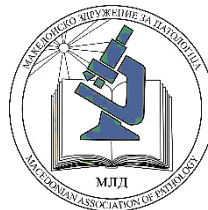




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# **3<sup>rd</sup> National Congress of Pathology with International Participation**

Organized by the Macedonian Association of Pathology  
and North Macedonia Division of IAP

***"From Slide to Sequence: Contemporary  
Pathology"***

**October 1–3, 2025**

**DoubleTree by Hilton hotel · Skopje, North Macedonia**

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## Welcome address

Dear colleagues,

Pathology today drives the evolution of patient care—bridging classical histomorphology with cutting-edge molecular and digital techniques to deliver precise, personalized diagnoses. Recognizing this transformative moment, the **Macedonian Association of Pathology** and the **North Macedonia Division of IAP** are privileged to issue this Second Announcement for the **3rd National Congress of Pathology with International Participation**, a three-day event in **Skopje (October 1–3, 2025)** at the **DoubleTree by Hilton** to explore the latest breakthroughs in tumor classification, biomarker discovery, and translational medicine.

You will join leading pathologists, research scientists, laboratory specialists, and trainees from North Macedonia, Europe, USA and Canada, to debate emerging challenges, forge collaborations, and shape the next generation of diagnostic standards.

This Congress will bring together world-leading experts, early-career investigators, and clinical practitioners to share breakthroughs in molecular diagnostics, classification criteria, and digital pathology. Attendees will gain insight into emerging biomarkers, novel therapeutic targets, and best practices in reporting—knowledge that can be directly translated into improved patient outcomes.

### CONFIRMED KEYNOTE LECTURERS

**Prof. Andrew Folpe (USA)**

Tumors of Soft Tissues

**Prof. Zhaneta Nikolovska-Coleska (USA)**

Keynote Lecture: Cancer Drug Discovery and Development in the Era of Personalized Molecular Medicine

**Prof. Kiril Trpkov (Canada)**

Contemporary Classification of Renal Tumors – Morphologic, Molecular or a Combination of Both.

**Prof. Xavier Matias-Guiu (Spain)**

Integrating molecular features in pathology of ovarian cancer



**Prof. Boštjan Luzar (Slovenia)**

Melanocytic Lesions

We look forward to your contributions and to welcoming you to Skopje for three days of rigorous scientific exchange and lasting professional connections.

With kind regards,

**Prof. Rubens Jovanović**

President, Macedonian Association of Pathology

**Prof. Katerina Kubelka - Sabit**

President, North Macedonia Division of the IAP



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## About MAP

Founded in 1965 as a section of the Association of Pathologists of Yugoslavia, the Macedonian Association of Pathology gained independent status in 1971 as the Association of Pathologists of the Republic of Macedonia and adopted its current name on May 28, 2021.

Under the leadership of eminent presidents, the Association has grown into the nation's focal point for diagnostic science. It holds membership in the Macedonian Medical Association, the European Society of Pathologists, and the International Academy of Pathology, fostering national and international collaboration.

Over the decades, the Association has organized foundational congresses and inter-sectional meetings, including major events in Ohrid and Kruševo, and convened more than fifty expert workshops on wide range of topics.

Through this rich legacy of educational events, the Association advances standards in morphology, immunohistochemistry, molecular pathology, digital pathology and supports professional development and collaboration among pathologists.

Building on a legacy of landmark meetings, the 3rd National Congress of Pathology with International Participation reaffirms the Macedonian Association of Pathology's tradition of excellence by convening world-class experts in Skopje to exchange cutting-edge advances in morphologic, molecular, and digital diagnostics.

As both a celebration of six decades of scientific collaboration and a catalyst for future innovation, this Congress cements the Association's role in shaping precision patient care for the next generation.

## Preliminary scientific programme

Wednesday, 01.10.2025	
8:00-9:00	Oral free / session
9:00-10:00	Slide seminar
10:00-10:45	<u>Keynote lecture</u> <i>Andrew Folpe - Tumors of soft tissue</i>
10:45-11:15	Coffee break
11:15-13:15	National & regional lectures
13:15-14:15	Commercial Symposium & Lunch
14:15-15:15	<i>Andrew Folpe</i> Slide seminar: Tumors of soft tissue
15:15-16:15	<u>Keynote lecture</u> <i>Zhaneta Nikolovska-Coleska - Cancer drug discovery and development in the era of personalized molecular medicine</i>
16:15-17:15	Commercial symposium
17:15-17:30	Coffee break
17:30-19:00	National & regional lectures
19:00-22:00	Opening ceremony
Thursday, 02.10.2025	
8:00-9:00	Oral free
9:00-10:00	<i>Kiril Trpkov</i> Prostate carcinoma – diagnosis, grading and reporting – what's important and why
10:00-11:00	<i>Kiril Trpkov</i> Practical issues in diagnosing and reporting urothelial urinary bladder carcinoma





