



6th International Interdisciplinary Gestalt Congress

Croatia 11th–14th September 2025 – ZADAR, CROATIA

Program

Congress activities will be held at the

Conference Center – Falkensteiner Club Funimation, Borik Resort Complex
and **Hi Hostel Zadar** (a few minutes walk from Borik Resort, near Marina Uskok)

Day 1

Thursday 11.9.2025

13:00-18:00

Registration

Lobby of the Conference Hall – Hotel Donat, Borik Resort Complex

18:00-20:00

Opening Ceremony, musical performance, get together cocktail

Lobby of the Conference Hall – Hotel Donat, Borik Resort Complex

**RELATIONAL
PERSPECTIVE IN
PSYCHOTHERAPY
OF HUMAN SYSTEMS**
FROM INDIVIDUAL
TO SOCIETY

Day 2

Friday 12.9.2025

PLENARY LECTURES

Conference Hall – Hotel Donat,
Borik Resort Complex

08:00-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 Opening speeches

Congress Moderator:
Barbara Matijević

- Margareta Mesić (EAPTI Psihika)
- Lidija Pecotić (European Gestalt Network, EGN)
- Mladen Klanac (City of Zadar)
- Michal Lewandovski (European Association of Gestalt therapy, EAGT)
- Vedran Korušić (Croatian Chamber of Psychotherapists)

09:30-10:30 Gianni Francesetti (online): The Something More Than You and Me: Field Perspectives in Gestalt Therapy and Contemporary Clinical Issues

10:30-11:00 Margareta Mesić: I Am Me, You Are You, and the Space Between Us Becomes Our Teacher – Educating the Relationally-Oriented Therapists of the Future

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:00 Lidija Pecotić: Reflective Presence and Dynamics of Relationship: Gestalt Psychotherapy in the Therapeutic and Social Field

12:00-12:30 Sanja Bratina: Relational Competencies of Gestalt Psychotherapists

12:30-13:15 Marina Ajduković: The Power of Relational Supervision of Psychotherapy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

13:15-13:30 Questions

13:30-15:00 Lunch Break

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

Hall Bura – Falkensteiner Club
Funimation, Borik Resort Complex

15:00-16:30 Evgenyij Kolesznyikov and Ivana Vidaković: Seeing a Psychiatrist: An Encountering or A User Manual

16:30-16:45 Break

16:45-18:15 Atina Tasevska and Natasha Madzevska: Before, Between, Beyond: the Journey Through the Life of Relationships

18:15-18:45 Break

18:45-20:00 Valentina Relković Radonjić: Conscious Breathing as Part of the Support System

Hall Novi Park – Falkensteiner Club
Funimation, Borik Resort Complex
(at the end of the restaurant)

15:00-16:30 Vladimir Milošević: Psychodrama in Specific Contexts

16:30-16:45 Break

16:45-18:15 Rose Falzon: Authentic and Mindful Contact in a Couple Therapy: A Gestalt Experience

18:15-18:45 Break

18:45-20:00 Nataša Barolin Belić: Sexuality in work with clients

Conference Hall – Hotel Donat,
Borik Resort Complex

15:00-16:30 Bertram Muller: How to recycle outdated pattern of your mind

16:30-16:45 Break

16:45-18:15 Panel discussion
Dušanka Jovanović, Dragana Ilić

and Marija Krivačić: Relational Perspective in Therapeutic Work with Couples – Interplay of Practice, Theory and Research

18:15-18:45 Break

18:45-20:00 Talia Bar-Yoseph Levine: Language: The Bridge Leading from 'Lonely to Connected'

Lobby of the Conference Hall –
Hotel Donat, Borik Resort Complex

15:00-16:30 Sophie Ducrocq Archibald: Bridging the Therapeutic Relationship and Human Experience from the Therapist's Perspective

16:30-16:45 Break

16:45-18:15 Ljiljana Božović and Anica Dudvarski: All our Living is an Encounter

18:15-18:45 Break

18:45-20:00 Informal Encounters of the Congress Participants as a Path to New Relationships

Hi Hostel Zadar – Obala Kneza Trpimira 76, Zadar (a few minutes walk from Borik Hotel, near Marina)

15:00-16:30 Marija Krivačić and Slavko Amulić: The Complexity of Relationships in a Co-Therapy Dyad Encountering a Couple

16:30-16:45 Break

16:45-18:15 Suzana Krstić: Zadar Mermaids, Witches and the Inquisition: Using Myth and Fairy Tales Constellations in Group or Individual Therapy

18:15-18:45 Break

18:45-20:00 Sandra Grubić and Tajana Pavić: Homeland-ness

Day 3

Saturday 13.9.2025

PLENARY LECTURES

Conference Hall – Hotel Donat,
Borik Resort Complex

09:00-09:30 Bertram Muller: How
to Survive in Challenging Times
Without Losing One's Mind

09:30-10:00 Zoran Milivojević:
Society Within the Individual:
Internal Relations in Transactional
Psychoanalysis

10:00-10:30 Vesna Petrović:
Empathic Harmonization and
Regulation of Affects in
Integrative Psychotherapy

10:30-10:45 Questions

10:45-11:30 Coffee Break

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Lobby of the Conference Hall –
Hotel Donat, Borik Resort Complex

11:30-12:15 Kirk Schneider:
Therapy for the Polarized Mind:
Life-Enhancing Anxiety

12:15-12:45 Mira Klarin: Social
Relations – Insights as Synergy of
Psychology, Neuroscience and
Psychotherapy

12:45-13:15 Talia Bar-Yoseph
Lewine: Language: The Bridge
Leading from 'Lonely to
Connected'

