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# 1<sup>ST</sup> European Conference of Young Gastroenterologists

## Challenges in Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology

December 6-9, 2018 • Sheraton Zagreb Hotel • Croatia

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## Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the First European Conference of Young Gastroenterologists "Challenges in Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology" that will be held in Sheraton Hotel, in Zagreb, December 6-9, 2018.

With the aim of better and further education and training, and even more in the desire to strengthen international cooperation between young gastroenterologists and other professionals related to gastroenterology and hepatology, the Croatian National Society of Gastroenterology with its Youth Section has set to organize the first European conference of young gastroenterologists (ECYG). The conference is supported by European Association for Gastroenterology, Endoscopy and Nutrition (EAGEN), European Society of Neurogastroenterology and Motility (ESMN) and European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (EFSUMB), University of Zagreb and University of Rijeka, University of Zagreb School of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine University of Rijeka and Split, University of Rijeka Faculty of Health Studies, Croatian Medical Association, City of Zagreb, Croatian Parliament, President of Croatia, as well as Ministry of Health of the Republic of Croatia.

During the conference, sessions in hepatology and liver transplantation, inflammatory bowel disease and gut microbiota, functional GI disorders, clinical nutrition, GI oncology and education of young gastroenterologists will be held. A challenging clinical case followed by *up-to-date* guidelines and evidence-base on the management of that particular case will be presented by a GI resident or a young gastroenterologist, while each session will be chaired by acknowledged experts in the field that will make comments. Alongside the theoretical part, hands-on workshops will be organized, where participants will be able, in different ultrasound based, as well as in different endoscopic diagnostic modalities, to learn or improve skills. Selected abstracts will be presented during two abstract sessions, and the best abstracts will be presented as oral presentations. Additionally, ESPEN Life Long Learning Programme (LLL) 'Nutritional support in GI disorders' will be organized where delegates will be able to acquire knowledge about clinical nutrition in the context of gastroenterology and hepatology.

As the conference will be organized in December, all delegates will have the opportunity to enjoy the Advent in the City of Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, which has received awards for the best Christmas Market in Europe for the past three years.

We hope that scientific part of the conference together with networking opportunities will facilitate exchange of experience and ideas hopefully resulting with fruitful collaboration and long-lasting relationships and friendship among colleagues from all over Europe.

Looking forward to seeing you in Zagreb!



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## PURPOSE

ECYG, European Conference of Young Gastroenterologist, is established to improve the knowledge and training of young gastroenterologists and to stimulate the awareness of young people about the need for teamwork, co-operation and education. The conference brings together gastroenterology residents and specialists of up to 40 years of age from all over Europe and wider, and also welcomes those residents and young doctors of other specialties who are dealing with digestive health.

## MISSION

To educate young gastroenterologists under the supervision of senior experts established in specific fields of gastroenterology. To connect young gastroenterologists and to enable them to initiate a constructive and productive dialogue and to create network for future collaboration with colleagues across Europe.

## VISION

To generate educated, skilled and productive young international GI teams that work together.



## ECYG GOALS

**1. Education** – The conference was specifically designed for young gastroenterologist. The design of the lectures, presentations and courses were all tailored to fit best the questions and needs of gastroenterologists in training, offer up-to-date algorithms on diagnostics and treatments, and the overview of the latest scientific research.

**2. Teamwork** – This is a great opportunity for networking, meeting new colleagues and exchanging experience. Intent is to connect young gastroenterologists and to enable them to initiate a constructive dialogue and to create network for future collaboration, clinical and scientific.

**3. Research** – You have a great research idea, but don't have enough patients, experience, and support? This is the right place for you to meet future colleagues, co-investigators, co-workers, form your research team TODAY! Need an idea? Listen to other doctors and their ideas, hear their research and results! Get inspired!

**4. International internship** – Meet senior experts established in specific fields of gastroenterology, present them your ideas and visions, connect and be a guest at their hospitals and be prepared to host their young doctors in training, in purpose to learn, exchange experience, knowledge, do research.

