                                                                                         |
| 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM            | Persistent HPV Infection and VAIN in a Patient after Hysterectomy<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Laura KOTANIEMI-TALONEN</i> (FI)                                                              |
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| 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM            | <b>Oral Presentations (III) - 6 best oral presentations (10 minutes each)</b><br><b>Chairs:</b> <i>Radu VLADAREANU</i> (RO), <i>Natalya VOLODKO</i> (UA), <i>Dominic ILIESCU</i> (RO) |
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| 6:45 PM                      | <b>End day 2</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b><u>ROOM: Orhideea</u></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 6:45 PM - 7:45 PM            | <b>EFC Society Metting (next Congress vote) Orhideea Room</b>                                                                                                                         |
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## Congress Session

Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### ROOM: Crown Ballroom

**Time:**

#### **PATIENT-CENTRED CARE & REPRODUCTIVE OUTCOMES**

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

**Oral Presentations (IV)** - 6 best oral presentations (10 minutes each)

**Chairs:** *Noirin RUSSELL* (IE), *Stefania TUDORACHE* (RO), *Laurentiu PIRTEA* (RO)

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

**9. Patient information, medico-legal aspects, social media, patient trauma informed**

**Chairs:** *Daniel MURESAN* (RO), *Jesús DE LA FUENTE VALERO* (ES), *Ioana ROTAR* (RO)

9:00 AM - 9:20 AM

Trauma-informed colposcopy: why it matters more than we think

**Speaker:** *Deirdre LYONS* (UK)

9:20 AM - 9:40 AM

Informed consent in colposcopy: are we really protected?

**Speaker:** *Jean-Luc MERGUI* (FR)

9:40 AM - 10:00 AM

Communicating HPV Results Without Inducing Fear: Counselling Strategies for HPV-Positive Patients

**Speaker:** *Jesús DE LA FUENTE VALERO* (ES)

10:00 AM - 10:20 AM

Social media, misinformation and HPV: who shapes the patient narrative?

**Speaker:** *Andrea CIAVATTINI* (IT)

10:20 AM - 10:30 AM

Discussion

**10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Coffee break**

11:00 AM - 12:45 AM

**10. Shared difficult decisions: Supporting Fertility-Sensitive Care- Clinical cases**

**Chairs:** *Karoliina LOUVANTO* (FI), *Elvira BRATILA* (RO), *Andrea CIAVATTINI* (IT)

11:00 AM - 11:20 AM

HPV infection during pregnancy: how to counsel our patients

**Speaker:** *Aleksandra ŠAVROVA* (EE)



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| 11:20 AM - 11:40 AM | Clinical Management of Positive Margins After LLETZ<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Karoliina LOUVANTO</i> (FI)               |
| 11:40 AM - 12:00 AM | Adenocarcinoma in Situ of the Cervix in a Woman Desiring Future Fertility<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Zvi VAKNIN</i> (IL) |
| 12:00 AM - 12:20 AM | CIN in Pregnancy<br><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Efraim SIEGLER</i> (IL)                                                      |
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| 12:30 AM - 1:00 PM  | <b>Closing ceremony</b>                                                                                             |
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| 1:00 PM             | <b>End day 3</b>                                                                                                    |





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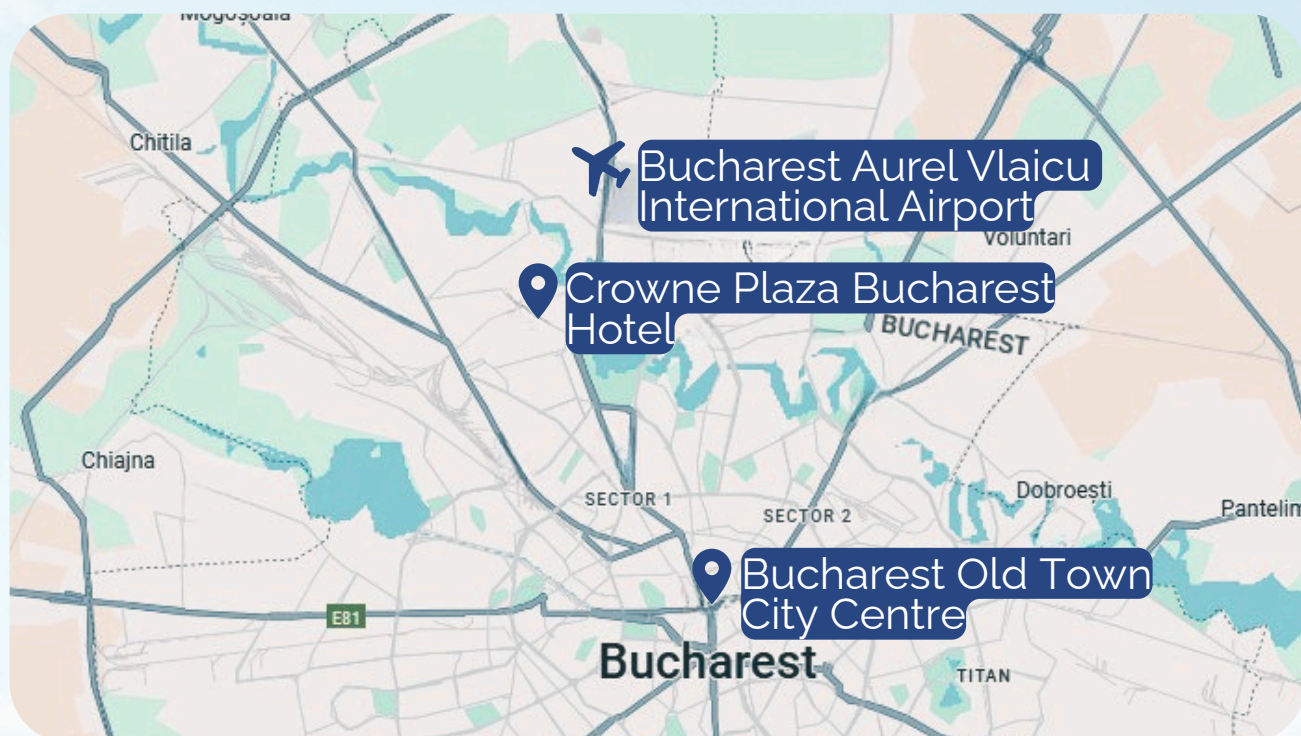
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ORGANISING SECRETARIAT

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