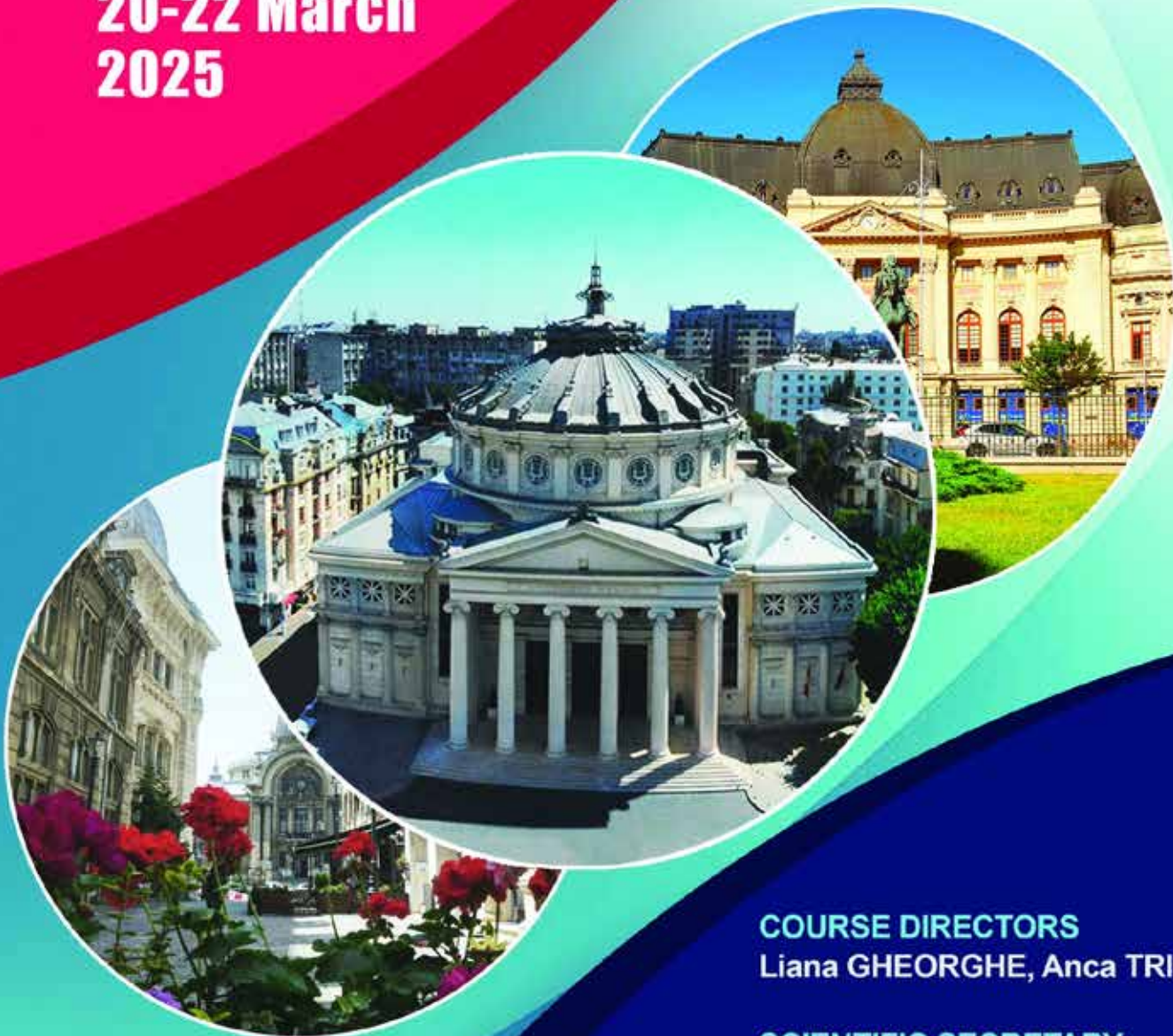


12th Update on Hepatology Course

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**Transforming Hepatology:
From Science to Patient-Centered**



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11:00 – 11:50 **Welcome coffee & Registration**

11:50 – 12:00 **Welcome & Introduction**

12:00 – 13:50 – Session 1

ALIGN YOUR CLINICAL PRACTICE WITH RECENTLY UPDATED GUIDELINES

Chair: Liana Gheorghe, Virginia Hernandez-Gea, Anca Trifan

12:00 – 12:20 **Redefining MASLD Care: Key Insights from the 2024 EASL-EASD-EASO Guidelines** *Irina Girleanu, Iasi, Romania*

