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PROGRAM

21st European Balkan Congress

Hearing Implants &
High Tech Hearing Aids



October 9–12, 2025

Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Congress President: Prof Dr Sanja Spiric

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October 9, 2025

- 19.30–20.30 **Opening Ceremony at University of Arts**
(Bus transfer will be provided; departure in front of the hotel at 19.15 and at 20.30 back from the University of Arts)
- 20.45–00.00 **Welcome Reception**
Sky Bar, Hotel Courtyard by Marriott
- 21.00–22.00 **Media Submission during Welcome Reception**

October 10, 2025

- 8.00–9.00 **Registration & Media Submission**
Congress venue: Hotel Courtyard by Marriott, Ballroom I

ROUND TABLE

9.00–9.45 **DIAGNOSTIC AND CANDIDATE SELECTION**

Moderator: Marianna Küstel

Speaker: Birkena Qirjazi, Violeta Necula, Anita Kastelic, Marijana Tuta, Andro Kosec

ROUND TABLE

9.45–10.20 **PREOPERATIVE USE OF OTOPLAN SOFTWARE FOR CI IN DIFFICULT ANATOMICAL CONDITIONS**

Moderator: Astrid Magele

Speaker: Luminita Radulescu, Gabor Polony, Fuad Brkic, Cada Czdenek, Kevin Bauer, Bojan Sotirov

10.20–10.50 **Coffee Break**



ROUND TABLE

10.50–12.20

EXTENDING THE INDICATIONS (ASYMETRIC HEARING LOSS, SSD, BILATERAL, VERY YOUNG CHILDREN, ELDERLY)

Moderator: Robert Trotic

Speaker: Victor Enachi, Marianna Küstel, Bojana Bukurov, Sanja Spiric, Diana Popova, Slobodan Spremo

12.20–14.00

Lunch

ROUND TABLE

14.00–15.30

INFLUENCE OF MEDICAL RESOURCES, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FACTORS ON THE COCHLEAR IMPLANTATION PROGRAM

Moderator: Christan Martu, Sebastian Cozma

Speaker: Marija Dokoska, Andro Kosec, Nenad Arsovic, Irena Pehar, Predrag Spiric, Gábor Polony

18.00–23.00

Networking Dinner

Jugic Winery

(Departure by bus from the hotel at 18.00)

October 11, 2025

ROUND TABLE

9.00–10.00

SURGICAL TECHNIQUES: TYPES, ADVANTAGES AND COMPLICATIONS

Moderator: Robert Trotic

Speaker: Caglar Batman, Trifon Kiratzidis, Srecko Branica, Manja Hribar, Jakov Ajduk

10.00–10.10

Hearing Screening

Mila Bojanovic

10.10–10.20

31 years straight forward / state-of-the-art hearing implants:
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Ewald Thurner



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10.20–10.45 Coffee Break with Poster Walk (and vote)

ROUND TABLE

10.45–12.15 HEARING SOLUTIONS BESIDE COCHLEAR IMPLANTATION
(BB, VSB, PMEI, ABI)

Moderator: Cristian Martu

Speaker: Janez Rebol, Zdenek Cada, Marko Velepich, Iurie Noroc

12.15–12.25 Brainstem response after cochlear implantation
Diana Popova

12.30–14.00 Lunch

13.15–13.45 Presidential Meeting (on invitation only)

ROUND TABLE

14.00–15.00 OPTIMIZED FITTING – FROM OTOPLAN TO ABF

Moderator: Dominic Schum

Speaker: Suela Sallavaci, Fuad Brkic, Madalina Georgescu, Bojan Sotirov

14.30–14.40 POSTER WINNER AWARD

14.40–14.45 Preview Balkan Congress 2026
Robert Tropic

14.45 Closing
Sanja Spiric

15.30–18.30 Retro Oldtimer Tour
8 persons per tour (in 2 Oldtimers; duration 20–30 min)
(Starting point: Petar Kocic Park at corner Milana Tepica Street –
10 min. walking from hotel)

20.00 Dinner at Hotel Courtyard by Marriott



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Pick up schedule for bus transfer to airports

Date to departure	Pick-Up Time Rezeption	Airport	Flight Number
11.10.2025	09.00	Banjaluka	FR9754
11.10.2025	11.00	Zagreb	OU316
11.10.2025	13.00	Zagreb	KLI968 LH59999 TK1056
12.10.2025	02.00	Zagreb	LH1731
12.10.2025	09.00	Zagreb	LH1227 TK1058 OU368
12.10.2025	13.00	Banjaluka	FR9754
12.10.2025	13.30	Zagreb	OS678



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