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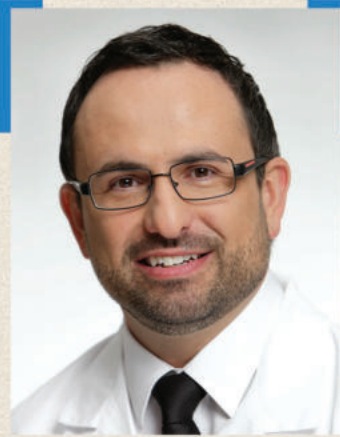
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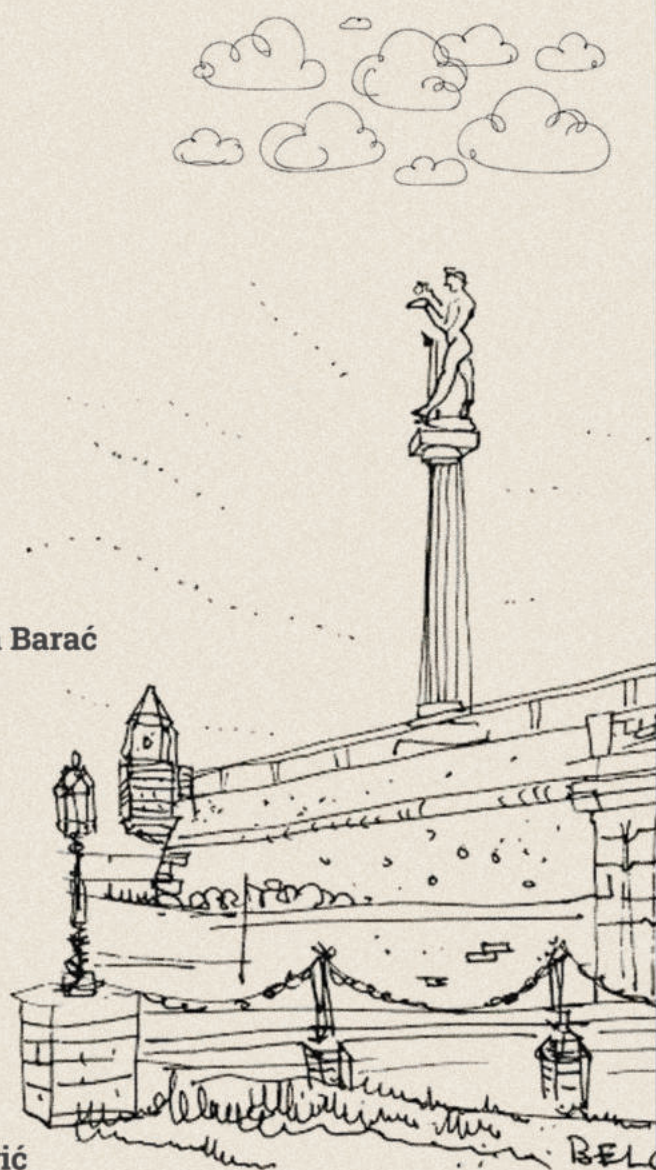


Prof. dr Marko Pokorn M.D., Ph.D.

Specialist in Pediatrics & Infectious Disease at
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Speakers from Serbia

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- Prof. dr Aleksandra Knežević
- Prof. dr Aleksandra Patić
- Prof. dr Brankica Spasojević
- Prof. dr Goran Stevanović
- Prof. dr Ivana Ćirković
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- Prof. dr Ivana Milošević
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- Doc. dr Ana Jotić
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Poštovane kolegice i kolege, dragi prijatelji,

Veliko nam je zadovoljstvo i posebna čast da vas, u ime udruženja **Medicinski virusolozi Srbije – MEDVIS**, pozovemo na naš prvi kongres „**Frontlines of Protection - Granice zaštite**“. Kongres će biti održan 2. i 3. oktobra 2026. godine u hotelu Mona Plaza u Beogradu i biće posvećen infektivnim bolestima kod dece - od intrauterinog razvoja do odraslog doba.