12:20 – 12:40 **Transforming Hepatitis B Management: Key Updates from the 2024 WHO Guidelines** *Larisa Sandulescu, Craiova, Romania*

12:40 – 13:00 **Revolutionizing Liver Diagnostics: Highlights from the 2024 AASLD Guidelines on Noninvasive Imaging** *Sorina Diaconu, Bucharest, Romania*

13:00 – 13:20 **Advancing Excellence in Liver Transplantation: Key Updates from the 2024 EASL Guidelines** *Speranta Iacob, Bucharest, Romania*

13:20 – 13:40 **Optimizing HCC Care: Highlights from the 2024 EASL Guidelines** *Zeno Sparchez, Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

13:40 – 13:50 **Discussions**

13:50 – 14:20 **Educational event (sponsored by) AlfaSigma (30 min)**

14:20 – 16:00 – Session 2

MASTERING LIVER TRANSPLANTATION: FROM INDICATIONS TO LONG-TERM CARE

Chair: Speranta Iacob, Susanne Beckebaum, Luca Belli

14:20 – 14:40 **Timing and challenges in liver transplantation for acute-on-chronic liver failure (ACLF)** *Susanne Beckebaum, Essen, Germany*

14:40 – 15:00 **Assessing cardiovascular risk in liver transplant recipients** *Luca Belli, Milano, Italy*

15:00 – 15:20 **Strategies and solutions for managing portal vein thrombosis in liver transplant candidates** *Virginia Hernandez-Gea, Barcelona, Spain*

15:20 – 15:40 **De novo autoimmune hepatitis after liver transplantation** *Costica Aloman, New York, USA*

15:40 – 16:00 **Management of acute and chronic rejection after liver transplantation** *Vito Cicinnati, Essen, Germany*

16:00 – 16:10 **Discussions**

16:10 – 16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30 – 18:20 – Session 3

TOWARDS ELIMINATION AND BEYOND IN VIRAL AND NON-VIRAL LIVER DISEASE

Chair: Liana Gheorghe, Anca Trifan, Cora Pop

16:30 – 16:50 **Updates on HDV case-finding and management** *Liana Gheorghe, Bucharest, Romania*

16:50 – 17:10 **Elimination strategies: Multisystemic screening and treatment** *Cora Pop, Bucharest, Romania*

17:10 – 17:30 **Dawn of a new therapeutic era in hepatitis B** *Anca Trifan, Cristina Muzica, Iasi, Romania*

17:30 – 17:50 **Elastography for fibrosis assessment and post-therapeutic monitoring: Challenges according to etiology** *Alina Popescu, Timisoara, Romania*

17:50 – 18:10 **Hepatitis E in immunosuppressed patients: challenges, risks and management strategies** *Horia Stefanescu, Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

18:10 – 18:20 **Discussions**

18:20 – 19:00 **Educational event (sponsored by) Terapia (25 min) + Innergy (15 min)**

19:00 **Dinner**

8:30 – 10:20 – Session 4

MASLD: ROLE OF METABOLIC DRIVERS OF LIVER DISEASE

Chair: Vlad Ratziu, Roxana Sirli, Raluca Pais

8:30 – 8:50	Interplay of cardiometabolic risk factors in the pathogenesis of MASLD/MASH	<i>Dana Crisan, Cluj-Napoca, Romania</i>
8:50 – 9:10	Incorporating imaging, biomarkers and liver biopsy in the diagnostic algorithm of MASLD	<i>Roxana Sirli, Timisoara, Romania</i>
9:10 – 9:30	MASH therapy: should we target inflammation, fibrogenesis or metabolic dysfunction?	<i>Vlad Ratziu, Paris, France</i>
9:30 – 9:50	Digestive side effects of GLP-1 analogues: understanding the clinical impact	<i>Dan Dumitrascu, Cluj-Napoca, Romania</i>
9:50 – 10:10	Particularities of advanced liver disease and hepatocellular carcinoma in patients with MASLD/MASH	<i>Raluca Pais, Paris, France</i>
10:10 – 10:20	Discussions	
10:00 – 10:40	<i>Coffee break</i>	

