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Plexus Week 2026

Plexus Conference

Friday, 4 December 2026, 16:30 to 21:00

Croatian State Archives, Marulićev trg 21, Zagreb

Where medicine, science and health care are heading in the next decade

16:30 Doors open and registration

17:00 Welcome to Plexus Week
Alen Juginović, MD
Harvard Medical School
President, Med&X

17:15 The Gut Microbiome and Metabolite-Immune Signaling
James Versalovic, MD, PhD
President, Texas Children's Research Institute

17:35 Where medicine and science are going in the next decade, and what it takes to lead a hospital through it
Giles Boland, MD
President, Brigham and Women's Hospital
Marcela del Carmen, MD, MPH
President, Massachusetts General Hospital
Kevin Smith, DPhil
President and CEO, University Health Network, Toronto
Moderated by Alen Juginović, MD

18:20 Obesity and diabetes, and how the new treatments are changing care
Mario Skugor, MD
Endocrinology, Cleveland Clinic

18:35 Cancer care that cures more patients and harms them less
Reshma Jagsi, MD, DPhil
Chair of Radiation Oncology, Emory University School of Medicine
Masakazu Toi, MD, PhD
Hospital Director, Tokyo Metropolitan Komagome Hospital

19:00 Break, 15 minutes

19:15 Finding dementia and brain disorders early, from scans to genes
Ana Franceschi, MD, PhD
Northwell Health, New York
Maja Bućan, PhD
Professor of Genetics, University of Pennsylvania
Craig Blackstone, MD, PhD
Mass General Brigham and Harvard Medical School

19:45 Mental health: spotting it early and getting people the care they need
Brian Daly
UMass Chan Medical School
In conversation with Alen Juginović, MD

20:05 Emerging areas of cell biology: direct organelle contacts in health and disease
Dimitri Krainc, MD, PhD
Chair of Neurology, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

20:25 Why good evidence takes years to change health policy, and how science diplomacy can close the gap
David M. Smith, PhD
Director General, Ruđer Bošković Institute, Zagreb
Nikica Daraboš, PhD
Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Croatia, Geneva

20:50 Thanks and networking
Alen Juginović, MD
Harvard Medical School
President, Med&X



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Good to know

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Dress code	Business casual.
Check-in	Registration opens at 16:30. Show your QR code at the door, on your phone or on paper. It is in your confirmation email.
HLK points	Plexus Week is accredited by the Croatian Medical Chamber as an international congress, 20 points for active and 12 for passive participants. Register for your points in the Med&X app or at the door.

Join the rest of Plexus Week

Saturday, 5 Dec
10:00 to 14:00
Building Bridges in Biomedicine
Mimara Museum, Rooseveltov trg 5
Register

Saturday, 5 Dec
09:00 to 10:00
Biomedical Forum Info Session
Mimara Museum, Rooseveltov trg 5. Free, open to everyone
Register

Saturday, 5 Dec
19:00
Gala Evening
Hotel Esplanade, Mihanovićeva 1
Register

Networking events

Friday, 4 Dec, 21:15
Advent in Zagreb
Right after the conference, for registered participants only

Sunday, 6 Dec, 12:00 to 13:30
Tour of Zagreb
From the Ban Jelačić monument

Sunday, 6 Dec, 10:00 to 12:00
Sunday morning at Gradska kavana
Trg bana Josipa Jelačića 9

Sunday, 6 Dec, from 18:00
Skyline networking
The Westin Zagreb, 17th floor

Register for networking events Places are limited

Register at medx.hr

Scan the code, or click any Register button in this PDF.

Questions? Miro Vuković, **vp@medx.hr**, or Laura Rodman, **laura.rodman@medx.hr**

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