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XXX SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE



WATER AND PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

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6 - 9 October 2026
Crvena Luka Resort
Biograd na moru

INVITATION

We hereby invite you to the
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with the central theme:
**WASTEWATER MONITORING IN SUPPORT
OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Dear fellow scientists and experts,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is my great pleasure and honor to invite you to the 30th Scientific and Professional Conference "Water and Public Water Supply", which will take place from 6 to 9 October 2026 in Biograd na Moru, Croatia.

This year's central theme of the Conference is dedicated to wastewater monitoring in support of public health. Wastewater-based surveillance (WBS) is increasingly recognized as a powerful tool for monitoring population health and emerging public health risks. Although monitoring of poliovirus and drugs detected in wastewater has been carried out for many years, interest in WBS increased significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic, when SARS-CoV-2 was monitored in wastewater. Today, the same approach is also being applied to influenza, RSV, and other pathogenic microorganisms. Unlike clinical surveillance, WBS also covers individuals who are asymptomatic or do not seek medical care, thereby providing a more representative picture of the circulation of infectious diseases and other community-level burdens. In this way, WBS strengthens the broader infectious disease surveillance framework, offers valuable insight into patterns and trends in drug consumption and other population behaviors, and complements data generated through other monitoring systems. Findings obtained through WBS should, however, always be interpreted and communicated in conjunction with data from existing surveillance systems. The recast Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive [Directive (EU) 2024/3019] further underlines the importance of this approach by introducing the requirement to monitor antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in urban wastewater as part of the One Health framework. Moreover, the Directive calls on Member States to strengthen cooperation among relevant stakeholders, identify priority pathogens for wastewater-based epidemiology (WBE), implement regular monitoring both under routine conditions and during public health emergencies, and report the collected data to the European Commission. We warmly invite you to take an active part in the Conference by presenting scientific and professional papers related to the central theme, as well as address other topics of interest to professionals and researchers working in the field of water and public water supply.

We look forward to welcoming you to Biograd na Moru!

Magdalena Ujević Bošnjak, PhD, research associate
Chair of the Organising and Scientific Committee

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Instructions for abstracts and complete papers can be found on the official website of the Conference: vijv.hzjz.hr. Abstracts of papers or posters (up to 200 words) in English and Croatian language, as well as keywords, should be sent by **1 July 2026**, and complete papers by **25 August 2026** via e-form posted on the website of the Conference.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFERENCE AND HOTEL

Accommodation of participants: Crvena Luka Resort, Biograd na Moru
Accommodation fee per participant during the Conference:

Single room: EUR 330.00 [VAT included]
Double room: EUR 260.00 [VAT included]

Registrations for the Conference and the hotel are made via the Conference website: vijv.hzjz.hr. All participants shall register for the Conference by filling out the online conference registration form at: <https://vijv.hzjz.hr/registracija-kotizacija/>. **Participants are kindly asked not to pay the registration fee prior to registering for the Conference.** Participants who wish to stay at the hotel are kindly asked to fill out a hotel registration, which is separate from the Conference registration. The online hotel registration form is also available at: <https://vijv.hzjz.hr/mjesto-odrzavnja/>. Contact e-mail: booking@cro-travel.hr

FEE AND BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS

Delegate fee: EUR 230.00 [VAT included]
All participants are required to pay the registration fee. Attendants from the business sector who wish to present their business are required to pay the registration fee for all members participating in the presentation. The organizer will provide an exhibition area upon prior request.

DRAFT AGENDA

06 Oct TUESDAY Arrival of participants, registration and accommodation
6:00 p.m. Dinner / 8:00 p.m. Opening ceremony

07 Oct WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Working part / 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Working part / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Working part/
Round table
8:00 p.m. Dinner

08 Oct THURSDAY Expert tour in the area of Biograd na Moru

09 Oct FRIDAY Breakfast/*Have a safe trip and farewell until next year!*