



**2nd Congress of
The Association
of Slovenian
Dermatovenereologists
with International Participation**

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PROGRAMME

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PORTOROŽ, May 2026

Programme Thursday, May 21, 2026

09.00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

10.50-11.00 CONGRESS OPENING

11.00-12.35 EMERGING THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES IN DERMATOLOGY

Chairs: L. Mervic, A. Godić

11.00-11.15 *JAK inhibitors and alopecia areata*

A. Godić (United Kingdom)

11.15-11.30 *Ocular side effects of dupilumab*

A. Gornik (Slovenia)

11.30-11.45 *Effect of Semaglutide on the Psoriatic Lesion in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus*

J. Petković-Dabić (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

11.45-12.00 *Acupuncture in dermatology*

S. Kunstek (Slovenia)

12.00-12.15 *Plantar warts treatment*

L. Mervic (Slovenia)

12.15-12.30 *The magic of low dose isotretinoin in modern Dermatology*

L. Marini (Italy)

12.30-12.35 *Discussion*

12.35-13.00 *Coffee break*

13.00-14.35 IMMUNOINFLAMMATORY SKIN DISEASES - PART 1

Chairs: M. Bizjak Šuran, S. Ljubojević Hadžavdić

13.00-13.15 *Drug-associated bullous diseases*

D. Škiljević (Serbia)

13.15-13.30 *Angioedema - Beyond Hypersensitivity: From Antihypertensives to Diagnostic Surprises*

D. Kuzman, Z. Golušin (Serbia)

13.30-13.45 *Urticarial vasculitis*

S. Ljubojević Hadžavdić (Croatia)

13.45-14.00 *Update on Chronic Inducible Urticaria*

M. Bizjak Šuran (Slovenia)

14.00-14.15 *Management of Polymorphic Light Eruption: Are We Still in the Dark?*

V. Bajuk (Slovenia)

14.15-14.30 *Diagnostic and therapeutic difficulties in lichen planus*

T. Levičnik (Slovenia)

14.30-14.35 *Discussion*

14.35-15.30 *Lunch*

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SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

- 15.30-15.50** *From AAD to EHSF: New Insights in Psoriasis and Hidradenitis Suppurativa with Bimekizumab - Medis*
T. Lunder and Š. Šuler Baglama (Slovenia)
- 15.50-16.10** *Beyond Symptoms: From Advanced Proactive Approaches to Skin Microbiome Balance in Atopic Dermatitis - El Pharma*
O. Točkova (Slovenia)
- 16.10-16.30** *Hyperpigmentation Consensus - Eucerin*
D. Škiljević (Serbia)
- 16.30-17.00** *Coffee break*

17.00-18.35 PERIGENITOANAL SKIN DISEASES

Chairs: K. Trčko, B. Mlakar

- 17.00-17.15** *Itchy vulva - not always what it seems*
K. Trčko (Slovenia)
- 17.15-17.30** *Perianal itch*
A. Trajber Horvat, B. Mlakar, A. Štern (Slovenia)
- 17.30-17.45** *Importance of perianal and anal self-examination by patients*
B. Mlakar, A. Štern, A. Trajber Horvat (Slovenia)
- 17.45-18.00** *Differential diagnosis and management of genital ulcers*
M. Selan (Slovenia)
- 18.00-18.15** *Anal melanoma - report of 2 cases*
A. Štern, B. Mlakar, A. Trajber Horvat (Slovenia)
- 18.15-18.30** *Dermoscopy of pigmented genital lesions*
L. Betetto (Slovenia)
- 18.30-18.35** *Discussion*
- 18.35-19.00** *Coffee break*

19.00-20.00 PLENARY LECTURES:

- 19.00-19.30** *Artificial Intelligence in Dermatology: Achievements, Opportunities, Challenges, and the Road Ahead*
D. Dinevski (Slovenia)
- 19.30-20.00** *Illuminating the invisible - technology in dermoscopy*
J. Kukovič (Slovenia)

