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# HEART DISSECTION WORKSHOP

25 September · Institute of Forensic Medicine

## Workshop Session

 09:00 – 12:00

**Davide Radaelli & Monica Concato** – Italy

**Viktorija Belakapovska & Zlatko Jakjovski** – North Macedonia

**Tijana Petrovic** – Serbia

**Anita Galic** – Croatia

 *Institute of Forensic Medicine*

# SCIENTIFIC SESSION

## AI and Medico-Legal Studies of Sudden Cardiac Death – State of the Art

🕒 13:00 – 15:00

**“Detailed Study of Collagen, Vasculature, and Innervation in the Human Cardiac Conduction System”**

Prof. Mary Noelle Sheppard – St. George's, University of London, UK

**“Algorithmic Forensics: Machine Learning Applications in Medicolegal Death Investigation and Research”**

Aleksa Lekovic – University of Belgrade, Serbia

📍 *Amphitheater, Dean's Office, Medical Faculty*

# DAY 2 – SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

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## Registration & Welcome

🕒 08:15 – 09:00

Registration

🕒 09:00 – 09:15

Welcome Address

Prof. Dr. Svetozar Antovic – Dean, Medical Faculty, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University,  
Skopje

Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Stankov – Head of the Institute for Forensic Medicine

Prof. Dr. Zlatko Jakjovski – Meeting Organizer

## Session I: Pathology Session

 **Chaired by: Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Stankov & Prof. Dr. Chara Spiliopoulou**

 **09:15 – 09:30**

### **Population Stratification and Genetic Risk Prediction**

Prof. Dr. Ersi Klafoglu – Ankara Medipol University, Turkey

 **09:30 – 09:45**

### **The Role of Substance Abuse in Sudden Cardiac Death**

Prof. Dr. Tijana Petrovic– University of Belgrade, Serbia

 **09:45 – 10:00**

### **Exploring OMICS Contribution in Sudden Cardiac Death**

Prof. Dr. Davide Radaelli – University of Trieste, Italy

 **10:00 – 10:15**

### **Power Gain of Pathologic Strain? Mapping the Boundary between Athlete Adaptation and HCM**

Prof. Dr. Ege Alp Dagdeviren – Sehit Prof. Dr. Ilhan Varnak Training & Research Hospital,  
Turkey

 **10:15 – 10:30**

### **Commercial Symposium**

 **10:30 – 10:45**

## Coronary Origin Abnormalities and Myocardial Bridging: A Diagnostic Challenge?

Prof. Dr. Anita Galic – University of Zagreb, Croatia

🕒 10:45 – 11:00

## Obesity Cardiomyopathy in Sudden Cardiac Death: A Distinct Entity?

Prof. Dr. Joseph Westaby – St. George's, University of London, UK

🕒 11:00 – 11:15

## Stress Related Cardiomyopathy

Prof. Dr. Tomasz Zupanc – University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

🕒 11:15 – 11:30

## How Should We Talk with Families After a Sudden Cardiac Death?

Prof. Dr. Stefano D'Errico – University of Trieste, Italy

☕ **Coffee Break & Poster Session (11:30 – 12:00)**

# DAY 2 – GENETIC SESSION

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## Session II: Genetic Session

👤 **Chaired by: Prof. Dr. Dusan Keckarevic & Prof. Dr. Zlatko Jakjovski**

🕒 12:00 – 12:15

## Challenges in Creating and Maintaining a Regional Genetic Variant Register

Dr. Robert Janevski – G-Life Lab, Skopje, North Macedonia

🕒 12:15 – 12:30

## Genetic Causes of Cardiomyopathies: Experience of the Clinical Institute of Genomic Medicine, Ljubljana

Msc. Nina Vodnjov – Clinical Institute of Genomic Medicine, UMC Ljubljana, Slovenia

 **12:30 – 12:45**

## The Management of Sudden Cardiac Death in Serbia: A Geneticist's Perspective

Milica Keckarevic Markovic – University of Belgrade, Serbia

 **12:45 – 13:00**

## Titin Cardiomyopathy and a Recurrent TTN Variant in the I Band: Insights from the Clinical Institute

Prof. Dr. Karin Writzl – Clinical Institute of Genomic Medicine, UMC Ljubljana, Slovenia

 **13:00 – 13:30**

## The Science Behind the Technology – "Decoding Sudden Death: The Genetic Architecture of Cardiac Vulnerability"

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Viktorija Belakaposka Srpanova – Institute for Forensic Medicine, Criminalistics, and Medical Deontology, Skopje, Medical Faculty, "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" Skopje

 **13:30 – 14:30 Light Lunch**

# DAY 2 – CARDIOLOGY SESSION

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## Session III: Cardiology Session

 **Chaired by: Prof. Dr. Mary Noelle Sheppard & Prof. Dr. Ersi Kalfoglou**

 **14:30 – 15:00**

**Commercial Symposium**

 **15:00 – 15:15**

**2025 Update on Myocarditis Diagnostic Criteria**

Prof. Dr. Michaud Katarzyna – University Centre of Legal Medicine, Genève, Switzerland

 **15:15 – 15:30**

**Sudden Cardiac Death in a Morphologically Normal Heart**

Prof. Dr. Lidija Popovska – University Clinic of Cardiology, Skopje

 **15:30 – 15:45**

**Can Sudden Cardiac Death Be Reduced Through Improved Management of Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aneta Aleksova – Dept. of Medicine, Surgery and Health Sciences, University of Trieste and Azienda Sanitaria Universitaria Integrata di Trieste, Italy

 **15:45 – 16:00**

**The Role of Imaging in SCD**

Prof. Dr. Yanko Kolev – President of IAFS, Medical University-Pleven, Dept. of General Medicine, Forensic Medicine and Deontology

 **16:00 – 16:15**

**Daily Life Triggers of Sudden Cardiac Death**

Prof. Dr. Chara Spiliopoulou – Medical School of Athens University

 **16:15 – 16:30**

**Postmortem Protocol for Evaluating Sudden Cardiac Death: A Forensic Approach**

Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Stankov – Institute for Forensic Medicine, Criminalistics, and Medical Deontology, Skopje, Medical Faculty, “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” Skopje

 **16:30 – 16:45**

## **Saving Lives and Lowering Costs: The Financial Case for Early Screening in Sudden Cardiac Death**

Prof. Dr. Zlatko Jakjovski – Institute for Forensic Medicine, Criminalistics, and Medical Deontology, Skopje, Medical Faculty, “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” Skopje

## **Summary and Final Remarks by Prof. Dr. Zlatko Jakjovski & Prof. Dr. Stefano D’Errico**

 *Social Event: 20:00 – 24:00*

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