

# MALPRACTICE 2026

International Conference on Medical Malpractice

Obstetrics & Gynecology

**8 - 11 OCTOBER 2026**

Istanbul, Türkiye & Online

Sismanoglu Megaro

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Clinical Practice

Legal Responsibility

Patient Safety

# AT A GLANCE

Malpractice 2026 · 8–11 October 2026 · Sismanoglu Megaro, Istanbul

All times are given in Istanbul time (UTC+3). Programme correct at 22 September 2026 and subject to change.

| DAY 1<br>THURSDAY<br>8 October                           | DAY 2<br>FRIDAY<br>9 October                                       | DAY 3<br>SATURDAY<br>10 October                                | DAY 4<br>SUNDAY<br>11 October                             |
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| 08:00<br>Registration & Welcome<br>Coffee                | 10:00<br>Keynote 3 · <u>Schifrin</u>                               | 10:00<br>Keynote 6 · <u>Giannubilo</u>                         | 10:00<br>Keynote 9 · <u>Mozayani</u>                      |
| 10:00<br>Opening Ceremony                                | 10:30<br>Keynote 4 · <u>Vanezis</u>                                | 10:30<br>Keynote 7 · <u>Vieira</u>                             | 10:30<br>Session VI · Systems of Care                     |
| 11:00<br>Keynote 1 · <u>Madazli</u>                      | 11:00<br>Coffee Break                                              | 11:00<br>Coffee Break                                          | 12:10<br>Lunch & Poster Viewing                           |
| 11:30<br>Keynote 2 · <u>De La Luz-Martínez</u>           | 11:30<br>Session II · Forensic<br>Expertise                        | 11:20<br>Session IV · Surgical and<br>Procedural Complications | 13:00<br>Workshop · AI-Based<br>Cardiotocogram Assessment |
| 12:00<br>Lunch & Poster Viewing                          | 13:10<br>Lunch & Poster Viewing                                    | 13:00<br>Lunch & Poster Viewing                                | 14:30<br>Closing Ceremony                                 |
| 13:30<br>Panel · Sexual Therapy and<br>Genital Esthetics | 14:20<br>Keynote 5 · <u>Freeman</u>                                | 14:00<br>Keynote 8 · <u>Yenisey</u>                            |                                                           |
| 14:45<br>Coffee Break                                    | 14:50<br>Session III · Prenatal<br>Diagnosis and Wrongful<br>Birth | 14:30<br>Session V · Medical Law and<br>AI                     |                                                           |
| 15:15<br>Session I · Injury and Death<br>Around Birth    |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                           |
| 17:00<br>Welcome Reception                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                           |

## HOW TO READ THIS PROGRAMME

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Each oral presentation has a 20-minute slot: 15 minutes for the talk and 5 minutes for discussion. Presenting authors are underlined. E-posters can be viewed on screens at the venue and on the conference website.

