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PRE COURSES PROGRAMME

Pre-Congress Courses

Wednesday October 14th, 2026

ROOM: ORHIDEEA

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	**CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION IN ROMANIA: FROM SCREENING TO PRECISION COLPOSCOPY** **Chairs**: *Mihaela GRIGORE* (RO), *Mihaela BADEA* (RO)
	*Fully booked
8:30 AM - 8:40 AM	**Opening** **Speaker:** *Ana Cristina ANTON* (RO)
8:40 AM - 8:55 AM	**Implementation of HPV-based screening in Romania: progress and barriers** **Speaker:** *Elvira BRATILA* (RO)
8:55 AM - 9:10 AM	**HPV vaccination in Romania- lessons learned and future directions** **Speaker:** *Radu VLADAREANU* (RO)
9:10 AM - 9:25 AM	**Clara project- Cervical cancer control through equitable access for underserved populations"** **Speaker:** *Octavian MUNTEANU* (RO)
9:25 AM - 9:40 AM	**The Evolution of Colposcopy in the Republic of Moldova: Looking Back, Moving Forward** **Speakers:** *Uliana TABUICA* (MD)
9:40 AM - 9:55 AM	**Cervical Screening in the Republic of Moldova: Evolution, Achievements and Key Considerations in the Transition to Primary HPV Screening** **Speaker:** *Diana VALUTA* (MD)
9:55 AM - 10:10 AM	**Molecular markers/ Triage strategies after HPV positivity – what works best?** ***Speaker:*** *Demetra SOCOLOV* (RO)
10:10 AM - 10:30 AM	**PRESENTATION:** *Elevating Diagnostic Precision in Cervical Cancer Screening- the clinical value of dual staining* **Speaker:** *Elvira BRATILA* (RO)
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	**Coffee break**
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	**Colposcopic standards: are we aligned with ESGO/EFC recommendations?** **Speaker:** *Stefania TUDORACHE* (RO)

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	**Colposcopy in HPV era: how to run a colposcopy clinic** **Speaker:** *Mihaela BADEA* (RO)
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	**Management of CIN2+ in Romania – between guidelines and reality** **Speaker:** *Claudiu MARGINEAN* (RO)
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	**Overtreatment vs undertreatment in cervical lesions** **Speaker:** *Dominic ILIESCU* (RO)
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	**Quality Indicators in Cervical Cancer Prevention: how we implement them in Romania** **Speaker:** *Laurentiu PIRTEA* (RO)
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	**Colposcopic challenges of HPV infection in menopause, our experience** **Speaker:** *Diana PLES* (RO)
12:30 PM - 12:40 PM	**PRESENTATION:** *HPV: A Viral Story with an Ending We Can Control* **Speaker:** *Mihaela GRIGORE* (RO)
12:40 PM - 13:00 PM	**Final Discussion**
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	**Lunch break**
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM	**CHALLENGING COLPOSCOPY** **Difficult Cases and "Bring Your Own Case" Workshop** **Topics**: Multizonal HPV-related disease; diagnostic discordance; type 3 transformation zone; glandular lesions; suspected microinvasive disease; colposcopy during pregnancy and after menopause; persistent HPV infection. **Chairs**: *Pekka NIEMINEN* (FI), *Giovanni DELLI CARPINI* (IT)
	*Fully booked
2:00 PM - 2:10 PM	**Welcome and introduction to the interactive workshop** Presentation of the case-based format and live audience voting. **Chairs**: *Pekka NIEMINEN* (FI), *Giovanni DELLI CARPINI* (IT)
2:10 PM - 2:30 PM	**Interactive difficult case** **Speaker:** *Giovanni DELLI CARPINI* (IT)
2:30 PM - 2:50 PM	**Interactive difficult case** **Speaker:** *Mihaela Grigore* (RO)
2:50 PM - 3:10 PM	**Interactive difficult case** **Speaker:** *Pekka Nieminen* (FI)

