

# 2025 ORPHEUS Conference

10th – 12th April  
Cavtat, Croatia



## ADAPTING ACADEMIA NAVIGATING PHD PROGRAMS AMIDST WORLD CRISES AND CHANGES



### ORPHEUS 2025 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

#### WEDNESDAY, April 9th: Registration and information desk (17.00-20.00)

21.00

**Get together drink for PhD students**  
(Dalmatino bar- small boats harbour, 10 min walk)

#### THURSDAY April 10th : Registration and information desk (9.00-17.00)

- 9.30-12.30** **PHD STUDENTS WORKSHOP (Ragusa Hall): Maroje Sorić**, University of Zagreb Faculty of Kinesiology, Croatia. *Living in the world full of DATA: opportunities and pitfalls*
- 13.30-14.00** **OPENING AND WELCOME: John Creemers** (ORPHEUS President), **Joana Palha** (ORPHEUS PhD Student Forum) and the **Organisers** (University of Zagreb Faculty of Kinesiology)
- SESSION 1 (Ragusa Hall) Chairs: John Creemers, Joana Palha**
- 14.00-14.30** **Invited lecture: Robert Harris**. Karolinska institutet, Academic Vice President of Doctoral Education, Stockholm, Sweden. *Supervisor and PhD student separated by wars and/or politics: Avoiding the elephant in the room*
- 14.30-15.00** **Invited lecture: Alexander Hasgall**. Scientific Council, Technische Universität München, Graduate School. *Dual Use in Research and Its Impact on Doctoral Education*
- 15.00-15.15** **Tetyana Falalyeyeva, Nazarii Kobyljak, Oleksandr Kovalchuk, Oleksandr Korotkyi, Oksana Sulaieva**. Educational-Scientific Center, Institute of Biology and Medicine, Kyiv, Ukraine. *PhD education in biomedicine during the war in Ukraine: From challenges to solutions*
- 15.15-15.45** **Coffee break**
- SESSION 2 (Ragusa Hall) Chairs: Lana Ružić, Olga Gornik**
- 15.45-16.15** **Invited lecture: Ana Borovečki**. University of Zagreb School of Medicine, Zagreb, Croatia. *Ethics in Research: Do we actually lower standards during crises?*
- 16.15-16.45** **Invited lecture: An Huts**. KU Leuven, Research Coordination office. *Campus Resilience: How to Support the PhD Community in Times of Crisis*
- 16.45-17.00** **Peter Domjan, Viola Angyal, Adam Bertalan, Istvan Vingender**. Hungary Semmelweis University. *The role of health development offices in PhD training and navigating crises in translational research.*
- 17.00-17.15** **Asmarinah, Robiatul Adawiyah**, Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia. *The impact of global changes on the success of doctoral studies: a survey on doctoral program in biomedical sciences in Indonesia*
- 17.15-17.30** **Margarida Correia-Neves, Tufária Mussá, Gunilla Kallenius, Ana Dias, Fátima Correia, Francisco Januário, Natalie Jelinek, Teresa Cossa, Rufino Carlos Gujamo, Gustavo Paibe, Joana Palha, Mahita Sacarlal, João Canto-Gomes, Jahit Sacarlal**. School of Medicine, University of Minho, Braga, Portugal. *PhD4Moz: Creating a sustainable platform to support PhD training in health sciences in Mozambique*
- 18.00** **Welcome drink and bites (Terrace)**