**DAY 1****THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026**

OPENING · PANEL · WELCOME RECEPTION

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| 08:00          | REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10:00          | <b>Opening Ceremony</b><br>Welcome addresses by the Conference President, BAFS representatives, partners and distinguished guests                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11:00          | <b>KEYNOTE LECTURE 1</b><br><b>Rıza Madazlı</b><br>Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology · Türkiye<br><b>Physician's nightmare: malpractice claims</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11:30          | <b>KEYNOTE LECTURE 2</b><br><b>Ixchel De La Luz-Martínez</b><br>Expert Witness in Forensic Genetics & Laboratory Medicine · Mexico<br><b>Trapped in the transnational void: four DNA tests, institutional revictimization, reproductive malpractice, and the human cost of cross-border surrogacy</b>                          |
| 12:00          | <b>LUNCH BREAK &amp; POSTER VIEWING</b><br><i>E-posters at the venue and on the conference website</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 13:30          | <b>PANEL</b><br><b>Malpractice in Sexual Therapy and Genital Esthetics</b><br><b>PANELLISTS</b> Hakan Kar · Ali Kemal Yıldız · Selcen Bahadır                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 14:45          | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 15:15          | <b>SCIENTIFIC SESSION I</b><br><b>Maternal, Fetal and Neonatal Injury and Death: Forensic Reconstruction of Causation</b><br><b>CHAIRS</b> Barry Schiffrin   Selçuk Erez                                                                                                                                                       |
| 15:15<br>15:35 | <b>The causal architecture of perinatal death: a forensic case series of fetal and neonatal fatalities</b><br><u>Matteo Scopetti</u> , Martina Padovano, Anna Claudia Caruso, Damiano Marchesini, Federico Battipaglia, Carmen Sementa, Alessandro Santurro, Vittorio Fineschi<br><i>Italy</i>                                 |
| 15:35<br>15:55 | <b>The case of a missed diagnosis of congenital malformation of the right lower limb, fibular agenesis and foot anomalies, during repeated ultrasound examination</b><br>Elton Serani, Ilir Decolli, Erindo Alla, Blerim Peli, Ildir Frasheri, Redi Krimce, <u>Raisa Varfi</u> , Reldi Musta, Bledar Xhemali<br><i>Albania</i> |
| 15:55<br>16:15 | <b>Forensic analysis of fatal neonatal sepsis: a case of untreated maternal infection and Apgar score discrepancy</b><br><u>Marta Garazdiuk</u> , Viktor Bachynskiy, Mykola Melnyk<br><i>Ukraine</i>                                                                                                                           |
| 16:15<br>16:35 | <b>Neglection case of a medical mistreating pregnancy resulting in the premature infant death</b><br>Elton Serani, <u>Erindo Alla</u> , Gjergji Kacauni, Ildir Frasheri, Raisa Varfi, Redi Krimce, Mirnela Kocibelli, Bledar Xhemali<br><i>Albania</i>                                                                         |
| 16:35<br>16:55 | <b>Atraumatic rupture of a hepatic hemangioma as a rare cause of sudden death of a pregnant woman in the third trimester of pregnancy</b><br><u>Vjola Fera</u> , Bledar Xhemali, Gjergji Kacauni<br><i>Albania</i>                                                                                                             |
| 17:00          | <b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## DAY 2

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2026

FULL SCIENTIFIC DAY

10:00

## KEYNOTE LECTURE 3

**Barry Schiffrin**

Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist · United States

**The voice of the fetus before and after birth**

10:30

## KEYNOTE LECTURE 4

**Peter Vanezis**

Professor of Forensic Medical Sciences · United Kingdom

**Women's health — a forensic pathologist's perspective**

11:00

## COFFEE BREAK

11:30

## SCIENTIFIC SESSION II

**Forensic Expertise: Method, Standard of Care and the Limits of Proof**CHAIRS **Călin Scripcaru** **Nermin Sarajlić**

11:30

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**Disentangling complication, error, and causation: a forensic case series in obstetrics and gynecology****Alessandro Santurro**, Matteo Scopetti, Anna Claudia Caruso, Damiano Marchesini, Roberto Raimo, Carmen Sementa, Martina Padovano, Vittorio Fineschi*Italy*

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**Clinical practice guidelines in obstetric and gynecologic malpractice expertise: a proposed methodology for their selection****Carmen Simona Ionescu**, Irina Smaranda Manoilescu*Romania*

12:10

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**Amniotic fluid embolism or medical negligence? Divergent causal reasoning in Greek obstetric malpractice litigation****Ioannis Ketsekioulafis**, Athina Tousia, Konstantinos Katsos, Emmanouil I. Sakelliadis, Chara Spiliopoulou*Greece*

12:30

12:50

**Medical malpractice — the chain of causation****Neculai Spirea Zamfirescu***Romania*

13:10

## LUNCH BREAK &amp; POSTER VIEWING

*E-posters at the venue and on the conference website*

14:20

## KEYNOTE LECTURE 5

**Michael Freeman**

Forensic Medicine &amp; Epidemiology · United States

**Causal analysis in birth and neonatal injury malpractice claims utilizing epidemiologic data and methods**

14:50

## SCIENTIFIC SESSION III

**Prenatal Diagnosis and Wrongful Birth: Fetal Death, Viability and Liability**CHAIRS **Ixchel De La Luz-Martínez** **Rıza Madazli**

14:50

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**Prenatal control, wrongful birth and medical liability: the emerging Greek jurisprudence****Maria-Effraimia Gerasopoulou***Greece*

