

6th European Hematology Association Balkan Hematology Day and 4th Congress of Macedonian Hematology Association

April 25-26, 2025 – Skopje, North Macedonia

Venue: **Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Skopje, North Macedonia**

Chairs: **Irina Panovska-Stavridis** (Skopje, North Macedonia), **Dimitar Efremov** (Skopje, North Macedonia, and Trieste, Italy)

Friday, April 25, 2025

09:00–10:05

OPENING SESSION

Chair: **Irina Panovska-Stavridis** (Skopje), **Dimitar Efremov** (Skopje, Trieste)

09:00-09:05	Welcome note	Dimitar Efremov (Skopje / Trieste)
09:05-09:10	Introduction of meeting program	Irina Panovska-Stavridis (Skopje)
09:10-09:20	EHA and History of Balkan Hematology Day	Gianluca Gaidano (Novara)
09:20-09:30	History of Balkan Hematology Association	Oliver Karanfilski (Skopje)
09:30-09:50	Recent regional developments in the treatment of lymphoma	Irina Panovska-Stavridis (Skopje)
09:50-10:05	CAR T-cell program in Slovenia	Biljana Todorova (Ljubljana)

10:05-10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30–12:00

MANTLE CELL LYMPHOMA

Chair: **Georg Hess** (Mainz), **Martin Ivanovski** (Skopje)

10:30-11:00	State-of-the-Art lecture	Georg Hess (Mainz)
11:00-11:10	Indolent mantle cell lymphoma	Darko Antic (Belgrade)
11:10-11:20	Indolent, recurrent extranodal mantle cell lymphoma: case report	Lazar Chadievski (Skopje)
11:20-11:30	Obinutuzumab in combination with targeted therapies in the treatment of relapsed mantle-cell lymphoma	Nevenka Ridova (Skopje)
11:30-11:40	Is autologous stem cell transplantation still an option for the treatment of mantle cell lymphoma?	Murat Özbalak (Istanbul)
11:40-12:00	Discussion	All speakers

12:00-12:45 *Corporate sponsored symposium*

12:45-13:30 *Lunch break*

13:30–15:00

HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA

Chair: **Sirpa Lëppa** (Helsinki), **Oliver Karanfilski** (Skopje)

13:30-14:00	State-of-the-Art lecture	Sirpa Lëppa (Helsinki)
14:00-14:10	HIV - Associated Hodgkin's lymphoma Prognosis and Therapy	Miranda Hoti (Pristina)
14:10-14:20	Hodgkin Lymphoma	Hristina Ivanova (Plovdiv)
14:20-14:30	Where are we in late relapse Hodgkin lymphoma?	Ecem Yön (Ankara)
14:30-14:40	Unusual Primary Bone Marrow Hodgkin Lymphoma Presentation	Fitim Gashi (Kosovo)
14:40-15:00	Discussion	All speakers

15:00–16:30

DIFFUSE LARGE B-CELL LYMPHOMA

Chair: **Maria Gomes da Silva** (Lisbon), **Aleksandar Stojanovic** (Skopje)

15:00-15:30 State-of-the-Art lecture
15:30-15:40 Prognostic significance and in vivo modeling of cluster 2 DLBCL
15:40-15:50 Inflammation and inflammatory prognostic indices in DLBCL
15:50-16:00 Prognostic significance of CD47 expression in patients with newly diagnosed DLBCL
16:00-16:10 What treatment for DLBCL in 2025?
16:20-16:30 Discussion

Maria Gomes da Silva (Lisbon)
Ivan Negara (Chisinau / Trieste)
Zorica Cvetković (Belgrade)
Ilija Bukurecki (Belgrade)

Alma Cili (Tirana)
All speakers

16:30-17:00 *Coffee break*

17:00–18:30

MARGINAL ZONE LYMPHOMA

Chair: **Anastasios Stathis** (Bellinzona), **Svetlana Krstevska-Balkanov** (Skopje)

17:00-17:30 State-of-the-Art lecture
17:30-17:40 Title to be announced
17:40-17:50 Title to be announced
17:50-18:00 How to manage Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia in 2025
18:00-18:00 Title to be announced
18:10-18:30 Discussion

Anastasios Stathis (Bellinzona)
Zdravko Mitrović (Zagreb)
Selin Küçükuyurt Kaya (Ankara)
Evdoxia Hatjiharissi (Thessaloniki)
Bozhidar Kochovski (Skopje)
All speakers

Saturday, April 26, 2025

09:00–11:00

CLASSIFICATION, DIAGNOSIS, GENETIC SUBTYPING AND MONITORING OF LYMPHOID MALIGNANCIES

Chair: **Gordana Petrusavska** (Skopje), **Aleksandar Dimovski** (Skopje)

09:00-09:30 Classification of B-cell lymphoproliferative disorders
09:30-10:00 Genomic profiling of lymphoid neoplasms
10:30-11:00 Stereotyped B-Cell Receptors in B-Cell Lymphomas
11:00-11:30 Liquid biopsy of lymphoma

Andreas Rosenwald (Würzburg)
Richard Rosenquist (Stockholm)
Kostas Stamatopoulos (Thessaloniki)
Gianluca Gaidano (Novara)

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30–13:30

ADVANCES IN THE BIOLOGY AND TREATMENT OF CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA

Chair: **Lidija Cevreska** (Skopje), **Dimitar Efremov** (Skopje / Trieste)

11:30-12:00 New insights in the biology of CLL
12:00-12:30 First line CLL treatment
12:30-13:00 Mechanisms of resistance to targeted therapies and Richter transformation
13:00-13:30 Treatment of relapsed/refractory CLL and Richter transformation

Nicholas Chiorazzi (New York)
Luca Laurenti (Rome)
Dimitar Efremov (Skopje / Trieste)
Gianluca Gaidano (Novara)

13:30-14:00 *Corporate sponsored symposium*

14:00-15:00 *Lunch break*

15:00–17:00

ADVANCES IN THE TREATMENT OF FL, HCL, WM and MM

Chair: **Irina Panovska-Stavridis** (Skopje), **Aleksandra Pivkova-Veljanovska** (Skopje)

15:00-15:30 Advances in the biology and treatment of Follicular Lymphoma **Francesco Forconi** (Southampton)

15:30-16:00 Current and future therapies for Hairy Cell Leukemia **Enrico Tiacci** (Perugia)

16:00-16:30 Treatment of Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia **Alessandra Tedeschi** (Milan)

16:30-17:00 Current and future therapies for Multiple Myeloma **Francesca Gay** (Torino)

17:00-17:45

PATIENT ADVOCACY SESSION

Chair: **Bibi Conveska** (Skopje), **Marija Vuk**(Skopje)

17:45-18:30 *Poster session & Farewell drink*