## FRIDAY April 11<sup>th</sup>: Registration and information desk (9.00-17.00)

### SESSION 3 (Ragusa Hall) Chairs: Gül Güner Akdogan, Robert Harris

- 9.30-10.00** **Invited lecture: Janet Carton.** University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, ORPHEUS Vice President. *My Supervisor is in a Digital World: Are we really connected*
- 10.00-10.20** **Lana Ružić.** University of Zagreb Faculty of Kinesiology, Zagreb, Croatia. *Addressing remote mentorship - Experiences*
- 10.20-10.35** **Eisum AV.** Aalborg University Hospital, Denmark. *Navigating my PhD journey: Personal insights on structured online supervision in clinical research*
- 10.35-10.50** **Kaan Mert Güven, Duygu Demirbaş Keskin, Demet Koç, Haldun Akoğlu, Pınar Bostan, Melike Şahiner, Günseli Bayram Akçapınar.** Institute of Health Sciences, Acibadem University, Istanbul, Turkey. *Relationship between doctoral students' motivation, resilience, and wellbeing: The role of academic success expectations and supportive factors*
- 10.50-11.05** **Prabandari YS., Rahayu GR.** Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. *What did the supervisors advise for assessing PhD? A descriptive qualitative study on the discussion result of good supervisor training*
- 11.05-11.30** **Coffee break & Poster viewing**

### SESSION 4 (Ragusa Hall) Chairs: Alexander Hasgall, Branka Matković

- 11.30-11.50** **Gül Güner Akdogan, Feyza Aricioglu, John Creemers, Joana A. Palha, Damir Sapunar, Michael J. Mulvany, Hakan S. Orer.** International Collaboration. *Doctoral training in biomedicine and health sciences in Belgium, Croatia, Portugal and Turkey: A comparative analysis through the impact of the Orpheus Label procedure*
- 11.50-12.05** **Zoltán Benyó, Tamás Ivanics, Krisztina Tölgyesi-Lovász, József Tímár.** Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary. *Experience with the MD-PhD excellence program at Semmelweis university*
- 12.05-12.20** **Gabriela Lampart, Kriti Awasthi, Izabela Karpińska, Natalia Segiet, Kinga Krukowska, Maciej Suski, Iwona Malinowska-Lipień, Beata Kuśnierz-Cabala, Krzysztof Gil, Maciej Małecki, Katarzyna Stolarz-Skrzypek.** Jagiellonian University Medical College, Kraków, Poland. *Enhancing the quality of doctoral education through interdisciplinary initiatives: The annual conference of doctoral students at the doctoral school of medical and health sciences, jagiellonian university medical college*
- 12.20-12.35** **Sabilić Marko, Ana Stupin, Ines Drenjančević, Ivica Mihaljević, Antonio Kokot, Ines Bilić-Ćurčić.** Faculty of Medicine Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University, Osijek, Croatia. *The impact of institutional projects on the volume of funded doctoral theses in medicine and biomedical research – a case study of Faculty of Medicine Osijek*
- 12.35-12.50** **Ana Mornar, Olga Gornik, Miranda Sertić, Ivona Hrvojević.** Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry, University of Zagreb, Croatia. *Scientific excellence of thesis supervisors in the pharmaceutical and biochemical sciences program at the University of Zagreb Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry*
- 12.50-14.30** **Lunch**

### SESSION 5 (Ragusa and Oleander Halls)

- 14.30-16.00** **WORKSHOP A**
- Gül Güner Akdogan,** School of Medicine, Izmir University of Economics, Turkey; **Joana Palha,** University of Minho, Braga **Michael J. Mulvaney,** University of Aarhus, Denmark. University of Minho, Portugal: *ORPHEUS Labelling- Is a labeling process a way to ensure recognition and quality*
- WORKSHOP B**
- Pascal Max Madeleine,** Aalborg University, Faculty of Medicine, Denmark, **Dean Korošak,** University of Maribor, Slovenia; **Martha Chekenya Enger,** University of Bergen, Faculty of Medicine, Norway: *External collaboration during doctoral studies. How? And why?*
- 16.00-16.15** **Coffee break & Poster viewing**
- 16.15-17.15** **ORPHEUS General Assembly (Ragusa Hall)**
- 20.00** **Gala dinner (Hotel Croatia-Quiet Hall)**