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| <b>15:10</b><br>15:30 | <b>No malpractice, but disability: forensic medicine perspective on diagnosed Down syndrome cases</b><br><b><u>İrem Türkkan</u></b> , Ceren Havva Sümer, Mustafa Bilal Ceylan, Ebubekir Çetin, Yusuf Atan<br><i>Türkiye</i>                                                                    |
| <b>15:30</b><br>15:50 | <b>Ethical challenges in obstetric practice when abortion is permitted at or beyond potential viability</b><br><b><u>Andlagutti Shaik Mohammad Naveed</u></b> , K. Ananth Rupesh, S. M. Krishna Sagar<br><i>India</i>                                                                          |
| <b>15:50</b><br>16:10 | <b>Cardiotocography documentation, autopsy yield, and the limits of expert determination in 174 stillbirth malpractice cases</b><br><b><u>Muhammed Fatih Yaman</u></b> , Aytül Buğra, Hüseyin Çağrı Şahin, Ümmügülsüm Koç, Abdolvahap Sevin, Mustafa Kılıç, Hızır Aslıyüksek<br><i>Türkiye</i> |
| <b>16:10</b><br>16:30 | <b>Estimating the time of intrauterine fetal death: a systematic review</b><br><b><u>Flavia Negru</u></b> , Petre-Ciudin Valentin<br><i>Romania</i>                                                                                                                                            |

## DAY 3

## SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026

## FULL SCIENTIFIC DAY

10:00

## KEYNOTE LECTURE 6

**Stefano Raffaele Giannubilo**

Professor of Obstetrics &amp; Gynecology · Italy

**Behind the CTG trace: intrapartum fetal monitoring, timing of delivery and medico-legal causation**

10:30

## KEYNOTE LECTURE 7

**Duarte Nuno Vieira**

Professor of Forensic Medicine &amp; Medical Law · Portugal

**Navigating medical malpractice: the European guidelines for evidence-based and equitable assessment**

11:00

## COFFEE BREAK

11:20

## SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV

**Surgical and Procedural Complications: Operative Harm and Accountability**CHAIRS **Hakan Kar** **Naim Uka**

11:20

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**Chasing beauty, confronting death: vaginal filler-related fatalities through the lens of patient safety and medicolegal accountability in South Korea****Sohyung Park**, Seongho Kim, Min-joo Lee, Minjung Kim, Junmo Kim, Seon Jung Jang**ONLINE** Republic of Korea

11:40

12:00

**Severe hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis and respiratory failure following excessive normal saline absorption during diagnostic hysteroscopy**Nurşen Tanrikulu, Uğur Özbek, Ali Haspolat, Ali Şefik Köprülü, **Ersi Kalfoglou**

Türkiye

12:00

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**Gossypiboma following cesarean section: a forensic case report**İsmail Özgür Can, **Gökçe Karaman**, Hasan Bahadır Saatlı**ONLINE** Türkiye

12:20

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**Cytotec in obstetrics: fatal consequences of its use****Kurt Trübner**, J. Martens, K. Bilobrk, G. J. Gerstner**ONLINE** Germany

13:00

## LUNCH BREAK &amp; POSTER VIEWING

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14:00

## KEYNOTE LECTURE 8

**Feridun Yenisey**

Emeritus Professor of Criminal Law &amp; Criminal Procedure · Türkiye

**From clinical decisions to legal responsibility**

14:30

## SCIENTIFIC SESSION V

**Medical Law: Jurisprudence, Rights and Artificial Intelligence**CHAIRS **Feridun Yenisey** **Ersi Kalfoglou**

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**CTG and emergency caesarean section in recent case law: Türkiye, Germany, France and England compared****Kazım Furkan Ağkuş**

Türkiye

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| <b>14:50</b><br>15:10 | <b>Juridical responsibility for off label use of drugs in Romanian obstetrics and gynecology</b><br><b><u>Ionuț Vida-Simiti</u></b><br><i>Romania</i>                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>15:10</b><br>15:30 | <b>Bodily integrity after loss of reproductive capacity: medical liability and the right to private life</b><br><b><u>Mariya Petrova Dimitrova</u></b><br><b>ONLINE</b> <i>Bulgaria</i>                                                                                                   |
| <b>15:30</b><br>15:50 | <b>Artificial intelligence in obstetrics: emerging challenges in medical liability</b><br><b><u>Sai Keerthana Kondati</u></b> , P. Venkata Ramana Rao, K. Ananth Rupesh<br><i>India</i>                                                                                                   |
| <b>15:50</b><br>16:10 | <b>Can generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) transform pre-action conduct within medical negligence claims? A comparative analysis of the regulatory frameworks of the UK and EU</b><br><b><u>Ehsan Ghaffari</u></b> , Iman Ghaffari, Marjan Ghaemi Bidgoli<br><i>United Kingdom</i> |
| <b>16:10</b><br>16:30 | <b>Who is the victim? Shifting media frames in a high-profile obstetric malpractice case in Türkiye</b><br>Sotirios Kalfoglou, <b><u>Ersi Kalfoglou</u></b><br><i>Türkiye</i>                                                                                                             |