11:00-11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:30-13:30	<b>National &amp; regional lectures</b>
13:30-14:30	<b>Commercial symposium &amp; Lunch</b>
14:30-15:15	<p><u><b>Keynote lecture</b></u></p> <p><b><i>Kiril Trpkov</i> - Contemporary classification of renal tumors – morphologic, molecular or a combination of both?</b></p>
15:15-17:15	<b>Oral free / poster session</b>
17:15-17:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
17:30-19:00	<b>National &amp; regional lectures</b>
19:00-22:00	<b>Gala dinner</b>

<i>Friday, 03.10.2025</i>	
8:00-9:00	<b>Oral free / poster session</b>
9:00-10:00	<p><i>Sigurd Lax</i>  <b>Overview of mesenchymal uterine neoplasms - diagnostic difficulties</b></p>
10:00-11:00	<p><i>Xavier Matias-Guiu</i>  <b>Pathology of endometrial carcinoma</b></p>
11:00-11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:30-12:30	<p><i>Xavier Matias-Guiu</i>  <b>Molecular classification of endometrial carcinoma</b></p>
12:30-13:30	<b>National &amp; regional lectures</b>
13:30-14:30	<b>Commercial symposium &amp; Lunch</b>
14:30-15:15	<p><u><b>Keynote lecture</b></u></p> <p><b><i>Xavier Matias-Guiu</i> - Integrating molecular features in pathology of ovarian cancer</b></p>
15:15-16:00	<p><i>Zlatko Marusic</i>  <b>Inflammatory dermatopathology: Basic concepts and examples</b></p>

16:00-17:00	<u>Keynote lecture</u> <b>Bostjan Luzar - Melanocytic lesions</b>
17:00-17:15	<b>Coffee break</b>
17:15-18:15	<i>Bostjan Luzar</i> <b>Slide seminar: Melanocytic lesions</b>
18:15-19:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>

## Registration fees

Registration and payment received	By 20.08.2025	After 20.08.2025
Macedonian Medical Association (MMA) members	<b>60 EUR</b>	<b>80 EUR</b>
Macedonian Association of Pathology (MAP) members	<b>50 EUR</b>	<b>70 EUR</b>
Non-members	<b>100 EUR</b>	<b>120 EUR</b>
One-day registration fee (available for members of MMA/ MAP only)		<b>30 EUR</b>

## Call for Abstracts

Participants are encouraged to submit an abstract which can be accepted as a poster or oral presentation.

Abstracts should be structured, up to 250 words using Times New Roman font, size 12.

Abstracts should be sent at [info@mzp.mk](mailto:info@mzp.mk).

**Deadline for abstract submission: September 10, 2025.**



## Social Events

### Gala dinner

The Gala Dinner will take place on the evening of October 2 at the DoubleTree by Hilton's Grand Ballroom, offering an elegant setting for networking and celebration. Participation is optional and requires a separate fee of € 60, which includes a full multi-course meal, welcome drink, and evening entertainment.

**Networking Party** – to be announced soon

## Optional Excursions

### Skopje City Tour

Discover Skopje's rich tapestry of history and modern architecture on a guided half-day tour. You will stroll through the vibrant Old Bazaar, admire the panoramic views from Kale Fortress, and pass by the iconic Stone Bridge, Theatre Square, and memorials lining the Vardar River.

This tour is optional; pricing and exact departure times will be announced in due course.

### Matka Canyon Excursion

Escape the city for an afternoon in Matka Canyon, one of Europe's oldest artificial lakes set amid dramatic limestone cliffs. Guests can enjoy a boat cruise to Vrelo Cave, visit the 14th-century St. Andrew's Monastery, and explore scenic hiking paths.

Participation is optional; full details on cost and schedule will follow soon.

### Ohrid Day-Trip

Journey to the shores of Lake Ohrid—Europe's oldest lake and a UNESCO World Heritage Site—on an optional full-day outing. Highlights include a boat ride on the crystal-clear waters, visits to the medieval Samuil's Fortress, the Church of St. John at Kaneo, and the Old Town's cobblestone streets.

This excursion is optional; information on pricing and timing will be provided later.

## Congress Information

### Congress Venue

Double Tree by Hilton Skopje  
Blvd ASNOM 17, Skopje,  
1000, North Macedonia



<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/skpabdi-doubletree-skopje/>

### Congress Website

Further and updated information will be available on the internet at  
[www.mzp.mk](http://www.mzp.mk)

### Congress Language

The official language of the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Congress of Pathology with International Participation is English.

