

# FEAMC 2024 meeting: Professional and ethical challenges in medicine during wartime

28 January 2024

Đakovo – Vukovar, Croatia

May 30 – June 2, 2024

As part of the regular annual meeting of the FEAMC Executive Board, a conference will be organized on “Professional and Ethical Challenges in Medicine during Wartime” in cooperation with the Croatian Catholic Medical Society (HKLD – Hrvatsko katoličko liječničko društvo).

The Conference will take place in Đakovo and Vukovar, Croatia on May 30 – June 2, 2024. Make sure to save the date.

One of the first victims of war is the healthcare system itself. Since many armed conflicts are currently raging all over the world (Russia-Ukraine, Israel-Palestine, Syria, Myanmar, Sudan, Burkina Faso, Haiti...), war medicine is becoming an urgent global health problem. Unfortunately, health facilities are sometimes being attacked and damaged with many healthcare workers becoming victims themselves. Doctors and other medical professionals have to provide adequate health care in extreme conditions, while confronting a number of professional and ethical challenges.

The hosts from Croatia will present their experiences from the recent Croatian Homeland War (1991–1995), in which healthcare workers played a major role in preserving the health system under extreme pressure, through their heroic efforts to provide care to both soldiers and civilians, often those on opposing sides.

Distinguished international speakers will address various aspects of war medicine, including spiritual assistance to soldiers, civilians and healthcare workers during armed conflicts. The global healthcare community needs to become involved in advocating for the protection of healthcare workers living and working in war zones.

We hope that you will join us for our three-day Conference in Croatia.

Welcome!

## Organizers

- European Federation of the Catholic Medical Associations (FEAMC, Fédération Européenne des Associations Médicales Catholiques)
- Croatian Catholic Medical Society (HKLD, Hrvatsko katoličko liječničko društvo)

## Scientific Programme Committee

- Prof. Vincenzo Defilippis, MD, PhD (Bari, Italy) – FEAMC President
- Prof. Rok Čiviljak, MD, PhD (Zagreb, Croatia) – HKLD President
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- Prof. Ivica Grković, MD, PhD (Split, Croatia)
- Darko Richter, MD, PhD (Zagreb, Croatia)

## Local Organizing Committee (in alphabetical order)

- Prof. Jadranka Arambašić, MD, PhD (Osijek, Croatia)
- Ivan Ćelić, MD, PhD (Zagreb, Croatia)
- Andrea Košćec, M.Pharm. (Zagreb, Croatia)
- Andrija Miculinić, MD (Zagreb, Croatia)
- Rev. Pavao Mikulčić, PhD (Đakovo, Croatia)
- Mirko Petrošević, MD (Đakovo, Croatia)

## Preliminary program

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| 8:00 – 14:00 h. | Arrival of participants at the Zagreb Airport. An option is arrival at Belgrade Airport and a transfer to Đakovo (approx. 2,5 hour drive by car) – includes crossing the Serbia/Croatia border.<br><i>An option is to fly to the Belgrade Airport and transfer to Đakovo (an approximately 2.5 hour drive by car), which includes crossing the Serbian/Croatian border.</i> |  |
| 14:00 h.        | Bus transfer to Đakovo (the Archdiocese of Đakovo and Osijek)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 18:30 h.        | Mass and Procession on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi at the Đakovo Cathedral                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| 20:00 h.        | Dinner, accommodation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
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| 08:00 h.        | Breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| 08:30 h.        | FEAMC Board meeting (FEAMC Executive Committee and delegates only)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 09:30 h.        | Section 1 – Lectures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 11:00 h.        | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 11:30 h.        | Section 2 – Lectures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 13:00 h.        | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 14:30 h.        | Section 3 – Lectures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 18:30 h.        | Holy Mass at the Đakovo Cathedral                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| 20:00 h.        | Gala Dinner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
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| 07:30 h.        | Breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| 09:00 h.        | Trip to Vukovar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| 09:30 h.        | Visit to the National Memorial War Hospital Vukovar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 10:30 h.        | Section 4 – Lectures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 12:30 h.        | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 13:00 h.        | Guided tour of the City Museum – the Palace of the Eltz Counts, National Memorial Cemetery of the Victims of the Homeland War in Vukovar, Ovčara Memorial Center                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| 15:00 h.        | Guided tour of the City of Ilok (Odescalchi Castle, Ilok Cellars, Franciscan Monastery)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| 18:00 h.        | Holy Mass at the Church of St. John Capistrano in Ilok                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| 20:00 h.        | Dinner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
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| 08:00 h.        | Breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| 10:30 h.        | Holy Mass at the Đakovo Cathedral and meeting with Archbishop Msgr. Đuro Hranic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| 14:00 h.        | Departure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |

## Target audience

Physicians, pharmacists, nurses and other healthcare worker as well as clergy interested in medicine, theology, ethics...

## Confirmed Faculty Members (in alphabetical order)

- Jure Bogdan (Zagreb, Croatia)

- Ihor Bojko (Lviv, Ukraine)
- Vincenzo Defilippis (Bari, Italy)
- Rok Čiviljak (Zagreb, Croatia)
- Anica Djamić (Croatia/Ukraine)
- Ivica Grković/Mihovil Biočić/Vedran Radonić (Split, Croatia)
- Frans J. van Ittersum (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- Elena Jelavić (Zagreb, Croatia)
- Dubravka Kocijan Hercigonja (Zagreb, Croatia)
- Andrea Koščec/Mirjana Vrsalović/Ines Buhač (Zagreb, Croatia)
- Simon Kulli (Vau i Dejës, Albania)
- Matko Marušić (Zagreb, Croatia)
- Reginald Moreels (Belgium)
- Ružica Pavić-Kevrić/Šime Kevrić (Zagreb, Croatia)
- Renzo Pegoraro (Vatican/Italy)
- Nicola Petrosillo (Rome, Italy)
- Darko Richter (Zagreb, Croatia)
- Irena Zakarija Grković (Split, Croatia)

## Registration and fees

[Register online on this website](#)

The fee includes access to the conference, accommodation for 3 nights, meals, coffee breaks, social programme and venue expenses. Travel is not included. Early registration through April 30, 2024, offers savings..

### Conference Fees (Full Conference Package)

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| FEAMC/HKLD members                        | EUR 300,- |
| Non-members                               | EUR 400,- |
| Accompanying persons                      | EUR 300,- |
| Residents and students                    | EUR 150,- |
| Late registration fee (as of May 1, 2024) | EUR 500,- |

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