## DAY 4

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026

FINAL SCIENTIFIC DAY · WORKSHOP · CLOSING

10:00

## KEYNOTE LECTURE 9

**Ashraf Mozayani**

Professor of Forensic Toxicology · United States

**When the laboratory fails the patient: specimen misidentification, reporting errors, and the laboratory director's role in patient safety and malpractice prevention**

10:30

## SCIENTIFIC SESSION VI

**Systems of Care: Organisational Risk, Prevention and Patient Safety**CHAIRS **Stefano D'Errico** **Selçuk Erez**

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**Beyond the adverse event: medico-legal risk, patient harm and economic exposure in obstetric and gynaecological malpractice**Martina Padovano, Anna Claudia Caruso, Damiano Marchesini, Raffaele Cirillo, **Elena de Laurentiis**, Alessandro Santurro, Matteo Scopetti, Vittorio Fineschi*Italy*

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**An interdisciplinary national model for the first response to gender-based violence: an Italian Ministry of Health-funded project**Luigi Nappi, Luigi Cipolloni, Donatella Curtotti, Elvira Grandone, **Wanda Nocerino**, Annamaria Petito, Felice Sorrentino, Alessandro Valenti*Italy*

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**Maternal adiposity as a vulnerable clinical substrate: a medico-legal analysis of four perinatal and neonatal deaths****Eva Montanari**, Ersi Kalfoglou, Maria Paola Bonasoni, Angelo Montana**ONLINE** *Italy*

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**Home birth in the Western Balkan area: regulatory gaps, midwifery liability, and the need for a harmonised feto-neonatal autopsy protocol****Stefano D'Errico**, Armin Alibegovic, Anita Galic Mihic, Tijana Petrovic, Djordje Alempijevic, Viktorija Belakaposka Srpanova, Zlatko Jakovski, Madalina Maria Diac, Chara Spiliopoulou, Emina Dervisevic, Ersi Kalfoglou*Italy*

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**An unusual factor in medical malpractice: inability to challenge authority figures and seniors****Selçuk Erez***Türkiye*

12:10

## LUNCH BREAK &amp; POSTER VIEWING

*E-posters at the venue and on the conference website*

13:00

## WORKSHOP

**Artificial Intelligence-Based Cardiotocogram Assessment***1 hour 30 minutes · for in-person participants*FACULTY **Sermet Sağol** · **Kutsal Baran Özkurt** · **Nur Birgen** · **Rıza Madazlı**

14:30

**Closing Ceremony**

Closing remarks and farewell · 30 minutes

## E-POSTERS

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Posters are presented as e-posters. During the conference they are shown on the e-poster screens at the venue, and they are also published on the conference website. Presenting authors are underlined.