13:15-13:30 Questions

13:30-15:00 Lunch Break

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

Hall Bura – Falkensteiner Club
Funimation, Borik Resort Complex

15:00-16:30 Vasilis Georgalakis,
Sophie Ducrocq Archibald and
Kirk Schneider: Presence: The Key
to a Successful Psychotherapy

16:30-16:45 Break

16:45-18:15 Presentations
Moderator: Sanja Bratina

16:50-17:10 Lea Ivančić Žic:
Autistic Relational Trauma – From
Isolation to Contact

17:10-17:30 Snježana Opačić:
Support and Shame – the Basic
Conditions of the Relational Field
for the Development of the Self

17:30-17:50 Marija Škrinjarić: The
Importance of Assessing High
Sensitivity in Gestalt Therapy

17:50-18:10 Ivana Vidaković:
Social Awareness and
Responsibility – Gestalt Relational
Principle in the Field

18:10-18:15 Reflection of the
Moderator

18:15-18:45 Break

18:45-20:00 Sever Jurišin:
Mapping the Soul Through a
Relational Approach

Hall Novi Park – Falkensteiner Club
Funimation, Borik Resort Complex
(at the end of the Restaurant)

15:00-16:30 Alan Medić and
Grozdana Biočić Zrilić: Body and
Gestalt – Integration of Bodily
Experience in the Therapeutic
Process

16:30-16:45 Break

16:45-18:15 Joyce Sciberras: Our
Inner Child

18:15-18:45 Break

18:45-20:00 Nina Kolanović and
Sandro Belić: "In the Beginning
There Was a Word" – Spiritual
Life as a Relational Perspective of
Healthy Human Relationships

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Borik Resort Complex

15:00-16:30 Mikela Gonzi: A
Relational Approach to Mental
Well-Being: From Individual to
Society

16:30-16:45 Break

16:45-18:15 Rose Galea: From
Surviving Trauma to Creatively
Adjusting to the Future

18:15-18:45 Break

18:45-20:00 Vesna Hercigonja
Novković: "I Don't Want to be
Here" – How to Turn Adolescent
Resistance into a Relationship

Lobby of the Conference Hall –
Hotel Donat, Borik resort complex

15:00-16:30 Workshop Marija
Stefanović and Gordana Mićović:
The Experience of the Ground in
Relation to the Here and Now

16:30-16:45 Break

16:45-18:15 Sanela Selmanović
Podrug and Kanita Selmanović –
Kulo: "Me and Anxiety" Synthesis
of Theory and Practical Skills

18:15-18:45 Break

18:45-20:00 Sanela Selmanović
Podrug: Reflection on the
Congress – Process Group for
the Congress Participants

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Day 3

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Hi Hostel Zadar – Obala Kneza Trpimira 76, Zadar (a few minutes walk from Borik hotel, near Marina)

15:00-16:30 Daina Udovicich Corelli and Bruno Barać: Life of a Psychotherapist

16:30-16:45 Break

16:45-18:15 Dragana Ilić and Dušanka Jovanović: Conflicts and Shame in Couple Relationships – Challenges for Therapists

18:15-18:45 Coffee Break

18:45-20:00 Ivica Medanić and Krunoslav Kolarić: Spirituality and Gestalt Therapy

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Lobby of the Conference Hall – Hotel Donat, Borik Resort Vompex

11:30-12:00 Berina Barakovic: The Relationship Between Emotional Overeating – Mindfulness, Perceived Stress and Religiousness

11:30-12:00 Sonja Tadej: The Gestalt Perspective in Architecture and Art: A Dialogue of Perception and Creation

11:30-12:00 Ina Delić: Reflection on the Concept of the Soul from the Perspective of Gestalt Therapy

11:30-12:00 Lana Ivezić Passini: Case Study of an Eating Disorder as Creative Adjustment: A Gestalt Perspective

11:30-12:00 Sanida Sehmehmedović: Humanistic Concept of Gestalt Through Initial Methods of Therapeutic Work

11:30-12:00 Slobodanka Velov: From Society to Broken Individuals to Survivors and Back to Society

11:30-12:00 Ines Skelac, Tihana Iviček and Leonardo Dokša: Therapy Companion: A Digital Tool for Psychotherapists

11:30-12:00 Marta Tutić: Implementing Gestalt Psychotherapy in Working with Athletes

(The poster presentations will be displayed throughout the day in the Lobby of the Conference Hall – Hotel Donat, Borik resort complex. Lecturers will be next to their posters at a time indicated in the program for questions and explanations related to their topics.)

Day 4

Sunday 14.9.2025

PLENARY LECTURES AND ROUND TABLE

Conference Hall – Hotel Donat, Borik Resort Complex

09:00-09:30 Emilija Stoimenova Canevska: The Pertinence of Supporting the Primary Relationship of the Mother-Baby System

09:30-10:00 Sophie Ducrocq Archibald: How Therapists Experience Therapeutic Relationships (presentation of findings from doctoral dissertation)

10:00-10:30 Ljiljana Božović: Relational Spirituality as a Manifestation of Spirituality in the Gestalt Therapeutic Process

10:30-11:00 Vesna Hercigonja Novković: What They Are Not Saying: Creating Therapeutic Relationship with Adolescents in Resistance

11:00-11:30 Mikela Gonzi: A Relational Approach to Mental Well Being: From Individual to Society

11:30-11:45 Questions

11:45-12:15 Coffee Break

12:15-13:15 Round table

Moderator: Sanja Bratina:

Relational Psychotherapy for What's to Come: The Future – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow.

Margareta Mesić, Mikela Gonzi, Marina Ajduković, Kirk Schneider, Vesna Hercigonja Novković, Mira Klarin

13:15-14:15 Acknowledgements, Awards Ceremony, Official Closing, and Announcement of the Next Congress