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**National Cancer Conference BJCEN-MORÉ 2024**

**Management of Cholangiocarcinoma**

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**AI Revolution in Cancer Care**

**17 – 20 October 2024**

**PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC AGENDA**

**17 October 2024, Thursday**

**14:00 – 14:20** Official Opening

Presentation of the BJCEN-MORÉ Annual Award – for contribution to Bulgarian clinical oncology

**14:20 – 15:40** Industry Satellite Symposium *Novartis*

**15:45 – 16:45** Industry Satellite Symposium *Swixx*

**16:45 – 17:00** Coffee Break

**17:00 – 18:00** Industry Satellite Symposium *Janssen (J&J)*

**18:05 – 19:45** Industry Satellite Symposium *Varia*

18:05 – 18:25 Corporate presentation *Eli Lilly*

18:25 – 18:45 Corporate presentation *Astellas*

18:45 – 19:05 1<sup>st</sup> Corporate presentation *Roche*

19:05 – 19:25 2<sup>nd</sup> Corporate presentation *Roche*

19:25 – 19:45 Corporate presentation *Amgen*

**20:00** Welcome Dinner





**18 October 2024, Friday**

**08:00 – 10:40 1<sup>st</sup> PLENARY SESSION**

**Diagnostic and Pre-therapeutic Issues in Cholangiocarcinoma**

Chairmen: *Prof. S. Popovska, MD, PhD*

08:00 – 08:15 Elevation of serum biomarker CA19-9 in cholangiocarcinoma – benefits and dilemmas

*V. Koleva, MD*

08:20 – 08:35 Genomic landscape of cholangiocarcinoma types

*L. Balabanski, Prof. D. Toncheva, MD, PhD*

08:40 – 08:55 Molecular pathologic and clinical parallels between small and large duct intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

*Assoc. Prof. I. Ivanov, MD, Prof. S. Popovska, MD, PhD*

09:00 – 09:15 Histology of cholangiocarcinoma – beyond the ordinary

*Assoc. Prof. V. Ivanova, MD, PhD*

09:20 – 09:35 Classificatory and prognostic role of imaging features in intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

*Assoc. Prof. M. Penkov, MD, PhD, D. Videva, MD*

09:40 – 09:55 Imaging modalities for the assessment of resectability in perihilar cholangiocarcinoma

*Assoc. Prof. P. Getzov, MD, PhD*

10:00 – 10:15 PET/CT assessment of global burden of disease in cholangiocarcinoma – prognosis and prediction

*Prof. E. Piperkova, MD, PhD, Assoc. Prof. L. Chavdarova, MD, PhD, Prof. I. Kostadinova, MD, PhD*

10:20 – 10:35 PET/CT-based radiomics in cholangiocarcinoma – expected clinical benefits

*Assoc. Prof. V. Hadjiiska, MD, PhD*

**10:40 – 11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00 – 13:00 2<sup>nd</sup> PLENARY SESSION**

**Invasive and Surgical Strategies for Cholangiocarcinoma (1)**

Chairmen: *Prof. N. Vladov, MD, PhD*

11:00 – 11:15 Pre-operative classifications of perihilar cholangiocarcinoma

*Assoc. Prof. V. Mihaylov, MD, PhD, C. Trichkov, MD*

11:20 – 11:35 Anomalous pancreaticobiliary confluence – a risk factor and indication for cholangiocarcinoma risk-reduction surgery

*Prof. A. Julianov, MD, PhD, A. Saroglu, MD*

11:40 – 11:55 Strategies for the liver remnant future optimization

*Assoc. Prof. C. Lukanova, MD, PhD, R. Kostadinov, MD*

12:00 – 12:15 Biliary drainage – in preoperative and/or advanced planning

*Assoc. Prof. A. Katzarov, MD, PhD*

12:20 – 12:35 Peritoneal cytology in cholangiocarcinoma – prognostic value



*Assoc. Prof. S. Bachurska, MD, PhD*

12:40 – 12:55 Vascular resections in cholangiocarcinoma

*Prof. D. Kostov, MD, PhD*

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:20 3<sup>rd</sup> PLENARY SESSION**

**Invasive and Surgical Strategies for Cholangiocarcinoma (2)**

Chairmen: *Prof. N. Vladov, MD, PhD*

14:00 – 14:15 Peculiarities of surgical treatment in gallbladder cancer

*Assoc. Prof. N. Belev, MD, PhD*

14:20 – 14:35 When is reexploration necessary after routine cholecystectomy with incidentally discovered gallbladder cancer

*Prof. K. Draganov, MD, PhD, A. Petreska, MD*

14:40 – 14:55 Local strategies for perihilar and distal cholangiocarcinoma – evidence and recommendations

*Assoc. Prof. P. Karagyozov, MD, PhD*

15:00 – 15:15 Liver transplantation – how to select cholangiocarcinoma patients

*Prof. I. Takorov, MD, PhD*

**15:20 – 15:40 Coffee Break**

**15:40 – 18:20 4<sup>th</sup> PLENARY SESSION**

**Systemic and radiotherapy approaches in cholangiocarcinoma**

Chairmen: *Assoc. Prof. A. Konsoulova, MD, PhD*

15:40 – 15:55 Arguments and reservations for neoadjuvant systemic therapy in resectable cholangiocarcinoma

*M. Taushanova, MD*

16:00 – 16:15 Definitive radiotherapy strategies for unresectable cholangiocarcinoma – Why, When, How

*Prof. T. Hadzhieva, MD, PhD, M. Koleva, MD*

16:20 – 16:35 Adjuvant systemic therapy for resected cholangiocarcinoma – is *capecitabine* the standard

*T. Zlatanova, MD*

16:40 – 16:55 Postoperative radiotherapy for gallbladder cancer and distal cholangiocarcinoma

*K. Jordanov, MD, K. Nedev, MD*

17:00 – 17:15 First- and second-line chemotherapy in cholangiocarcinoma – is the tradition relevant?