- P 01**      **Abnormal fetal abdominal circumference and intrauterine fetal death in a term pregnancy complicated by diabetes: a case report**  
Dalibor Nedić, Milovan Milić, Dragana Zgonjanin  
*Bosnia and Herzegovina*
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- P 02**      **Health impairment in victims of sexual violence: medico-legal classification and documentation in a nationwide study in Lithuania, 2014–2023**  
Diana Vasiljevaite, Jurgita Stasiuniene, Sigita Chmieliauskas, Sigita Laima  
*Lithuania*
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- P 03**      **Positive stain is not proof: postmortem AFE biomarkers and malpractice claims, a literature review**  
Athina Tousia, Ioannis Ketsekioulafis, Konstantinos Katsos, Emmanouil I. Sakelliadis, Chara Spiliopoulou  
*Greece*
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- P 04**      **Right to bodily integrity: medical malpractice in cases of extended surgical procedures in gynecology**  
Mariya Petrova Dimitrova  
*Bulgaria*
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- P 05**      **Risk analysis of obstetric vacuum extractor use: from autopsy findings of caput succedaneum and cephalohematoma to adverse clinical outcome profiles**  
Alessandro Caputo, Giuseppe De Masellis, Maria Grazia Corbo, Elena de Laurentiis, Roberto Raimo, Federico Battipaglia, Raffaele Cirillo, Francesca Consalvo, Luigi Cipolloni, Matteo Scopetti, Alessandro Santurro  
*Italy*
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- P 06**      **The synergistic role of clinical evidence and autopsy findings in the diagnosis of intrauterine fetal death (IFD) due to abruptio placentae**  
Arianna Ripanti, Carmela Buonomo, Roberto Raimo, Federico Battipaglia, Raffaele Cirillo, Elena de Laurentiis, Francesca Consalvo, Luigi Cipolloni, Matteo Scopetti, Alessandro Santurro  
*Italy*
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- P 07**      **Medico-legal aspects in the differential diagnosis of concurrent outcomes of perinatal cerebral sinovenous thrombosis (CSVT) and intrapartum hypoxic-ischemic events**  
Giuseppe De Masellis, Maria Grazia Corbo, Federico Battipaglia, Elena de Laurentiis, Raffaele Cirillo, Roberto Raimo, Francesca Consalvo, Luigi Cipolloni, Matteo Scopetti, Alessandro Santurro  
*Italy*
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- P 08**      **Challenges in the forensic evaluation of obstetric malpractice: the impact of conflicting expert opinions**  
Madalina Maria Diac, Diana Bulgaru Iliescu, Victor Jitaru  
*Romania*
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- P 09**      **Delayed response to cardiotocographic deterioration in a fatal umbilical cord prolapse: a forensic case evaluation**  
Daniel Tabian, Nicolae Grancea, Barna Barabas, Davide Calin Mereu, Oana Toma Gradinaru  
*Romania*
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- P 10**      **Umbilical cord abnormalities in intrauterine fetal death (IFD): forensic evaluation between predictability and preventability**  
Francesca Consalvo, Noè De Stefano, Raffaele Cirillo, Elena de Laurentiis, Roberto Raimo, Federico Battipaglia, Massimo Niola, Pierpaolo di Lorenzo, Matteo Scopetti, Alessandro Santurro  
*Italy*
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- P 11**      **Recurring methodological problems in expert assessments of obstetric malpractice claims: a 12-case series**  
Tuğçe Koca Yavuz, Laçın Lal Çakır, Fatime Gül, Erdal Mehmet Aksoy, Abdullah Coşkun Yorulmaz  
*Türkiye*
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- P 12**      **Venous thromboembolism in postpartum period. A case report**  
Rossen Hadjiev, Margarita Tankova, Victor Novatchkov  
*Bulgaria*
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- P 13**      **Areas of contribution of a medicolegal consultation system to patient safety in a foundation university hospital: a preliminary study based on institutional experience**  
Tuğçe Koca Yavuz, Laçın Lal Çakır, Fatime Gül, Erdal Mehmet Aksoy, Abdullah Coşkun Yorulmaz  
*Türkiye*
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- P 14**      **When medical malpractice is suspected but not confirmed: a multidisciplinary forensic analysis of maternal and fetal death following fulminant influenza A(H1N1) infection**  
Călin Scripcaru, Irina Smaranda Manolescu, Veronica Scripcaru, Andrei Scripcaru  
*Romania*
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# GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION · VENUE · ATTENDING · CONTACT

## REGISTRATION DESK

**Thursday 8 October** 08:00 · registration and welcome coffee, opening of the conference

**Friday to Sunday** throughout conference hours

Please collect your badge at the desk on arrival. Badges carry a QR code and are checked at the entrance to the hall and at the social programme.

## VENUE

Sismanoglu Megaro

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All sessions take place in the main hall.

## ATTENDING ONLINE

The conference is hybrid. All sessions are streamed live and all times in this programme are Istanbul time (UTC+3).

**Joining link** sent to registered online participants before the conference

## HELP AND CONTACT

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**Help desk** +90 533 414 19 13 (WhatsApp)

A WhatsApp group is open to registered participants; the invitation link has been sent by e-mail.

## PROGRAMME CHANGES

The organisers may need to change the programme. Any change is announced at the registration desk, on the conference website and in the participants' WhatsApp group. This programme was correct at 22 September 2026.