

SPECIALTY HOSPITAL MEDICO · UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA, FACULTY OF MEDICINE · KBC

RIJEKA INTERNATIONAL
**UROLOGY
SYMPOSIUM**

LIVE SURGERY · ENDOUROLOGY · URO-ONCOLOGY · SURGICAL INNOVATION

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

12 JUNE 2026

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
12 June 2026	Specialty Hospital Medico	University of Rijeka, Faculty of Medicine

A full-day international symposium combining a live HoLEP surgical demonstration at Specialty Hospital Medico with a scientific session at the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Medicine. The morning case will be performed by an international faculty team and streamed live as a webinar; the afternoon programme features expert lectures and panel discussions on benign prostatic obstruction, uro-oncology and kidney transplantation. The meeting is open to urologists, surgical residents, oncologists and operating-room staff, with simultaneous webinar attendance for remote colleagues.

INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

Dr. Holger Gerullis

Klinik am Ring /
West German Prostate Center, Cologne

Specialty Hospital Medico, Rijeka

HoLEP, uro-oncology, bladder cancer biomarkers,
IDEAL framework for surgical innovation.

Prof. dr. Mustafa Sofikerim

Acibadem Ataşehir Hospital,
Istanbul

Specialty Hospital Medico, Rijeka

Robotic urological surgery, ThuLEP/HoLEP,
MR-TRUS fusion biopsy, endourology and
uro-oncology.

Prof. dr. sc. Dean Markić

Clinic for Urology,
KBC Rijeka

University of Rijeka, Faculty of Medicine

Kidney transplantation, laparoscopy, renal cell
carcinoma; Vice-Chair, National Referral Centre
for Kidney Transplantation.

Dr. Fabio Božac

Specialty Hospital Medico,
Rijeka

Specialty Hospital Medico, Rijeka

Endourology and laser surgery for benign
prostatic obstruction.

We cordially invite you to join us in Rijeka for a day of surgical excellence and scientific exchange.

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MORNING SESSION - LIVE SURGERY

Specialty Hospital Medico · Operating Theatre

- 07:30** Faculty arrival and pre-operative briefing Surgical team and Medico operating-room staff · 30 min
- 08:00** Webinar stream opens · Introduction and case presentation
Dr. Fabio Božac (host) · Dr. Holger Gerullis · 15 min
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- 08:15** **Live HoLEP Demonstration ·
Holmium Laser Enucleation of the Prostate - step-by-step**
Lead surgeon:
Dr. Holger Gerullis ·
Assistants:
Prof. dr. Mustafa Sofikerim, Prof. dr. sc. Dean Markić · Host: Dr. Fabio Božac
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- 09:45** Instrument sterilisation & theatre turnover
- 10:30** Second surgical case 12:00 Post-operative debrief Surgical team · 30 min
- 12:15** Lunch & transfer to University of Rijeka, Faculty of Medicine

AFTERNOON SESSION - SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

University of Rijeka, Faculty of Medicine · Lecture Hall 1

- 14:30** **Opening Ceremony**
Welcome from KBC Rijeka, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Medicine and Specialty Hospital Medico · 10 min
- 14:40** **Edited playback of the morning HoLEP case with surgeon commentary**
Dr. Holger Gerullis · Prof. dr. Mustafa Sofikerim · Prof. dr. sc. Dean Markić · 30 min
- Session I · Live Case Replay and Surgical Discussion**
Chair: Dr. Fabio Božac · Co-chair: Prof. dr. sc. Dean Markić

AFTERNOON SESSION - SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

University of Rijeka, Faculty of Medicine · Lecture Hall 1

- 15:10** **Panel discussion: tips, troubleshooting and translating HoLEP to a new centre**
Moderated by Dr. Fabio Božac · 30 min
- Session II · BPH and the Laser Revolution ·**
Chair: Dr. Holger Gerullis
- 15:40** **Keynote: HoLEP — A 15-Year Perspective on Outcomes, Pitfalls and Patient Selection**
Dr. Holger Gerullis · Klinik am Ring, Cologne / Specialty Hospital Medico · 15 min
- 15:55** **ThuLEP vs HoLEP: Technique Selection, Learning Curve and Real-World Results**
Prof. dr. Mustafa Sofikerim · Acıbadem Ataşehir Hospital · 15 min
- 16:10** **Establishing a laser BPH programme at Specialty Hospital Medico — first outcomes**
Dr. Fabio Božac · Specialty Hospital Medico · 15 min
- 16:25** **Panel discussion & Q&A**
Moderated by session chair; webinar questions welcomed · 10 min
- 16:35** **Short Break · 15 minutes**
- Session III · Uro-Oncology and Kidney Transplantation**
Chair: Prof. dr. sc. Dean Markić
- 16:50** **MR-TRUS Fusion Biopsy and Robot-Assisted Radical Prostatectomy: Precision Across the Pathway**
Prof. dr. Mustafa Sofikerim · 15 min
- 17:05** **Bladder Cancer Biomarkers and Systemic Therapy: What Is Clinically Ready in 2026**
Dr. Holger Gerullis · 15 min
- 17:20** **Kidney Transplantation at the Rijeka Reference Centre: programme outcomes and the role of the urologist**
Prof. dr. sc. Dean Markić · KBC Rijeka · 15 min
- 17:35** **Panel discussion: integrating uro-oncology and transplantation in regional practice**
All faculty; case-based discussion · 20 min
- 17:55** **Closing Remarks, CME Certificates & Group Photograph**
All faculty · 15 min
- 19:30** **Faculty & Sponsors Dinner · by invitation · Rijeka old town**