OPENING CEREMONY

WELCOME RECEPTION

Programme Friday, May 22, 2026

09.00-10.35 IMMUNOINFLAMMATORY SKIN DISEASES - PART 2

Chairs: M. Starbek Zorko, M. Nikolić

09.00-09.15 *Subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus - how to diagnose, how to treat*
M. Nikolić (Serbia)

09.15-09.30 *Challenges and future directions in bullous pemphigoid*
D. Svecova (Slovakia)

09.30-09.45 *Epidemiology of Hidradenitis suppurativa*
G. Jemec (Denmark)

09.45-10.00 *Vitiligo: facts and updates*
M. Starbek Zorko (Slovenia)

10.00-10.15 *How can a busy clinician rummage through the published evidence on the treatment of vitiligo: a case of meta-analysis*
M. Pavlović (Dubai)

10.15-10.30 *Gluten and skin health*
I. Binić (Serbia)

10.30-10.35 *Discussion*

10.35-11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00-12.35 DERMATO-ONCOLOGY

Chairs: S. Rubins, I. Bartenjev

11.00-11.15 *Comprehensive review of blood based signals in cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma*
A. Pagon (Slovenia)

11.15-11.30 *The role of wide local excision of a primary lesion in cutaneous malignant tumors*
I. Bartenjev (Slovenia)

11.30-11.45 *Surgical margins-melanoma*
B. Hrvatin Stančič (Slovenia)

11.45-12.00 *Surgical Management vs. Non-surgical Management of Advanced BCC*
I. Maher (United States)

12.00-12.15 *Skin cancer epidemiology in Latvia*
S. Rubins (Latvia)

12.15-12.30 *Neo-adjuvant therapy in Mohs micrographic surgery for skin cancer*
A. Krunić (United States)

12.30-12.35 *Discussion*

12.35-13.00 *Coffee break*

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

13.00-13.20 *From testing to treatment: PD L1 as a guide to personalized immunotherapy in metastatic melanoma - Swixx Biopharma*
J. Ocvirk (Slovenia)

13.20-13.40 *Beyond PASI: Raising the Bar in Treating Psoriatic Disease*
T. Lunder and S. Praprotnik (Slovenia)- Johnson & Johnson

13.40-14.00 *Why starting sooner matters - AbbVie*
A. Bergant Suhodolčan (Slovenia)

14.00-15.00 *Lunch*

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SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

15.00-15.20 Dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa (DEB) Today: Evolving Care Strategies and Clinical Perspective - Swixx Biopharma

M. Starbek Zorko (Slovenia)

15.20-15.50 Enhancing sunscreen compliance through technological innovation

J. Kukovič (Slovenia) - La Roche-Posay

From Barrier Disruption to Repair: The Role of Ceramide-Based Skincare in Managing Skin Xerosis - La Roche-Posay

O. Točkova (Slovenia)

Treatment and care of the scalp in non-scarring alopecia - La Roche-Posay

J. Šmid Vauhnik (Slovenia)

15.50-16.15 Coffee break

16.15-17.50 PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY

Chairs: A. Prohić, O. Točkova

16.15-16.30 Cutaneous Mastocytosis in pediatric patients

S. Popadić (Serbia)

16.30-16.45 Transformation of childhood alopecia treatment- the power of JAK inhibitors

I. Blajić (Croatia)

16.45-17.00 Hereditary α -Tryptasemia and Peripheral Blood KIT D816V Mutation in Children with Mastocytosis

O. Točkova (Slovenia)

17.00-17.15 Acneiform eruptions caused by hormones

M. Milinković Srećković (Serbia)

17.15-17.30 Childhood nevi: From Normal Variants to Lesions of Concern

M. Buljan (Croatia)

17.30-17.45 Beyond the Skin: The Burden of Pediatric Psoriasis

A. Prohić (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

17.45-17.50 Discussion

17.50-18.10 Coffee break

18.10-19.30 PSYCHODERMATOLOGY

Chairs: E. Švagelj, R. Darlenski

18.10-18.25 Beneath the surface: psychiatric dimensions of skin disorders

E. Švagelj (Slovenia)

18.25-18.40 Introduction to Psychodermatology: Basic Concepts and Clinical Relevance