3:10 PM - 3:30 PM	**Interactive difficult case** **Speaker:** *Ilkka Kalliala* (FI)
3:30 PM - 3:50 PM	**"Bring Your Own Case" – Part 1** Cases brought or submitted by delegates and reviewed live by the expert panel **Faculty:** *All*
3:50 PM - 4:00 PM	**Open discussion**
4:00 PM - 4:20 PM	**Coffee break**
4:20 PM - 4:40 PM	**Interactive difficult case** **Speaker:** *Laura Kotaniemi-Talonen* (FI)
4:40 PM - 5:00 PM	**Interactive difficult case** **Speaker:** *André Kind* (CH)
5:00 PM - 5:20 PM	**Interactive difficult case** **Speaker:** *Goran Dimitrov* (MK)
5:20 PM - 5:40 PM	**"Bring Your Own Case" – Part 2** Cases brought or submitted by delegates and reviewed live by the expert panel. **Faculty:** *All*
5:40 PM - 6:00 PM	**Interactive difficult case** **Speaker:** *Gráinne Flannelly* (IE)
6:00 PM - 6:20 PM	**Interactive difficult case** **Speaker:** *Stefania Tudorache* (RO)
6:20 PM - 6:50 PM	**Additional interactive cases and open expert discussion** Selected reserve cases, unresolved diagnostic or management questions, and discussion with the audience. **Faculty:** *All*
6:50 PM - 7:00 PM	**Key learning points and closing remarks** **Chairs:** *Pekka Nieminen* (FI), *Giovanni Delli Carpini* (IT)

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8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	**VULVO-VAGINAL DISEASE: BEYOND THE CERVIX** (including skills for vagina/vulval/perianal biopsy and treatment) **Chairs**: *Vesna KESIC* (SE), *Pedro BAPTISTA* (PO), *Mario PRETI* (IT), *Jacob BORNSTEIN* (IL)
	*Fully booked
	Introduction
	1. Vaginal disease
8:30 AM - 8:50 AM	Vaginal dysbiosis: beyond bacterial vaginosis **Speaker:** *Pedro BAPTISTA* (PO)
8:50 AM - 9:10 AM	Challenges in diagnosing vaginal SIL **Speaker:** *Mario PRETI* (IT)
9:10 AM - 9:30 AM	How new IFCPC terminology reflects to management of vaginal SIL? **Speaker:** *Jacob BORNSTEIN* (IL)
9:30 AM - 9:50 AM	The Hidden Diagnostic Puzzle: Vaginal Malignancy **Speaker:** *Vesna KESIC* (SE)
9:50 AM - 10:10 AM	Approaches to vaginal diseases through case studies **Speaker:** *Pedro BAPTISTA* (PO)
	2.Vulvar disease
10:10 AM - 10:30 AM	Vulvodynia-a new paradigm **Speaker:** *Jacob BORNSTEIN* (IL)
10:30 AM - 10:50 AM	How to differentiate vulvar neoplasia from vulvar dermatoses? **Speaker**: *Pedro BAPTISTA* (PO)
10:50 AM - 11:10 AM	New ISSVD terminology of VIN and its implications to clinical management **Speaker:** *Mario PRETI* (IT)

11:10 AM - 11:30 AM	Case based learning: rare and challenging vulvar findings **Speaker:** *Vesna KESIC* (SE)
	3.HPV and more
11:30 AM - 11:50 AM	Multizonal anogenital neoplasia **Speaker:** *Mario PRETI* (IT)
11:50 AM - 12:10 PM	Does gynecologist have a role in screening for AIN? **Speaker:** *Vesna KESIC* (SE)
12:10 PM - 12:30 PM	I was diagnosed with an HPV lesion-what should I tell to my partner? **Speaker:** *Jacob BORNSTEIN* (IL)
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	**4.Ask the experts** Interactive session adressing participants' questions
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	**Lunch break**
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM	**HAND-ON TRAINING COURSE (ABLATION, TA&LASER, LLETZ)** 5 stations / nr **Chair:** *Xavier CARCOPINO* (FR)
	*Fully booked
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	**1."How to do it" lectures**
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	How to set up the colposcope **Speaker:** *Xavier CARCOPINO* (FR)
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	**How to perform a LLETZ** **Speaker:** *Jana ŽODŽIKA* (LV)
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	**How to perform laser ablation** **Speaker:** *Xavier CARCOPINO* (FR)
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	**Discussion**
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	**Introduction to the hands-on session**
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	**Coffee break**
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	**2.Hands-on training on simulators** **Chair:** *Xavier CARCOPINO* (FR), *Jana ŽODŽIKA* (LV), *Giovanni DELLI CARPINI* (IT),

