

## KONOPLJA ZDAJ

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**The Republic of Srpska Medical Association**  
**Prvog krajiškog korpusa br.4**  
**Banja Luka 78000**

To whom it may concern,

On 4 and 5 October 2019, the CANNABIS NOW conference on the use of cannabis in medicine will be held in Ljubljana, and we would be grateful if you could inform your members of it taking place.

Cannabis is again finding its way into medicine, which makes it fundamentally important for doctors and nurses to gain the requisite knowledge about its use in professional practice.

Even though the interest in the medical use of cannabis is growing, in Slovenia and in most EU member countries cannabis is still not available to patients who need it.

The conference will host Slovenian and foreign experts, who will present examples of medical cannabis use. The broader public will be able to learn about the most recent scientific findings on the topic and about the legal arrangements in Slovenia and abroad.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has recommended that medical cannabis be made available to patients and to review cannabis status under international law and the European Parliament voted for a resolution aimed at facilitating medical cannabis use in the EU. The resolution calls on member states to allow doctors to make free use of their professional judgement in prescribing regulatory-approved cannabis-based medicines to patients, to ensure that medicines which are effective in treating specific conditions are covered by health insurance schemes in the same way as other medicines, and to provide a safe and equal choice for patients between different types of cannabis-based medicine, while ensuring that patients are accompanied by specialised medical professionals during their treatment.

We hope that this year's conference, which is intended for the broader public, experts, health-care workers, politicians, public officials and students, will make it possible to take the next step in this field. The lectures and constructive discussions will allow public officials, competent decision-makers, future doctors and others to gain insight into the use of medical cannabis and to be better able to take decisions on the matter.



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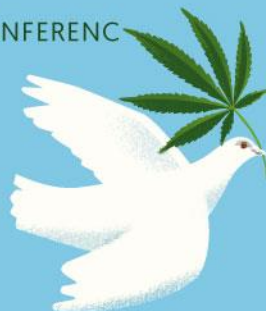
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We kindly ask you to inform your chamber's members of the conference, which, for the first time, also forms part of the licensed training programme of the Medical Chamber of Slovenia and the Chamber of Nursing and Midwifery Services of Slovenia. In accordance with EU rules, the license points acquired in one member state are valid in all EU member states. The Medical Chamber of Slovenia has awarded 12 points to the conference.

The event will allow participants to establish contact with experts who have never before been hosted in Slovenia, and we firmly believe that the knowledge gained will be useful for further doctors' and nurses' training.

Today, an increasing number of people want to learn more about medical cannabis. This can serve as an opportunity to build bridges between the scientific community, experts and patients.

**This year's congress is organised in cooperation with:**

**ICANNA, the International Institute for Cannabinoids, Ljubljana**  
**University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Health Sciences, Ljubljana**  
**University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Medicine, Centre for Developmental Neuroscience, Ljubljana**  
**National Institute of Biology, Ljubljana**  
**International Cannabis Business Conference, USA**

This year's lecturers:

**David Neubauer, PhD, MD** (University Medical Centre Ljubljana (UMCL), Paediatrics Clinic and the University of Ljubljana, Medical Faculty - Slovenia)

**“Slovenian experience with the use of cannabis and domestic cannabis products in the treatment of persistent epilepsy, certain epileptic syndromes, and encephalopathies of the childhood period”;**

**Sue Sisley, MD, PhD** (Chair of the Scottsdale Research Institute and Principal Investigator for the only FDA-approved randomized controlled trial in the world examining safety/efficacy of whole plant marijuana in combat veterans with treatment-resistant post-traumatic stress disorder, USA): **“Research barriers in the science of cannabis”;**



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**Assist. Prof. Tanja Bagar** (CEO and Chair of the Expert Council of the ICANNA, the International Institute for cannabinoids – Slovenia): **“Mitochondria and their interaction with cannabinoids”**;

**Dorothy Bray, PhD**, (pharmacist, researcher, clinical studies specialist, ImmunoClin Ltd. – United Kingdom): **“Clinical studies with cannabis and cannabinoid”**;

**Mag. Dušan Nolimal** (ICANNA, RN Institute, medical doctor, public health specialist, researcher - Slovenia): **“Cannabis, mental health and prohibition: a critical overview of the relation”**;

**Dr. Roman Štukelj** (researcher: RN Institute Ljubljana, University of Ljubljana – Faculty of Health Sciences, ICANNA - Slovenia): **“Cannabis as an essential food and its versatility”**;

**Dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek** (National Institute of Biology - Slovenia): **“Cannabis and cancer”**;

**Prof. Lumír Ondřej Hanuš** (analytical chemist and leading authority in the field of cannabis research. In 1992, he and William Anthony Devane isolated and first described the structure of anandamide. Head of research: Lumir Lab, Asana Bio Group Ltd – the Czech Republic, Israel): **“Are we treating with cannabis correctly?”**;

**Dr. Paul Hornby** (zoologist, biochemist, pathologist, researcher, chairman of the Hedron Analytical Inc. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada): **“Exploiting the benefits of cannabis”**;

**Jonathan Grunfeld, MD, PhD (ISR)**: neurologist, neuro-oncologist, Palliative Care, Asaf Harofeh Medical Center, Israel; **“Medical use of cannabis – an overview of the current condition”**;

Yours sincerely,

**Organising Committee President:**

Prof. Dr. David Neubauer

**Expert Committee President:**

Dr. Roman Štukelj



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