10:50 – 10:40 – Session 5

MULTIDISCIPLINARY HEPATOLOGY: INTEGRATING CARE ACROSS SPECIALTIES

Chair: Cristian Gheorghe, Dragos Vinereanu

10:40 – 11:00	Endo-Hepatology: Exploring the intersection of endoscopy and liver disease management	<i>Andrada Seicean, Cluj-Napoca, Romania</i>
11:00 – 11:40	Cardio-Hepatology: Managing cardiovascular comorbidities in liver disease	<i>Roxana Rimbas, Bucharest, Romania</i>
11:40 – 12:00	Endocrino-Hepatology: Exploring the interplay between metabolic disorders and liver disease	<i>TBA, Bucharest, Romania</i>
12:00 – 12:20	Gyneco-Hepatology: Hormonal interplay in liver health and disease	<i>Anca Panaitescu, Bucharest, Romania</i>
12:20 – 12:30	Discussions	
12:30 – 13:30	Educational event (sponsored by) Gilead (60 min)	
13:30 – 14:20	<i>Lunch</i>	

14:20 – 16:25 – Session 6

CASE-BASED SESSION: BRING YOUR CASES TO THE EXPERTS. CASE IN FOCUS: TACKLING CHALLENGING SCENARIOS IN CLINICAL PRACTICE (to be detailed)

Chair: Zeno Sparchez, Susanne Beckebaum, Laurentiu Micu

Join us for an engaging session where fellows present complex clinical cases, followed by expert analyses and debates that explore the pros and cons of potential therapeutic strategies. Participate in dynamic discussions tackling dilemmas and real-world challenges in patient care.

Format: 5 case presentations, each lasting 25 minutes, comprising:

- Case presentation by fellows/young doctors
- Expert arguments for and against a chosen strategy
- Interactive discussions

The cases will be presented by representatives from five leading University Tertiary Hepatology Centers: Bucharest, Cluj, Iasi, Timisoara and Craiova

16:25 – 16:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:45 – 17:05	Educational event (sponsored by) Abbvie (20 min)	

17:10 – 19:00 – Session 7

WHAT'S NEW IN CHOLESTATIC AND AUTOIMMUNE LIVER DISEASE?

Chair: Maria Londono, Ioana Lupescu, Razvan Iacob

17:10 – 17:30	Primary biliary cholangitis: From diagnosis to emerging treatments	<i>Nancy Reau, Chicago, USA (online)</i>
17:30 – 17:50	Transforming diagnosis in primary sclerosing cholangitis through MRCP and artificial intelligence (AI) integration	<i>Ioana Lupescu, Bucharest, Romania</i>
17:50 – 18:10	Challenges and practicalities in immunosuppressive therapy for autoimmune hepatitis	<i>Alessio Gerussi, Milano, Italy</i>
18:10 – 18:30	Gyneco-Hepatology: Hormonal interplay in liver health and disease	<i>Maria Londono, Barcelona, Spain</i>
18:30 – 18:50	Genetic testing in hepatology: When and how?	<i>Razvan Iacob, Bucharest, Romania</i>
18:50 – 19:00	Discussions	

Saturday, 22 March 2025

8:30 – 9:20 Educational event (sponsored by) AstraZeneca (20 min) + NovoNordisk (dc vor 30 min)

9:20 – 9:40 *Coffee break*

9:40 – 11:30 – Session 8

TO DO OR NOT TO DO IN PATIENTS WITH LIVER CIRRHOSIS

Chair: Adrian Saftoiu, Dan Gheonea, Bogdan Procopet

9:40 – 10:00 **To do or not to do in managing procedural risk of bleeding** *Catalin Sfarti, Iasi, Romania*

10:00 – 10:20 **To Do or Not to Do: ecoendoscopy in cirrhosis with concomitant pancreatic tumors** *Adrian Saftoiu, Bucharest, Romania*

10:20 – 10:40 **To TIPS or not to TIPS: Indications, pitfalls and best practices in treatment** *Bogdan Procopet, Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

10:40 – 11:00 **To do or not to do in managing non-variceal bleeding: when and how to use, and when not to use PPI?** *Dan Gheonea, Craiova, Romania*

11:00 – 11:20 **Risks and benefits of ERCP in cirrhosis: To do or not to do?** *Vasile Sandru, Bucharest, Romania*

11:20 – 11:30 **Discussions**

11:35 – 11:55 **Book Launch - Fatty Liver: A Multidisciplinary Perspective**
Presented by Prof. Dr. Dan Dumitrascu, Romania
On behalf on authors: Prof. Dr. Eugen Tcaciuc, Republic of Moldova

12:00 – 13:00 – Session 9

TOWARDS ELIMINATION AND BEYOND IN VIRAL AND NON-VIRAL LIVER DISEASE

Chair: Liana Gheorghe, Roxana Sirli, Dan Gheonea

Poster Walk: Learn from the Experts
Session of short oral presentations of the Posters

10:00 – 11:30

HepaHub: Connecting with Our Patients (parallel session)

13:00 – 13:15 **Closing remarks**