

The Central/South/East-European Study Group on ACHD

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The mission of the Group

Nowadays we are witnessing a growing population of adults with congenital heart disease (ACHD). This tremendous improvement in life expectancy in this group of patients is by and large due to improvement in diagnostics and medical, interventional and surgical therapies. However, optimal care for ACHD patients requires adequate structures and resources and is, therefore, dependent on health policy decisions and government regulations. In order to further help improve care for this specific group of patients it is of interest to delineate potential barriers to the adequate care of ACHD patients in different countries in order to successfully address them. It is likely that large discrepancies exist across Europe do exist and lead to inequalities in access and quality of ACHD treatment.

The Central/South/East-European Group on ACHD was created in 2018 as an initiative of the Nucleus of the WG GUCH (now called Adult Congenital Heart Disease) of the ESC with the aim to:

- better understand ACHD situation, needs, issues and opportunities in each country and the region of the Central/South/East-Europe
- uncover inequities in access to medical and interventional treatment for ACHD patient in Central/South/East-Europa
- improve access to high quality ACHD care to all patients throughout Europe and countries affiliated with the European Society of Cardiology

The work and the recommendations of the Central/South/East-European Group on ACHD aims to help health care providers and national policy makers to understand the particular needs of ACHD care delivery in individual countries. It should encourage efforts to meet these needs and to align the treatment situation to that in comparable West European countries according to current standards of care and guideline recommendations, while respecting the financial and logistical constraints present. To this end, the Working group aims to evaluate and rank individual diagnostic and treatment modalities by their impact on outcome and cost-effectiveness.

The purpose of the face-to-face meeting in Bratislava was to present and analyse the survey results on the delivery of ACHD care in each country, to identify areas that need improvement and to establish a basis for future collaboration between countries and WG ACHD alike.

Meeting of the Central/South/East-European Study Group on GUCH/ACHD
Friday 14 June 2019 - Saturday 15 June 2019
Hotel Sheraton, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Advisory Board:

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Final Programme:

Day 1 - 14 June 2019: Arrival in Hotel Sheraton, Bratislava in the afternoon
18:00 Dinner

Day 2 - 15 June 2019: Scientific program (09:00-16:30)

09:00-09:45 **Welcome and Introduction.** *Gerhard Diller*

Organization of GUCH care, general principles. *Iveta Simkova*

09:45-10:30 **GUCH care in Central/South/East-European Countries, analysis of the survey** *Margarita Brida*

GUCH care organization in:

- Croatia. *Margarita Brida*
- Slovakia. *Iveta Simkova*

10:30-11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00-13:00 **GUCH care organization in:**

- Bulgaria. *Pencho Kratunkov*
- Bosna-Hercegovina. *Tamara Kovačević Preradović*
- Czech Republic. *Petra Antonova*
- Estonia. *Raili Ermel*
- Hungaria. *Hajnalka Balinth*
- Latvia. *Agnese Strengē*
- Lituania. *Lina Gumbiene*
- Poland. *Monika Komar*
- Slovenia. *Katja Prokšelj*
- Serbia. *Ljiljana Jovovic; Vlada Vukovanovic*
- Romania. *Roxana Enache*
- Ukraina. *Ihor H. Lebid*
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13:00-14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:00-16:00 **Round table discussion**

16:00-16:30 **Closing Remarks.** *Gerhard Diller, Iveta Simkova, Margarita Brida*