### **5. ECYG – a must-have, not an option**

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## Thursday / December 6, 2018

**15:00 – 15:30 Registration**

**15:30 – 17:00 SESSION 1: Clinical hepatology I** (Main hall)

Chairs: Manns M, Skladany L, Knežević-Štromar I, Radić D, Filipce Kanižaj T

**State-of-the-art:** Global burden of chronic liver disease / Skladany L

Approach to the patient with DILI / Yapali S, Hrštic I

Assessment of portal hypertension in cirrhosis – invasive vs. non-invasive methods? / Božin T, Grgurević I

Patients with liver cirrhosis and GI bleeding / Khlynova R, Ivantcova M

Approach to the patient with hepatorenal syndrome / Tamas T, Virović-Jukić L

Discussion and Questions

**17:00 – 17:30 Coffee break**

**17:30 – 19:00 SESSION 2: Clinical hepatology II** (Main hall)

Chairs: Manns M, Fickret P, Premužić M, Virović-Jukić L, Ostojić R

**State-of-the-art:** Autoimmune liver disease / Manns M

Approach to the patient with Wilson's disease / Mijić M, Manns M

Approach to the patient with haemochromatosis /

Stojković Lalošević M, Milić S

How to manage pruritus and other complications of cholestasis /

Martinov J, Alempijević Milovanović T

Treatment of biliary stenosis in PSC / Abd El Gawad N, Ibrahim M

Discussion and Questions

**19:00 – 19:45 Satellite symposium – hepatitis B (Medicopharmacia) (Main hall) /**

**Chair:** Mikolašević I; **Speakers:** Manns M and Vince A

**20:30**

**Dinner**



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## Friday / December 7, 2018

**09:00 – 10:15 Opening ceremony:** Welcome addresses (Main hall)

**10:15 – 11:30 SESSION 3: Education of young gastroenterologists** (Main hall)

Chairs: Štimac D, Ricciardiello L, Nurdan T, Hammer H, Kujundžić M

United European Gastroenterology: new opportunities for young Gastroenterologists across Europe / Ricciardiello L

Young Talent Group / Nakov R and YTG team

Possibility of scientific work for young GIs in EU / Link A, Štimac D

Women in gastroenterology / Nurdan T

Translational medicine – NASH / Polić B

Discussion and Questions

**11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break**

**12:00 – 13:30 SESSION 4: Clinical hepatology III** (Main hall)

Chairs: Grgurević I, Kukla M, Salkić N, Wagner M, Bokun T

**State-of-the-art:** Noninvasive assessment of liver steatosis and fibrosis / Sporea I

Serum biomarkers and chronic liver disease / Mehmedović M, Salkić N

Liver elastography and chronic liver disease – when to perform a liver biopsy / Rainer F, Wagner M

Nutritional aspects of chronic liver disease especially in pre-transplantation evaluation / Araz F/Boža S, Boyacıoğlu S

Patient with NAFLD: diagnosis and management / Ostojić A/Mikolašević I, Kukla M

Discussion and Questions





**13:30 – 15:00** **Poster session I** (Poster exhibition area) / Chairs: Puž P, Majerović M, Ražov-Radas M, Kunac N, Bokun T

**13:30 – 14:30** **Lunch symposium – Hepatitis C (Abbvie)** (Main hall) / Chair: Mikolašević I  
Speakers: Vince A, Virović-Jukić L, Hrštić I and Filipec Kanižaj T

**15:00 – 17:00** **SESSION 5: Intensive care in hepatology and liver transplantation** (Main hall)

Chairs: Burra P, Trunecka P, Filipec Kanižaj T, Mikolašević I, Francoz C

**State-of-the-art:** NASH, HCC and liver transplantation / Burra P

Evaluation of patients with acute liver failure / Becchetti C, Sobočan N

**State-of-the-art:** Patients with acute-on-chronic liver failure – what is the optimal timing for liver transplantation / Francoz C

Liver support system devices in patients with ALF and ACLF in the context of liver transplantation / Roux O, Francoz C

How to prepare patients for liver transplantation / Mazanako M, Trunecka P

Patients with PSC – before and after liver transplantation /

Rainer F, Fickert P

Discussion and Questions

Follow-up of liver transplant recipients (supported by Astellas) /

Filipec Kanižaj T

**15:00 – 17:00** **PARALLEL SESSION: Hands-on endoscopy training** (Pula/Opatija hall)

1. EUS-FNA / Eusebi Henry L

2. ERCP / Bokun T

3. Polypectomy / Radić B

4. Bleeding management / Markoš P

5. ESD / Baršić N (supported by Olympus)

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## 15:00 – 17:15 **PARALLEL SESSIONS: Hands-on liver ultrasound 1**