*Assoc. Prof. A. Konsoulova, MD, PhD*

17:20 – 17:35 Immunotherapy in advanced cholangiocarcinoma – present or future

*R. Mangaldjiev, MD*

17:40 – 17:55 Dietary issues during and after cholangiocarcinoma treatment

*Assoc. Prof. N. Jordanov, MD, PhD*



18:00 – 18:15 The role of cannabidiol in cholangiocarcinoma – from empiricism to evidence

*M. Koleva, MD*

**18:20 – 19:20 Industry Satellite Symposium Pfizer**

**19:25 – 20:15 1<sup>st</sup> JOINT SESSION BY BULGARIAN JOINT CANCER NETWORK  
Integrative Oncology and Dietetics**

Chairmen: *P. Zagorchev, MD*

19:25 – 19:45 Homeopathic supportive care in oncology: Focus on surgical monitoring and diarrhea

*J-C. Karp (Troyes University Hospital, France)*

19:50 – 20:15 Nutrition specificity in cholangiocarcinoma

*Prof. D. Naydenova, MD, PhD*

**20:30 Dinner**

**19 October 2024, Saturday**

**08:00 – 09:15 2<sup>nd</sup> JOINT SESSION BY BULGARIAN JOINT CANCER NETWORK  
Deep-Health Tech and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Cancer Care – Convergence**

Moderators: *M. Ganova (DHI Bulgaria), I. Lekushev (BGO Software)*

**09:20 – 10:20 Industry Satellite Symposium MSD**

Moderator: *Assoc. Prof. D. Kaley, MD, PhD*

**10:20 – 10:40 Coffee Break**

**10:40 – 11:40 Industry Satellite Symposium Pierre Fabre**

**11:45 – 13:00 3<sup>rd</sup> JOINT SESSION BY BULGARIAN JOINT CANCER NETWORK  
Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Cancer Care – Ethic, Clinical and Regulatory Norms  
in Bulgaria**

Moderator: *Assoc. Prof. B. Borissov, MD, PhD*

Panel discussion with: *Prof. M. Lazarova (Legal Expert), TBC (INSAIT), A. Simidchiev, MD (Chairman of the Parliamentary Healthcare Commission, Member of the Bulgarian Parliament), R. Mangaldjiev, MD (Medical Oncologist), Assoc. Prof. J. Arabadjiev, MD, PhD (Board member EU Mission on Cancer; President of Bulgarian Scientific Society of Immuno-oncology), S. Hasardjiev, MD (President of National Patient Organization, Bulgaria)*

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:15 4<sup>th</sup> JOINT SESSION BY BULGARIAN JOINT CANCER NETWORK  
Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Cancer Care: Sustainable Systems Solutions –  
Innovative Approaches for Efficiency**

Moderator: *G. Kapetanakis (President of the Hellenic Cancer Federation – ELLOK)*



Panel discussion with: *E. Pisani* (CEO, All.Can International), *D. Georgiev, MD* (Bulgarian Association for Personalized Medicine), *Prof. E. Stanimirov, PhD* (Rector of University of Economics – Varna), *I. Cattaneo* (EFPIA Oncology Working Group), *M. Stoycheva* (ex-Minister of Ministry of Innovations and Growth, Bulgaria), *A. Simidchiev, MD* (Chairman of the Parliamentary Healthcare Commission, Member of the Bulgarian Parliament)

**15:20 – 16:35 5<sup>th</sup> JOINT SESSION BY BULGARIAN JOINT CANCER NETWORK**  
**Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Cancer Care: Sustainable Systems Solutions – Policies, Sustainable and Impactful Practices**

Moderator: *M. Geanta, MD* (President of the Center for Innovation in Medicine, Romania)

Panel discussion with: *M. Morrissey* (European Cancer Organization), *P. Gunther* (Board EU Cancer Mission), *Ch. Chomiienne* (Vice Chair of the EU Cancer Mission), *P. Lisev* (Executive Director and Member of the Board of Directors of the Fund of the Funds – Bulgaria), *A. Kovatchev, PhD* (Member of European Parliament)

**16:40 – 17:00 Coffee Break**

**17:00 – 18:00 Industry Satellite Symposium AstraZeneca**

**18:05 – 18:35 Industry Satellite Symposium BMS**

**18:40 – 20:00 6<sup>th</sup> JOINT SESSION BY BULGARIAN JOINT CANCER NETWORK**  
**From Establishing of Cancer Mission Hubs: Networks and Synergies (ECHO<sub>S</sub>) toward the Bulgarian National Cancer Mission Hub (NCMH)**

Moderator: *Assoc. Prof. J. Arabadjiev, MD, PhD* (Board member EU Mission on Cancer)

Panel discussion with: *A. Isidro* (ECHO<sub>S</sub> Coordinator), *G. Kapetanakis* (President of the Hellenic Cancer Federation – ELLOK), *M. Geanta* (President of the Center for Innovation in Medicine, Romania), *Assoc. Prof. A. Konsoulova, MD, PhD* (Board Member of BJCN), *I. Petrov* (Public Affairs & Projects Lead at BJCN), *Prof. A. Zlatareva, MD, PhD* (CEO, Center for European Health Policies), *I. Cattaneo* (ECHO<sub>S</sub> Advisory Board Member), *TBC* (Medical University – Pleven)

**20:30 Official Dinner**

**20 October 2024, Sunday**

**09:00 – 12:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF BULGARIAN JOINT CANCER NETWORK (BJCN)**

**12:00 – 12:10 Official Closing**