## SATURDAY April 12th: Registration and information desk (9.00-13.00)

### SESSION 6 (Ragusa Hall) Chairs: Ana Borovečki, Rudolf Schubert

- 9.00-9.30** Invited lecture: **Almira Hadzovic Dzuvo**. University of Sarajevo Faculty of Medicine, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. *Recognition of PhD Diplomas in EU for non-EU countries: Challenges and perspectives*
- 9.30-10.00** Invited lecture: **Klara Šiljeg**, University of Zagreb Faculty of Kinesiology, Zagreb, Croatian Swimming Federation. Croatia. *PhD or Podium? The Struggles and Strengths of Elite Athletes in Higher Education*
- 10.00-10.15** **Kaan Mert Güven, Acibadem University Orpheus Commission, Gunseli Bayram Akcapinar**. Acibadem University, Institute of Health Sciences, Turkey. *Beyond the numbers: the impact of Orpheus best practices on the quality of research and doctoral training at Acibadem university*
- 10.15-10.30** **Lesya Lymar**. Bogomolets National Medical University, Kiev, Ukraine. *Foreign languages in the curriculum of PhD students in Ukraine*
- 10.30-11.00** **Coffee break**

### SESSION 7. (Ragusa Hall ) PhD Student Awards presentations Chairs: John Creemers, Janet Carton

- 11.00-11.15** **Tugce Necla Selvi, Ender Uzabaci, Ruyam Kucuksuleymanoglu, Gulsah Cecener**. University of Uludag, Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Bursa, Turkey. *How do changes in the world navigate doctoral students' expectations from doctoral education - Are skills transferable?*
- 11.15-11.30** **Daniela Sofia Abreu, Jorge H. Fernandes, João L. Afonso, Marta F. Lima, Jaime Oliveira**, School of Medicine, University of Minho, Braga, Portugal. *Improving doctoral training: student perception of Orpheus standards*
- 11.30-11.45** **Seyma Nur Kirmic Cosgun, Binnur Temel, Semra Özçelik, Ümit Uğurlu**. Bezmialem Vakıf University, Istanbul, Turkey. *Investigation of knowledge and awareness levels of PhD students in the institute of health sciences regarding the use of artificial intelligence*
- 11.45-12.00** **Sylvia Pasca, Leo Gkekou**. Medicinska Föreningen and Karolinska Institutet, Solna, Sweden. *A PhD Compass: the impact of an information booklet on doctoral students' progress and adaptation*
- 12.00-13.00** **Closing and Flag ceremony: Presentation of ORPHEUS 2026**
- 13.00-14.00** **Lunch**
- 14.00&15.00** **Excursion(s) to Dubrovnik** (please follow info in case of changes in transportation times)

## ORPHEUS CONFERENCE 2025 POSTER PRESENTATIONS

**Nº** Posters will be displayed in the hall of Hotel Croatia and will remain on view throughout the entire conference. We kindly ask all poster presenters to be present during the poster viewing sessions, which will take place during coffee breaks on Friday, 11 April. This will be a valuable opportunity to meet and discuss your work with other conference delegates.

- 1** **Asmarinah, Robiatul Adawiyah, Melva Louisa**. Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia. *SUPERVISOR CHALLENGES IN GUIDING DOCTORAL STUDENTS IN A GLOBAL CRISIS SITUATION*
- 2** **Ivan Bon, Mateja Očić, Dražen Lovrić**. University of Zagreb, Faculty of Kinesiology, Zagreb, Croatia *EVALUATING ADMISSION SCORE TRENDS AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFLUENCES IN PhD KINESIOLOGY CANDIDATES.*
- 3** **Gulsah Cecener, Tugce Necla Selvi, M. Murat Civaner**. Bursa Uludag University, Bursa, Turkey. *ENHANCING RESEARCH INTEGRITY: A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PhD STUDENTS*
- 4** **Dea Goderdzishvili, Elza Nikoleishvili**. University of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia. *GEORGIAN EDUCATOR'S PERSPECTIVES ON PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS INDICATORS: LESSONS FROM COVID-19*
- 5** **Murat Kasap, Gurler Akpınar, Selime Ilgin Sade**. University of Kocaeli, Umuttepe, Kocaeli, Turkey. *ASSESSMENT OF GRADUATE STUDENT SATISFACTION IN HEALTH SCIENCES AT KOCAELI UNIVERSITY: A SURVEY-BASED STUDY*
- 6** **Kelly, John P., Finn, David P. and Ryan, Aideen E.** School of Medicine, University of Galway, Ireland. *A TEACHING MODULE FOR PHD CANDIDATES IN PHARMACOLOGY: AN UPDATE*