Suočeni sa sve složenijim izazovima u prevenciji, dijagnostici i terapiji infektivnih bolesti kod dece, prepoznali smo trenutak kada je neophodno zajedničko multidisciplinarno okupljanje, razmena znanja i stručna diskusija, jer se infektivnim bolestima kod dece ne bavi samo jedna oblast medicine.

Ovaj kongres će biti mesto susreta **pedijatrije, perinatologije i neonatologije, mikrobiologije, epidemiologije i javnog zdravlja, infektologije, imunologije, radiologije, ORL i drugih oblasti**, uz učešće istaknutih domaćih, regionalnih i međunarodnih predavača. Nadamo se da će otvorene, konstruktivne i produktivne diskusije povezati nacionalna iskustva sa savremenim rešenjima i praksama iz regiona, Evrope i sveta. Verujemo da zajedno možemo stvoriti okruženje u kojem će se ova važna oblast medicine dalje zajednički razvijati.

Posebna nam je čast što su značaj ovog skupa prepoznala i podržala vodeća nacionalna stručna udruženja iz oblasti pedijatrije, ginekologije, mikrobiologije, infektologije, epidemiologije, imunologije i javnog zdravlja.

Ponosni smo na program u kome će svaka sesija na istu temu doneti iskustva različitih specijalnosti. Naučni program obuhvatiće **13 sesija**, uključujući plenarna predavanja istaknutih eksperata i gostiju iz više zemalja. Teme će obuhvatiti najnovija saznanja o pretećim infektivnim bolestima, inovacije u prevenciji, izazove u prepoznavanju, dijagnostici i terapiji kongenitalnih, perinatalnih i neonatalnih infekcija, kao i programe imunizacije i njihovu implementaciju. Posebnu pažnju posvetićemo i najkompleksnijim kliničkim stanjima, uključujući teške imunodeficiencije i transplantaciju, rezistentne infekcije, kao i infekcije koje se postojećim merama ne mogu prevenirati, uz razmatranje savremenih mogućnosti njihove dijagnostike, prevencije i terapije.

Želimo da „**Frontlines of Protection**“ bude mnogo više od naučnog programa. Želimo da ono postane tradicionalno mesto susreta u redovnim ciklusima održavanja, ali i prostor u kojem će nastajati nove profesionalne veze i buduće saradnje.

Pozivamo vas da uzmete aktivno učešće i da zajedno gradimo stručnu zajednicu u kojoj će se znanje, iskustvo, profesionalne vrednosti i saradnja kontinuirano razvijati i prenositi.

Verujemo da ulaganje u zdravlje dece, prevenciju i znanje zdravstvenih profesionalaca predstavlja ulaganje sa dugoročnim značajem za čitavo društvo. Radujemo se susretu sa vama u Beogradu.

Srdačno,



Prof. dr Ana Banko
predsednica

Medicinskih virusologa Srbije - MEDVIS

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is our great pleasure and a particular honor, on behalf of **Medical Virologists of Serbia-MEDVIS**, to invite you to our first congress, **"Frontlines of Protection"**. The congress will take place on October 2–3, 2026, at the Mona Plaza Hotel in Belgrade and will focus on infectious diseases in children – from intrauterine development through to adulthood.

Faced with increasingly complex challenges in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of infectious diseases in children, we believe the time has come to bring together experts from multiple disciplines to share knowledge and engage in meaningful professional discussion, as the management of pediatric infectious diseases extends far beyond any single field of medicine.

This congress will bring together experts from **pediatrics, perinatology and neonatology, microbiology, epidemiology and public health, infectious diseases, immunology, radiology, otorhinolaryngology (ENT)**, and other fields, with distinguished speakers from Serbia, the region, and around the world. We hope that open, constructive, and productive discussions will connect national experience with current approaches and best practices from the region, Europe, and beyond. We believe that, by working together, we can create an environment in which this important field of medicine can continue to advance through multidisciplinary collaboration.