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ROOM: TRANSILVANIA

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	**TRAINING THE TRAINERS** **Chair**: *Maggie CRUICKSHANK* (GB)
	*Fully booked
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	**1.Welcome and Introduction** **Speaker:** *Maggie CRUICKSHANK* (GB)
	Faculty introduction and Trainer Identity Map exercise
8:15 AM - 8:45 AM	**2.The EFC Approach to Colposcopy Training** **Speaker:** *Maggie CRUICKSHANK* (GB)
	EFC training standards and curriculum
	Competencies and trainer responsibilities
	Challenges and opportunities across Europe
	Interactive discussion
8:45 AM - 9:15 AM	**3.How Adults Learn** **Speaker:** *Grainne FLANNELLY* (IE)
	Adult learning principles
	VARK and learning preferences (participants will have taken online quiz before course to identify their learning type
	Creating an effective learning environment
9:15 AM - 9:45 AM	**4.Simulation-Based Training in Colposcopy**
	Communication and consultation skills **Speaker**: *Maggie CRUICKSHANK* (GB)
	Teaching colposcopic assessment **Speaker:** *Cecelia KÄRRBERG* (AT)

	Teaching practical procedures **Speaker:** *Cecelia KÄRRBERG* (AT)
	Digital images, video and simulation tools **Speaker:** *Grainne FLANNELLY* (IE)
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Small group exercise: "How do you train in your own unit?"
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	**Coffee break**
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	**5.Structured colposcopy assessment: Using the Swedescore in colposcopy practice and training** **Speaker:** *Cecelia KÄRRBERG* (AT)
	How to score colposcopy with the Swedescore
	Evaluation of colposcopic images
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM	**6.Giving Effective Feedback and Developing Learning Plans** **Speaker:** *Maggie CRUICKSHANK* (GB)
	Models of feedback
	Workplace-based assessment
	Setting objectives and action plans
11:20 AM - 11:40 AM	**Interactive exercise using video scenario**
	Participants practise feedback conversations in small groups
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM	**7.Supporting the Trainee in Difficulty** **Speaker:** *Grainne FLANNELLY* (IE)
	Small groups discuss 5 scenarios of trainee who is struggling
	Recognising problems early
	Performance concerns
	Professionalism and communication issues
	Confidence and progression difficulties
	Case-based group discussions
	Group leads report back on action plan for each trainee

12:10 PM - 12:40 PM	**8.Assessing Competence and Quality Assurance** **Speaker:** *Cecelia KÄRRBERG* (AT)
	Entrustment and competency assessment
	Logbooks and portfolios
	Trainer responsibilities
	Quality assurance of training programmes
12:40 PM - 1:00 PM	**9.Course evaluation and close**
	Common challenges in training
	Top tips from experienced trainers
	Personal action planning
	Course evaluation and close
	Course Trainer ToolKit (Provided to all course attendees)
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	**Lunch break**
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM	**COLPOSCOPY SKILLS MASTERCLASS** (basics + documentation video), Video-Based Masterclass Short "How I do it" procedure videos with discussion **Chair**: *Amelia PEDRO* (PT)
	*Fully booked
2:00 PM - 2:20 PM	**Natural History of HPV and Primary Prevention** **Speaker:** *Amelia PEDRO* (PT)
2:20 PM - 2:40 PM	**Cervical Cancer screening** **Speaker:** *Hanna MILERAD* (SE)
2:40 PM - 3:00 PM	**Colposcopy & biopsy – material and methods** **Speaker:** *Christina FOUNTA* (GR)
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	**Colposcopy of the Normal cervix: Transformation zone; IFCPC Nomenclature; Pregnancy and menopause** **Speaker:** *Hanna MILERAD* (SE)

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	**Colposcopy of the abnormal transformation zone: Colposcopic findings grades 1 and 2** **Speaker:** *Amelia PEDRO* (PT)
4:00 PM - 4:20 PM	**Coffee break**
4:20 PM - 4:40 PM	**Colposcopy in microinvasive and invasive disease** **Speaker:** *Maggie CRUICKSHANK* (GB)
4:40 PM - 5:00 PM	**Colposcopy of glandular lesions** **Speaker:** *Christina FOUNTA* (GR)
5:00 PM - 5:45 PM	**Treatment Methods - indications, technique, complications**
	Cryotherapy & Thermoablation **Speaker:** *Maggie CRUICKSHANK* (GB)
	Electrosurgery - needle and loop **Speaker:** *Hanna MILERAD* (SE)
	Laser - ablative and excisional procedures **Speaker:** *Amelia PEDRO* (PT)
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM	**Interactive discussion of clinical cases (images & videos)** **Speaker:** *All*

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