Intraductory lectures

- Normal US liver anatomy / Grgurevic I
- Basics of liver Doppler / Grgurevic I
- US elastography / Sporea I

Hands-on: basic ultrasound module and ultrasound elastography module /

Tutors: Sporea I, Grgurević I, Lalovac M, Mustapic S, Majerovic M,  
Moga T, Ghiuchici AM, Stojasavljevic S

## 17:00 – 17:45 **Coffee break (Sandoz)**

Probiotics symposium (supported by Abela Pharm) (Main hall) /

Speakers: Ianiro G, Milivojević V

## 17:45 – 19:15 **Clinical gastroenterology – Gut microbiota** (Main hall)

Chairs: Hold G, Krznarić-Zrnić I, Tonkić A, Gorkiewicz G, Hammer H

**State-of-the-art:** Microbiome and gastrointestinal tumours / Hold G

The gut microbiota as a diagnostic & therapeutic target /

Pollheimer M, Gorkiewicz G

Rationale therapeutic approach in the eradication of the H.pylori infection /

Meštrović A/Perković N, Tonkić A

Gut microbiota, probiotics and IBD / Milivojević V, Hammer H

Faecal micorbiota transplantation / Segal J, Ianiro G

Discussion and Questions

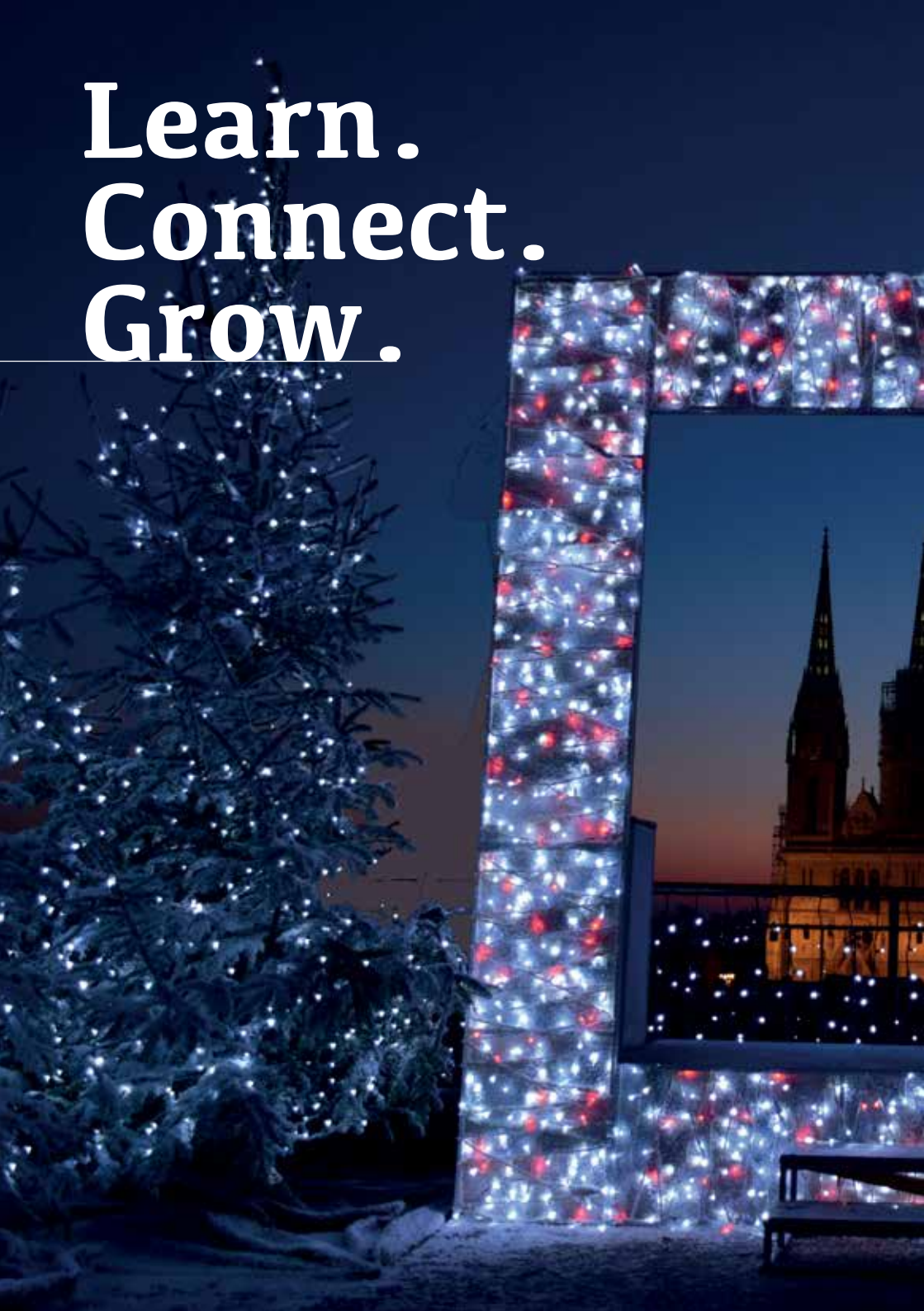
Probiotics (supported by Oktal Pharma) / Hauser G

