

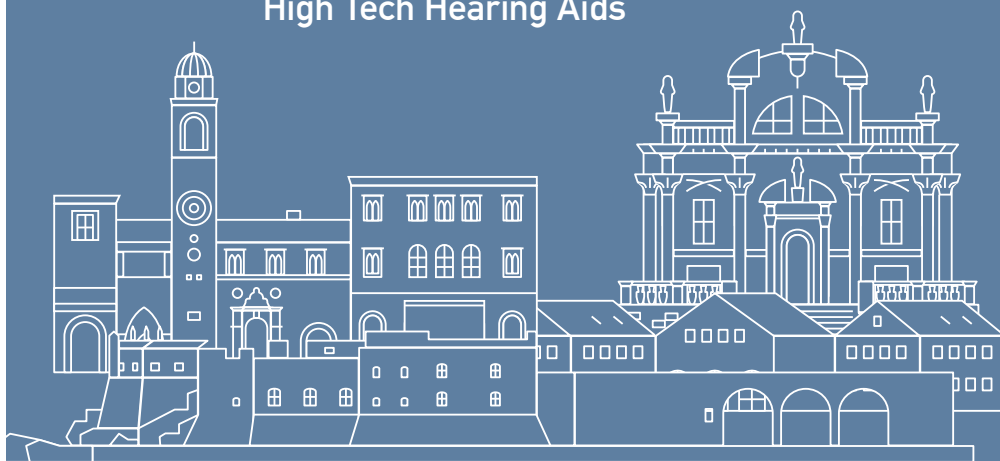


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PROGRAM

22nd European Balkan Baltic Congress

Hearing Implants &
High Tech Hearing Aids



October 15–17, 2026

Dubrovnik

Congress President: Prof. Dr. Robert Trotic

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PROGRAM

Thursday – October 15, 2026

- 19.30–20.00 **Registration & Media Submission**
Room: Coral I @ Royal Neptun Hotel
- 20.00–21.00 **WELCOME LECTURE & Opening Ceremony**
Sustainable Hearing
Lecturer: Robert Trotić
Room: Coral I @ Royal Neptun Hotel
- 21.00–00.00 **WELCOME RECEPTION**
@ On The Rocks Bar & Lounge Royal Neptun Hotel

Friday – October 16, 2026

- 8.15–9.00 **Registration & Media Submission**
Room: Coral I @ Royal Neptun Hotel
- 9.00–9.15 **WELCOME**
Robert Trotić, Mato Franković
- 9.15–9.45 **PANEL**
30 years of Croatian Complete Cochlea Coverage
Moderator: Jakov Ajduk (HR)
Chair: Ewald Thurner (AT), Bernd Katzbauer (AT)
Participants: Mihael Ries (HR), Andro Košec (HR), Iva Kelava (HR), Srećko Branica (HR), Marko Velepič (HR)
- 9.45–10.15 **ROUND TABLE**
HEARING SCREENING
Moderator: Dominik Riss (AT)
Participants: Anita Gáborján (HU), Sanja Spiric (BiH), Doina Chiaburu (MD)
- 10.15–11.00 **ROUND TABLE**
DIAGNOSTIC AND CANDIDATE SELECTION
Moderator: Sebastian Cozma (RO)
Chair: Lana Kovač Bilić (HR)
Participants: Thomas Keinzel (AT), Bojana Bukurov (SR), Marija Dokoska (MK), Diana Popova (BG), Nina Bozanic Urbancic (SI), Constantin Guma (MD)
- 11.00–11.30 **Coffe Break & Poster Walk**

11.30–12.15

ROUND TABLE

CI SURGICAL TECHNIQUES: TYPES, ADVANTAGES AND COMPLICATIONS

Moderator: Gabor Polony (HU)

Chair: Srećko Branica (HR), Iva Kelava (HR)

Participants: Nenad Arsović (RS), Astrid Magele (AT), Dominik Riss (AT),
Saba Battelino (SI), Alma Maniu (RO), István Szanyi (HU),
Alexandru Didencu (MD), Sanja Spiric (BiH)

12.15–12.45

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Optimizing Clinical Outcomes in Cochlear Implant Care

Lecturer: Georg Sprinzi (AT)

12.45–14.00

Lunch & Poster Walk

@ The Royal Terrace Neptun Hotel

14.00–15.00

ROUND TABLE

HEARING SOLUTIONS BESIDE COCHLEAR IMPLANTATION

Moderator: Astrid Magele (AT)

Chair: Marko Velepich (HR)

Participants: Ljiljana Čvorović (RS), Eugenius Lesinskas (LT), Janez Rebol (SI),
Lukas Varga (SK), Iurie Noroc (MD)

15.00–15.15

Challenging Surgical Cases

Lecturer: Caglar Batman

15.15–15.45

Small coffee break & Poster Walk

19.00–23.00

NETWORKING DINNER

(Departure by bus from the hotel at 18:45)

Saturday – October 17, 2026

- 9.00–9.30** **KEYNOTE LECTURE**
**A Totally Implantable Cochlear Implant (TICI) -
a next-generation device**
Lecturer: Christoph Arnoldner (AT)
- 9.30–10.30** **ROUND TABLE**
POSTOPERATIVE FOLLOW - UP
Moderator: Marianna Küstel (HU)
Chair: Fuad Brkić (BiH)
Participants: Maja Jovanović (ME), Birkena Qirjazi (AL), Violeta Necula (RO),
Marijana Tuta Dujmović (HR), Adrien Nemeth (HU), Diana Chirtoca (MD)
- 10.30–11.30** **PANEL**
Biomedical Engineering
Moderator: Rudolf Liepins (AT)
Chair: Andro Kosec (HR)
Participants: Kevin Bauer (AT), Bernd Katzbauer (AT), Fabian Kiesenhofer (AT),
Angelika Heinze (AT), Alexandru Oltean (AT)
- 11.30–11.45** **POSTER WINNER AWARD**
- 11.45–12.00** **Preview 23rd European Balkan Baltic Congress 2027**
Victor Enachi (MD)
- 12.00–12.15** **Closing**
Robert Trotić (HR)
- 12.30–14.00** **Lunch**
@ The Royal Terrace Neptun Hotel
- 12.45–13.15** **Presidential Meeting by invitation only**
Room: CORAL 2
- 19.30–22.00** **NETWORKING DINNER**
@ Restaurant Leut in Cavtat
(Departure by bus from the hotel at 18:30,
Bus Pick Up Pile Square Dubrovnik at 18:45)
- 22.00** **Transfer back to Hotel**