We are particularly honored that the importance of this congress has been recognized and supported by leading national professional associations in pediatrics, gynecology, microbiology, infectious diseases, epidemiology, immunology, and public health.

We are proud of a program designed to bring the perspectives and experience of different specialties to each topic. The scientific program will feature **13 sessions**, including plenary lectures by distinguished experts and invited speakers from several countries. Topics will include the latest insights into emerging infectious diseases, innovations in infection prevention, challenges in the recognition, diagnosis, and treatment of congenital, perinatal, and neonatal infections, as well as immunization programs and their implementation. Particular attention will also be given to the most complex clinical conditions, including severe immunodeficiencies and transplantation, resistant pathogens, and infections that cannot be prevented with currently available measures, with a focus on contemporary approaches to their diagnosis, prevention, and treatment.

We want **"Frontlines of Protection"** to be much more than a scientific program. Our ambition is for it to become a regular and enduring forum for professional exchange, as well as a place where new professional connections are made and future collaborations begin.

We invite you to take an active part in the congress and to join us in building a professional community in which knowledge, experience, professional values, and collaboration are continuously shared and advanced.

We believe that investing in children's health, prevention, and the knowledge and expertise of healthcare professionals is an investment with lasting value for society as a whole. We look forward to welcoming you to Belgrade.

Warm regards,



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink.

Prof. dr Ana Banko
President
Medical Virologists of Serbia - MEDVIS



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DAY 1

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08:45-09:10 **Welcome & Opening Remarks MEDVIS**

Brief introduction and meeting objectives
Collaboration Acknowledgment



QUICK-FIRE TALKS 1

REVIVING FORGOTTEN PATHOGENS

MODERATOR: Prof. dr Aleksandra Knežević

09.10-09.20 **Tuberculosis and Tetanus**

Prof. dr Vladimir Petrović, SRB

09.20-09.30 **Measles**

Prim. dr Goranka Lončarević, SRB

09.30-09.40 **Polio: From Epidemics to Eradication**

Prof. dr Aleksandra Knežević, SRB

09.40-09.50 **Questions & Answers**



Keynote lecture

09:50-10:20 **Shielding our future: The role of routine immunization in child health**

Prof. dr Kenneth A. Alexander, USA

10.20-10.30 **Questions & Answers**



PLENARY SESSION 1

NEW SHIELDS, OLD ENEMIES

MODERATOR: Prof. dr Miloš Marković, Prof. dr Ana Banko

10.30-10.55 **Advancements in pediatric RSV prevention**

Prof. dr Federico Martinon-Torres, ESP

10.55-11.20 **Breaking the Chain: Pneumococcal Vaccination and Viral-Bacterial Interplay**

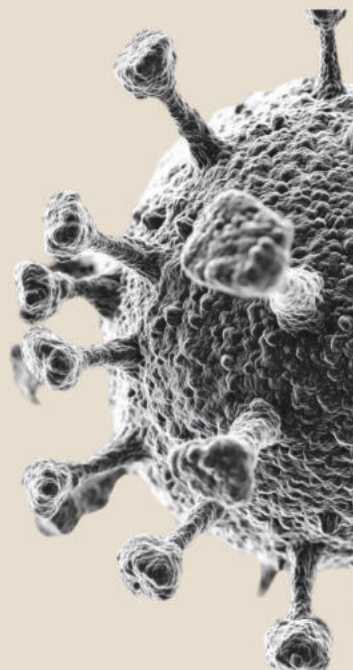
Prof. dr David Greenberg, ISR

11.20-11.40 **Tailoring Influenza Protection: Immune responses in At-Risk Children**

Prof. dr Miloš Marković, SRB

11.40-11.55 **Questions & Answers**

11.55-12.15 **Coffee break**





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CROSS-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES 1

