



**Dear Colleagues,**

On behalf of the Organizing Committee,

it is our distinct honor and pleasure to invite you to the **8th International Chronic Graft-versus-Host Disease (cGvHD) Symposium**, which will take place in **Dubrovnik, Croatia, May 22–23, 2026**.

The symposium will be held as a hybrid event, allowing participation both in person and online.

Following a successful series of the first six meetings, initially hosted in Zagreb, Croatia, under the auspices of the Croatian Cooperative Group for Hematologic Diseases (KroHem) and co-chaired by Dr. Steven Pavletic (National Cancer Institute, NIH, Bethesda, USA), the Symposium has grown into a leading international forum for advancing knowledge and collaboration in the field of cGvHD. Notably, the 7th Symposium, held in Vancouver, Canada, in 2024, marked the first meeting outside Europe and was successfully hosted by Cell Therapy Transplant Canada, with KroHem as a partner organization.

We are delighted that the 8th Symposium will return to Croatia, taking place in the historic and picturesque city of Dubrovnik, offering an inspiring setting for scientific exchange and professional networking.

**Early Registration Deadline – January 30, 2026**

We strongly encourage you to register by **January 30, 2026**, to secure the **early registration rate**.

Early registration not only guarantees your place at this important meeting but also keeps you fully up to date as the event approaches.

We also warmly encourage you to **submit an abstract** for presentation at the Symposium. Abstracts should be submitted through the online submission form available on the official symposium website.

The **deadline for abstract submission is February 15, 2026**, and authors will be notified regarding acceptance by March 1, 2026. Your scientific contributions are highly valued and will significantly enrich the scientific program.

The preliminary program and further details, including regular updates and logistical information, are available on the official symposium website:

<https://cgvhd-symposium.com>

The primary aim of the Symposium is to disseminate the most current and impactful scientific and clinical knowledge related to chronic GvHD, and to provide a venue for collaboration among clinicians, researchers, and healthcare professionals dedicated to improving outcomes for patients undergoing allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

As part of our long-term vision to rotate the Symposium between Europe and North America, we are also pleased to announce that the 9th International cGvHD Symposium is scheduled to take place in Montreal, Canada, in the fall of 2027.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us in Dubrovnik for this important and timely event, and we look forward to your valued participation in what promises to be a highly engaging and impactful scientific meeting.

With warm regards,

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