### Host Organisation

Macedonian Association of Pathology  
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Ul. 50 Divizija no. 6, 1000 Skopje  
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## Host

North Macedonia is a land where millennia of history converge amid dramatic mountain landscapes and shimmering lakes. From the ancient Roman city of Scupi to the medieval monuments of Ohrid—Europe's oldest lake and a UNESCO World Heritage Site—the country offers a tapestry of cultural and natural treasures.



Wander the cobblestone streets of Ohrid Old Town to visit Byzantine churches perched above crystal-clear waters, explore the 9th-century Ohrid Literary School founded by Saints Cyril and Methodius, or hike the gorges of Matka Canyon where rugged cliffs cradle hidden monasteries.



Sample award-winning reds in the fertile Tikveš Valley, and experience warm Macedonian hospitality in family-run tavernas and rural guesthouses.

For congress participants, North Macedonia provides a perfect blend of scholarly engagement and unforgettable exploration—where every excursion becomes part of a broader narrative stretching back through antiquity to the vibrant present.

## About Skopje

Skopje, the nation's dynamic capital, epitomizes this synthesis of past and future. Straddling the Vardar River, the city's skyline is anchored by the 15th-century Stone Bridge and dominated by the restored walls of Kale Fortress, which offer sweeping views of a metropolis that melds Ottoman bazaars with bold neoclassical boulevards.



Lose yourself in the labyrinthine Old Bazaar—one of the Balkans' largest—then pay homage at Mother Teresa's Memorial House and admire the eclectic array of statues and fountains in Macedonia Square.

Just beyond the city limits, Matka Canyon beckons for half-day retreats, while nearby wine routes and archaeological parks enrich your stay. Whether savouring local specialties in bustling cafés or networking against a backdrop of storied architecture, congress attendees will find Skopje an inspiring gateway to North Macedonia's rich heritage and modern promise.





### Climate in Skopje

Skopje in early October enjoys pleasantly warm days and cool evenings. Average daytime temperatures range from 18 °C to 24 °C, with lows around 10 °C–12 °C after sunset. Rainfall is modest—occasional showers keep the air fresh without disrupting outdoor plans.

### TAXI

Prices: start 60 mkd (0,97 €) + 35 mkd (0,57 €) per km

You can download specific applications for some of the TAXI companies:

Wizzi: <https://wizi.hr/en/>

Nase Taxi: <https://nasetaxi.mk/#application>

Taxi Service (intercity and international): <https://taxiservice.mk/pricelist/>

Taxi Skopje: <https://taxiskopje.mk/pricelist.html>

### Public Transportation

The city is served by a comprehensive bus network, with over 20 routes connecting the city center, suburbs, and major landmarks. Buses run every 10–20 minutes during peak hours; single-ride tickets are inexpensive (around 1 EUR per ride) and can be purchased from the central bus station or in the bus.

**Bus lines 3, 5, 15, 23** are direct lines to the congress venue from the city center and central bus station.

More information on <http://www.jsp.com.mk/PlanskiVozenRed.aspx>



### Airport

Skopje “Alexander the Great” Airport (SKP) lies just 17 km north of the city centre. Shuttle buses link the terminal to the main bus station in about 30 minutes; taxis and ride-share services offer door-to-door transfers in 20–25 minutes priced around 20-25 euros.

More information about the shuttle bus timetable <https://skp.airports.com.mk/en-EN/passenger-guide/to-from-the-airport/page/bus>

### Travelling by Car

The A1/E75 motorway passes just east of Skopje, providing direct access from Greece, Serbia, and Kosovo. Well-maintained ring roads ease congestion, and on-site parking is available at most city hotels and the Congress venue.

### Hotels in Skopje

A range of accommodations—from boutique city-centre inns to international chains such as the DoubleTree by Hilton—are within easy reach of the Congress. More information will be provided on the Golden Tour’s website <https://www.goldentour.com.mk/3rdnationalcongress-pathology>.



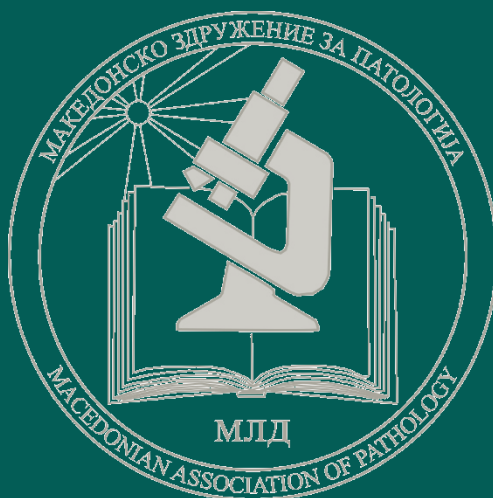
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