FRAGILE PATIENTS, HIGHER RISK

MODERATORS: Prof. dr Goran Stevanović, Doc. dr Danijela Miljanović

- 12.15-12.30 From early recognition to treatment: Infectious complications in pediatric stem cell transplant patients**
Dr. Borko Gobeljić, SRB
- 12.30-12.45 Treatment Strategies for multidrug-resistant infections in the pediatric ICU**
Prof. dr Goran Stevanović, SRB
- 12.45-13.00 Susceptibility to Infections in pediatric kidney Ttansplant recipients**
Prof. dr Brankica Spasojević, SRB
- 13.00-13.15 Polyomavirus infections in immunocompromised children: Diagnosis and monitoring**
Doc. dr Danijela Miljanović, SRB
- 13.15-13.30 Questions & Answers**



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- 13.30-13.45 Antiviral Therapy Made in Serbia:
From Evidence to Impact, from herpes to Influenza**
• Prof. dr Ana Banko, SRB
• Prof. dr Ivana Milošević, SRB

- 13.45-14.45 Lunch break**



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AMICUS

- 14.45-15.15 Respiratory Infections - Contemporary Challenges and Opportunities for Prevention**
• Prof. dr Vladimir Petrović, SRB
• Prof. dr Ana Banko, SRB





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CLINICAL CROSSROADS

COMPLEX CASES

MODERATOR: Dr. Goran Vukomanović

- 15.15-15.30 **Preventable harm: Lessons from missed protection**
Prof. dr Ivana Milošević, SRB
- 15.30-15.45 **When infection meets the heart: The many faces of pediatric myocarditis**
Dr. Goran Vukomanović, SRB
- 15.45-16.00 **Invasive meningococcal disease in children:
Early recognition and therapeutic challenges**
Prof. dr Goran Tešović, CRO
- 16.00-16.15 **Gastroenteritis: Understanding the burden beyond rotavirus**
Dr. Milica Radusinović, SRB
- 16.15-16.25 **Questions & Answers**



QUICK-FIRE TALKS 2

FROM LAB TO SURVEILLANCE

MODERATORS: Prof. dr Nataša Opavski, Prof. dr Aleksandra Knežević

- 16.25-16.35 **Pneumococcal surveillance**
Prof. dr Nataša Opavski, SRB
- 16.35-16.45 **From samples to science: Insights from Rotavirus surveillance**
Prof. dr Aleksandra Patić, SRB
- 16.45-16.55 **Lyme disease in children: What are laboratory findings telling us?**
Dr. Ivana Kelić, SRB
- 16.55-17.05 **Tracking Morbillivirus: Bridging the laboratory and surveillance**
Dr. Jelena Protić, SRB
- 17.05-17.15 **Questions & Answers**
- 17.15-17.30 **Wrap-up Day 1**

20.00

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PLENARY SESSION 2

PREGNANCY AND PROTECTION:
STRATEGIES FOR TWO GENERATIONS

MODERATORS: Prof. dr Maja Ćupić, Prof. dr Ivana Lazarević

- 09.00-09.20 **From detection to Protection: Contemporary management of congenital infections**
Prof. dr Ljubomir Petričević, AUT
- 09.20-09.35 **Laboratory insights into neonatal herpesvirus infections**
Prof. dr Maja Ćupić, SRB
- 09.35-09.50 **Maternal infection and neonatal outcomes: A gynecologist's view**
Prof. dr Olivera Kontić, SRB
- 09.50-10.05 **Diagnosis of congenital CMV infection**
Prof. dr Ivana Lazarević, SRB
- 10.05-10.20 **Questions & Answers**