20:30

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## Saturday / December 8, 2018

### 08:00 – 10:00 **SESSION 7: Clinical gastroenterology – IBD I** (Main hall)

Chairs: Urek M, Mijandrušić-Sinčić B, Banić M, Krznarić Ž

Endoscopic evaluation of Crohn's disease / Gulić S, Krznarić-Zrnić I

Approach to the patient with mild/moderate Crohn's disease / Domislović V, Urek M

Surgery for perianal and fistulizing CD / Holleran G, Warusavitarne J

Colorectal neoplasia in IBD / Dragašević S, Kalauz M

Managing IBD and pregnancy / Brozović B, Mijandrušić-Sinčić B

Discussion and Questions

Symposium (Janssen) / Ožanić Bulić S and Krznarić Ž

### 10:00 – 10:45 **Coffee and dessert with Bismuth (Krka)** (Tomislav hall) /

Kalauz M, Milić S

### 10:45 – 13:00 **SESSION 8: Clinical gastroenterology – IBD II** (Main hall)

Chairs: Krznarić Ž, Lukas M, Čuković-Čavka S, Tonkić A

**State-of-the-art:** When to start with the biological therapy in IBD patient? / Lukas M

Approach to the patients with acute severe ulcerative colitis / Diaconu C, Lukas M

Endoscopic evaluation of ulcerative colitis / Nakov R, Brinar M

Discussion and Questions

Symposium IBD (Sandoz) / Krznarić Ž

Symposium IBD and Clinical Nutrition (Oktal Pharma) /

Chair: Krznarić Ž; Speakers: Novak G, Pavić T



**11:00 – 13:00 PARALLEL SESSION: Hands-on endoscopy training** (Pula/Opatija hall)

1. EUS-FNA / Eusebi Henry L
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**11:00 – 12:30 PARALLEL SESSION: Oral presentation of best abstracts** (Zagreb hall)

Chairs: Mikolašević I, Grgurević I, Milić S, Filipec Kanižaj T

- Acute-on-chronic liver disease: epidemiological, analytic and clinical characteristics from 237 cases / Daniel Luna Rodriguez (Spain)
- A single-center experience: Pregnancy outcomes following orthotopic liver transplantation / Mazanko Marina (Czech Republic)
- Obeticholic acid increases cholesterol saturation, hydrophobicity index and FGF19 in human gallbladder bile / Samer Al-Dury (Sweden)
- Association of GERB, gastric atrophy and H. Pylori in Latvia / Danute Razuka Ebela (Latvia)
- Single-capsule bismuth-based quadruple therapy for H. pylori infection: a new window of opportunity? / Catarina Correia (Portugal)
- Correlation between endoscopic and histological scores in ulcerative colitis / Dušanka Šipčić (Serbia)
- The impact of an open access, non-face to face nurse led IBD service on service transformation / Rebecca Reynolds (UK)
- Diagnostic accuracy of serum fibroblast growth factor 19 (FGF19) and total free fecal bile acids as biomarkers of bile acid malabsorption in patients with chronic diarrhea: A pilot study / Ivan Lyutakov (Bulgaria)
- The learning curve for the colonoscopy procedure among gastroenterology residents / Denisa Bucur (Romania)
- Abdominal ultrasound as a standard part of medical check up? / Dinko Bekić (Croatia)





**13:00 – 15:00** **Poster session II** (Poster exhibition area) / Chairs: Sremac M, Poropat G, Baršić N, Ladić D, Mikolašević I