S. Vujasinović, S. Škobalj, A. Klemenc (Slovenia)

18.40-18.55 The Dermo-aesthetical Practice - psychodermatological implications

R. Darlenski (Bulgaria)

18.55-19.10 Psychodermatological treatment of acne with psychopathological component- a case series

M. Balabanova (Bulgaria)

19.10-19.15 Discussion

20.00 President's Dinner

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09.00-10.30 CLINICOPATHOLOGIC CORRELATION

09.00-10.30 *Clinicopathologic correlation of pigmented skin lesions*

L. Cerroni (Austria)

10.30-11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00-12.30 OCCUPATIONAL SKIN CANCER

Chairs: A. Benedičič, S. M. John

11.00-11.10 *Increasing trend of the incidence of keratinocyte skin cancers and cutaneous melanoma in Slovenia - What can we do more to promote prevention?*

A. Benedičič (Slovenia)

11.10-11.30 *WHO 'All Skin Diseases Resolution'. Why occupational dermatology makes sense in 2026?*

S. M. John (Germany)

11.30-11.45 *Climate change and workers occupational skin cancer*

A. Stoimenidis (Greece)

11.45-12.00 *Occupational solar UV radiation exposure and skin cancers in Italian Workers: disease reporting and prevention*

A. Modenese (Italy)

12.00-12.15 *Austrian experiences on reporting occupational skin cancer*

W. Aberer (Austria)

12.15-12.30 *Discussion*

12.30-13.00 *Coffee break*

13.00-14.30 *“Roundtable Discussion on skin cancer prevention with a press conference”
(separate room)*

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

13.00-13.20 *Innovative treatments with traditional QS lasers - from pigmentations to rejuvenation and scars - Fotona*

I. Bogataj Tancer (Slovenia)

13.20-13.40 *Topical ruxolitinib treatment as a new therapeutic option in the management of non-segmental vitiligo - Genesis*

E. Sotiriou (Greece)

13.40-14.00 *Practical tips and tricks across psoriatic disease and HS - Novartis*

Š. Šuler Baglama and B. Hrvatini Stančič (Slovenia)

14.00-15.00 *Lunch*

15.00-16.35 AESTHETIC DERMATOLOGY

Chairs: N. Kecelj, U. Türsen

15.00-15.15 *Paradoxes in aesthetic dermatology*

U. Türsen (Turkey)

15.15-15.30 *Tattooing and Dermatology: Navigating Between Aesthetic Trends and Medical Concerns*

K. Šmuc Berger (Slovenia)

15.30-15.45 *Treatment of complications using aesthetic dermatology with case examples*

J. Šmid Vauhnik (Slovenia)

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15.45-16.00 *Lipedema - a disease or an aesthetic problem?*

N. Kecelj Leskovec (Slovenia)

16.00-16.15 *Combination of radio-frequency micro-needling and intense pulsed light (IPL) in tight and bright treatment as alternative for surgical face lifting*

A. Petrov (Macedonia)

16.15-16.30 *Hyperpigmentation linked to systemic diseases*

J. Stojković Filipović (Serbia)

16.30-16.35 *Discussion*

16.35-17.00 *Coffee break*

17.00-18.35 FREE COMMUNICATIONS

Chairs: T. Lunder, Š. Šuler Baglama

17.00-17.15 *The enigma of the HPV - genital infections in the paediatric age*

M. Skerlev (Croatia)

17.15-17.30 *Slovenian clinical guidelines for the treatment of psoriasis with biologics*

T. Lunder (Slovenia)

17.30-17.45 *Can targeted therapy be too targeted?*

Š. Šuler Baglama (Slovenia)

17.45-18.00 *Beyond the Skin: The Inflammatory Dialogue*

Between Psoriasis and Obesity

E. K. Merzel Šabovič (Slovenia)

18.00-18.15 *Role of dual glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP) and glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonist in dermatovenereology*

N. Đurišić (Slovenia)

18.15-18.30 *Cutaneous T-cell lymphomas in our patients*

M. Dolenc-Voljč (Slovenia)

18.30 *Discussion*

18.30 **CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS**

18.40 *General Assembly of the Association of Slovenian Dermatovenereologists*



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