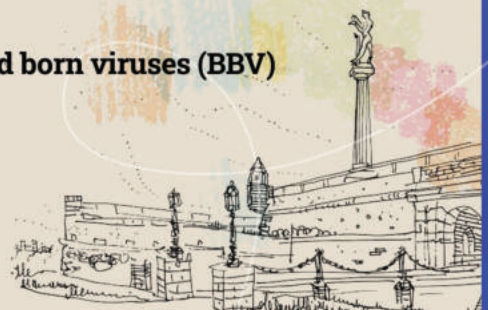


CROSS-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES 2

NEONATES ON THE EDGE,
PREVENTING EARLY-LIFE INFECTIONS

MODERATORS: Prof. dr Slobodanka Đukić, Prof. dr Maja Stanojević,

- 10.20-10.33 **Herpesviruses and neonatal sepsis: Early recognition and management**
Dr. Sonja Gojić, SRB
- 10.33-10.46 **Ureaplasmas as Neonatal Pathogens: From Vertical Transmission to Neonatal Health Outcomes**
Prof. dr Slobodanka Đukić, SRB
- 10.46-10.59 **Prevention of vertical transmission of blood born viruses (BBV)**
Prof. dr Maja Stanojević, SRB
- 10.59-11.12 **Respiratory pathogens (RSV) in newborns**
Dr. Iris Pejčić, SRB
- 11.12-11.22 **Questions & Answers**
- 11.22-11.45 **Coffee Break**





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IMMUNIZATION IN DELICATE SETTINGS

MODERATOR: Dr. Srđa Janković

11.45-11.58

Immunization in immunocompromised and high-risk children

Dr. Srđa Janković, SRB

11.58-12.11

Influenza vaccination of women during pregnancy

Prof. dr Ljiljana Mirković, SRB

12.11-12.24

HPV vaccination: Navigating a delicate topic

Prof. dr Ana Banko, SRB

12.24-12.35

Questions & Answers



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12.35-13.05

Beyond the success of PCV programs:

Why are we still discussing pneumococcal disease?

MODERATOR: Prof. dr Gordana Vilotijević Dautović

Success changed the landscape: Why surveillance (still) matters?

Prof. dr Miloš Marković, SRB

From residual burden to better protection

Prof. dr Biljana Međo, SRB

Moderated discussion

13.05-14.10

Lunch break



PANEL SESSION

14.10-15.25

Comparative regional insights: National immunization programs

Best practices, Recent advances, and ongoing challenges

MODERATOR: Prof. dr Vladimir Petrović

- Prof. dr Aleksandra Grozdanova, NMK
- Prof. dr Goran Tešović, CRO
- Prof. dr Marko Pokorn, SLO
- Prim. dr sc. med. Milena Kanazir, SRB

Questions & Answers





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CROSS-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES 3

THE ENT-PULMONARY INTERFACE

MODERATORS: Prof. dr Ivana Ćirković, Doc. dr Ana Jotić

- 15.25-15.38 **Recurrent respiratory papillomatosis**
Dr. Katarina Stanković, SRB
- 15.38-15.51 **Beyond the Pathogen:
Biofilm, Microbiome, and the Hidden Ecology of Pediatric ENT Infections**
Prof. dr Ivana Ćirković, SRB
- 15.51-16.04 **Pertussis in Vojvodina:
From the introduction of surveillance and immunization to the present day**
Prof. dr Miodjub Ristić, SRB
- 16.04-16.17 **Chronic infections and sequelae**
Doc. dr Ana Jotić, SRB
- 16.17-16.30 **Questions & Answers**



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- 16.30-16.45 **Cobas Liat : From sample to clinical decision within minutes'**
Prim. dr Snežana Jovanović, SRB



QUICK-FIRE TALKS 3

DIAGNOSING THE INVISIBLE

MODERATORS: Klin.assist. dr sci. med Aleksandra Barać, Asist. dr Marko Janković

- 16.45-16.55 **Seeing the Unseen: Radiologic Evidence of Congenital Infections**
Asist. dr Tijana Radović, SRB
- 16.55-17.05 **From suspicion to diagnosis: The challenge of pediatric fungal disease**
Klin.assist. dr sci. med Aleksandra Barać, SRB
- 17.05-17.15 **Syndromic Laboratory Approaches to Faster Diagnosis**
Prim. dr Snežana Jovanović, SRB



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- 17.15-17.25** **Congenital toxoplasmosis: navigating diagnostic and treatment challenges**
Dr. Tamara Šljivančanin Jakovljević, SRB
- 17.25-17.35** **Digital collaboration for better surveillance and faster response**
Asist. dr Marko Janković, SRB
- 17.35-17.45** **Questions & Answers**
- 17.45-18.00** **Closing Remarks**



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