**13:00 – 14:30** **Lunch symposium – Short bowel syndrome (Shire)** (Main hall) / Schneider S, Krznarić Ž

**15:00 – 19:00** **PARALLEL SESSIONS: ESPEN Life Long Learning Program (LLL) in nutritional support in GI disorders – part I** (Zagreb hall)

#### **Approach to Oral and Enteral Nutrition in Adults**

Registration

- Indications, Contraindications, Complications and Monitoring of EN
- Hospital Diet and Oral Nutritional Supplements (Sip Feeds)
- Techniques of Enteral Nutrition
- Formulae for Enteral Nutrition
- Case presentations
- Exam
- Certificates

**15:00 – 16:30** **SESSION 9: Clinical gastroenterology and hepatology – functional disorders of GI tract** (Main hall)

Chairs: Pohl D, Marušić M, Tadić M, Ladić A, Bor S

**State-of-the-art:** Importance of FGID in gastroenterological clinical practice / Farmer A

**State-of-the-art:** The Gut Microbiome and dysmotility up to date guidelines presentation / Azpiroz F

Functional esophageal disorders / Pakoz Betul Z, Bor S

Functional gastroduodenal disorders / Berber C, Azpiroz F

Irritable Bowel Syndrome and Obesity / Heinrich H, Hauser G

Functional constipation, opioid induced constipation and narcotic bowel / Fritz M, Pohl D

Discussion and Questions



## 15:00 – 17:15 **PARALLEL SESSIONS: Hands-on liver ultrasound 2**

Introductory lectures

- Diffuse liver diseases / Sporea I
- Contrast enhanced US for focal liver lesions / Sporea I

Hands-on: advanced abdominal ultrasound with Doppler module, contrast-enhanced ultrasound module / Tutors: Sporea I, Grgurević I, Lalovac M, Mustapic S, Majerovic M, Moga T, Ghiuchici AM, Stojasavljevic S

## 16:30 – 17:15 **Coffee break**

**Symposium Takeda – Why early approach matters in IBD?** (Main hall) / Krznarić-Zrnić I, Novak G

## 17:30 – 19:15 **SESSION 10: Clinical gastroenterology and hepatology – Gastrointestinal tumours** (Main hall)

Chairs: Dobrila-Dintinjana R, Šimunić M, Kalauz M, Hritz I, Ljubičić N

**State-of-the-art:** Personalized medicine in gastrointestinal tumours / Dobrila-Dintinjana R

H.pylori – gastric cancer – diagnostic work up / Venerito M, Tepeš B

Colorectal stents for management of malignant colonic obstructions / Bogut A, Štimac D

Esophageal stents in the management of the malignant esophageal obstruction / Vrebalov-Cindro P, Puljiz Ž