- 7 **Maja Miskulin, Jakov Milic, Ivica Mihaljevic, Ines Bilic Curcic.** Faculty of Medicine Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Osijek, Croatia, Catholic Faculty of Theology, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia. *STRENGTHENING MENTORING CAPACITIES AS A CORNERSTONE OF A SUSTAINABLE AND SUCCESSFUL PhD PROGRAM*
- 8 **João Moura, Vasco Pinto Miranda, Anabela Rodrigues, Paulo Correia de Sá, Mariana Monteiro.** Universitário de Santo António Porto, Portugal, University of Porto, Porto, Portugal, Laboratory for Integrative and Translational Research in Population Health, Porto, Portugal. *PILOT SURVEY ON PhD STUDENTS' PERCEPTION ABOUT THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN MEDICAL SCIENCES OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTO*
- 9 **Jaime Oliveira, Jorge H. Fernandes, João L. Afonso, Marta F. Lima, Daniela Sofia Abreu.** School of Medicine, University of Minho, Braga, Portugal, PT Government Associate Laboratory, Braga/Guimarães, Portugal. *PERCEPTION OF ORPHEUS IN DOCTORAL STUDIES: A QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS*
- 10 **Lita Palomares, Nazihah Noor, Anna Romanova, Tiberiu Nita.** University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland & International Collaboration. *CAREER SPEED DATING: CONNECTING PHD STUDENTS AND SCIENTISTS*
- 11 **Anita Racetin, Benjamin Benzon, Katarina Vukojevic, Natalija Filipovic, Merica Glavina Durdov.** University of Split, Split, Croatia, University Hospital Center Split, Split, Croatia. *NAVIGATING SUCCESS: ENHANCING PhD COMPLETION RATES IN BIOLOGY OF NEOPLASMS PROGRAM*
- 12 **Samo Rauter, Uršula Bajželj, Mira Metljak, Domen Tominec, Maja Pajek.** University of Ljubljana, Faculty of sport, Ljubljana, Slovenija. *EVALUATION OF THE PhD PROGRAMME IN KINESIOLOGY: INSIGHTS FROM STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS ON PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES*
- 13 **Heidi Repo, Sini Sulkama.** University of Helsinki, Finland. *SUPPORTING AND MONITORING DOCTORAL DISSERTATION WORK WITH THESSA*
- 14 **Safiye Ozkan Sarılı, Sevda Mutlu, Murat Coskun.** Istanbul University Institute of Graduate Studies in Health Sciences, Vezneciler, Istanbul, Turkey. *SATISFACTION LEVELS OF GRADUATES RECEIVING POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH SCIENCES*
- 15 **Miriam Sedej, Domenic Hofmann, Alexander Avian, Maria Heinemann, Christian Wadsack.** Medical University of Graz and University of Graz, Graz, Austria. *MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR PhD STUDENTS AT MEDICAL UNIVERSITY (Med Uni) OF GRAZ*
- 16 **Berşan Şen, Murat Coşkun.** Istanbul University, Istanbul, Türkiye. *THE CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE OF THE MD-PhD PROGRAMS IN TÜRKİYE*
- 17 **Martina Smolic, Ana Petrovic, Vice Tomicic, Kristina Kralik, Robert Smolic.** University of Osijek, Osijek, Croatia. *EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES AND SELF-PERCEIVED SUCCESS AMONG PhD STUDENTS ARE INFLUENCED BY VARIOUS MOTIVATION TYPES*
- 18 **Anja Topolovec, Zlatan Bilić, Lana Ružić.** University of Zagreb Faculty of Kinesiology, Zagreb, Croatia. *A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF RESEARCH AREAS IN DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS AT THE FACULTY OF KINESIOLOGY (2015-2024)*
- 19 **Anja Topolovec, Lana Ružić, Zlatan Bilić.** University of Zagreb Faculty of Kinesiology, Zagreb, Croatia. *AN EXAMINATION OF LANGUAGE DISTRIBUTION IN DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS AT THE FACULTY OF KINESIOLOGY: 2015-2025*

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