HCC – therapeutic options / Barekova L, Štabuc B

Discussion and Questions

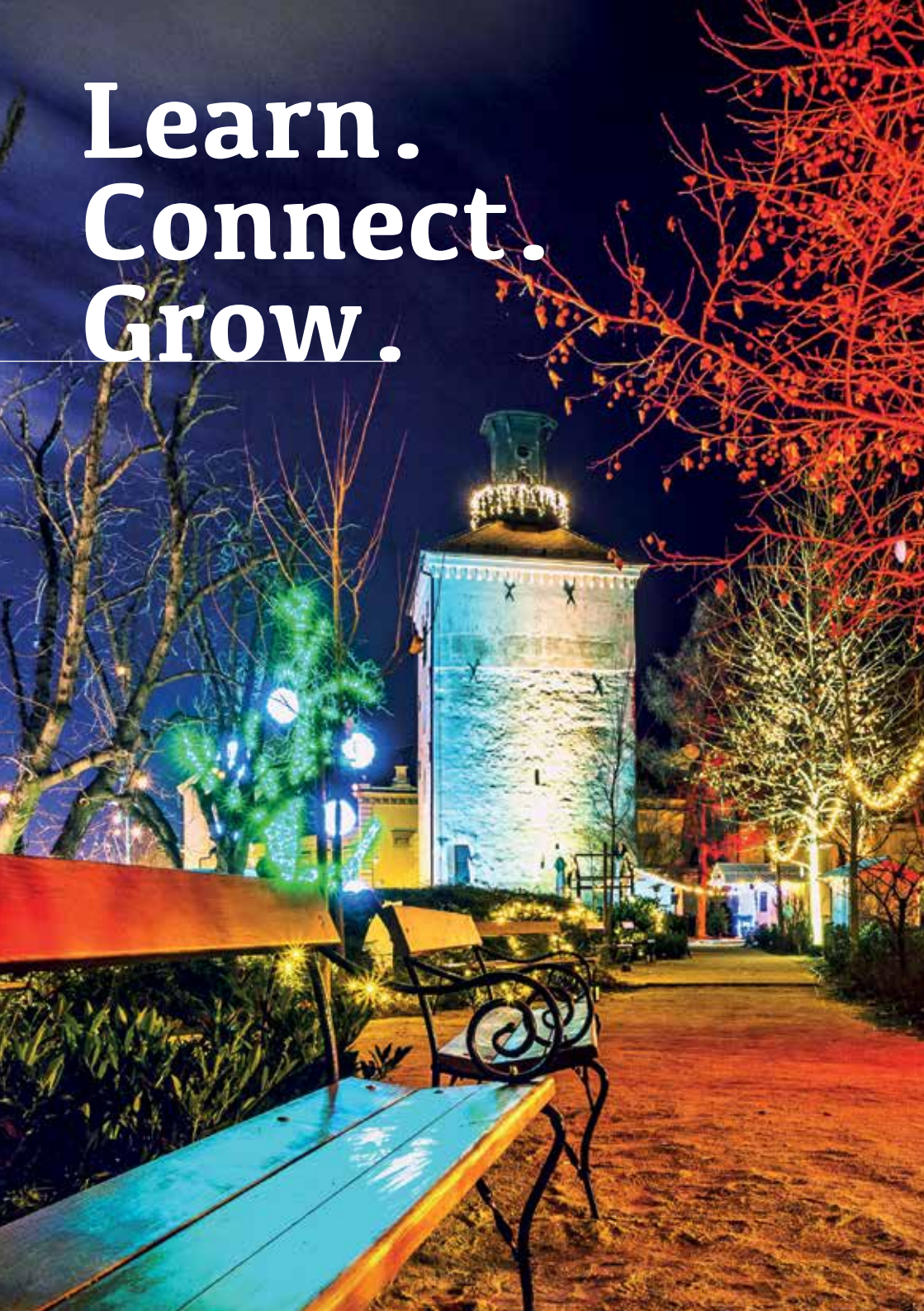
**Symposium – gastric cancer**

**20:45**

**Dinner**



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## Sunday / December 9, 2018

**08:30 – 12:30** **PARALLEL SESSION: ESPEN Life Long Learning Program (LLL) in nutritional support in GI disorders – part II** (Zagreb hall)

### **Nutritional Support in Gastrointestinal Diseases**

- Compromised Gut
- Challenges in treating short bowel syndrome
- Nutrition and gastrointestinal fistulas
- Nutrition in inflammatory bowel disease
- Case presentations
- Exam
- Certificates

**09:30-11:00** **SESSION 11: Case-based learning: what gastroenterologist needs to know about the pathohistological analysis?** (Main hall)

Chairs: Brčić I, Škrtić A, Stojšavljević S, Prka L, Sremac M

**State-of-the-art:** Neuroendocrine tumours – new classification / Brčić I

Autoimmune liver disease / Škrtić A

Inflammatory bowel disease / Fučkar-Čupić D

Discussion and Questions

### **Closing Remarks**



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Category	Early fee until Sep 10, 2018	Regular fee until Oct 31, 2018	Late fee until Nov 15, 2018	On-site fee from Dec 6, 2018
	EUR 158	EUR 210	EUR 270	EUR 370



~~Abstract submission deadline: November 20, 2018~~





## Hands-on training fees:

Ultrasound hands-on training	
Abdominal ultrasound (basic or advance)	EUR 16
Elastographic methods for liver diseases	EUR 16
Contrast ultrasound	EUR 16
Endoscopic hands-on training	
ERCP	EUR 30
EUS FNA	EUR 30
Bleeding management	EUR 30
Polypectomy	EUR 30
ESD	EUR 30

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## Abstract submission:

Participants are invited to submit original scientific abstracts or case reports for poster presentation. Language of the Conference is English (abstracts, papers and presentations). Scientific committee of the conference will select 10 best abstracts and authors will be asked to give short oral presentation (max. 7 minutes per presentation). The best abstracts will be awarded.

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