



14th International Symposium of GASTROENTEROLOGY

Tbilisi, Georgia | June 3–6, 2026

SHERATON GRAND TBILISI METECHI PALACE, 20 Telavi Street, Tbilisi, Georgia, 0103



Programme

Thursday: June 4, 2026

09:00–09:10

OPENING by the President of Czech Society of Gastroenterology and Vice-President of Georgian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Ilja TACHECI, CZ; Gocha BARBAKADZE, GE

09:10–10:00

KEYNOTE LECTURE: The Future of Hepatology and Metabolic Health
Arun SANYAL, US

10:00–10:30

Coffee break ☕

Session I

Screening, Surveillance and Early Cancer Treatment – Current Challenges
Chairman: Helmut MESSMANN, DE / Co-chairman: Ondrej URBAN, CZ

10:30–10:45

Pancreatic Cancer Screening: An Unattainable Goal?
Ondrej URBAN, CZ

10:45–11:00

Lessons from the Czech National Colorectal Cancer Screening Program
Stepan SUCHANEK, CZ

11:00–11:15

Barrett's Oesophagus: Still a Relevant Topic?
Helmut MESSMANN, DE

11:15–11:30

Gastric Precancerous Lesions: A Technical Challenge or an User-Related Issue?
Ilja TACHECI, CZ

11:30–11:45

The Quiet Killer in Cirrhosis: When and How to Screen for Hepatocellular Carcinoma
Tomas HUCL, CZ

11:45–12:00

Discussion

12:00–13:00

Lunch 🍽️

Session II

Fat in Focus: Cutting-Edge Approaches in the Diagnostics and Treatment of Liver Disorders and Complications
Chairman: Libor VITEK, CZ / Co-chairman: Ali CANBAY, DE

13:00–13:15

Mechanisms of Diet-Induced Hepatotoxicity and Fibrosis: Bridging Basic Research and Clinical Practice
Martin ROSSMEISL, CZ

13:15–13:30

Liver Enzymes in MASLD: What Do They Really Tell Us?
Libor VITEK, CZ

13:30–13:45

Steatosis of the Liver and Pancreas: Clinical and Pathogenetic Parallels
Alexander NERSESOV, KZ

13:45–14:00

The Liver as a Key Organ in Metabolic Health: Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)
Ali CANBAY, DE

14:00–14:15

Discussion

14:15–15:15

Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion on the Management of Metabolic Patients in the Era of GLP-1 RAs (audience interaction)

Moderator: Reinhold KREUTZ, DE

Panel: Radan BRUHA, CZ; Ali CANBAY, DE; Martin BORTLIK, CZ; Libor VITEK, CZ; Arun SANYAL, US

15:15–15:35

Coffee break ☕

Session III

Common Mistakes in Gastroenterology – Lessons from Practice
Chairman: Martin BORTLIK, CZ / Co-chairman: Jan TACK, BE

15:35–15:50

Current Challenges in Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)
Eduardo SAVARINO, IT

15:50–16:05

Challenges in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Diagnosis
Martin BORTLIK, CZ

16:05–16:20

Challenges and Pitfalls in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Functional Gastro-Intestinal Disorders
Jamilya KAIBULLAYEVA, KZ

16:20–16:35

Common Errors in Antisecretory Management
Jan TACK, BE

16:35–16:50

Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) Treatment New Paradigm – Polish Experience
Dorota WASKO-CZOPNIK, PL

16:50–17:00

Discussion

19:15–00:00

Dr. Bares Award Evening 🏆





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09:00–09:05

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Ilja TACHECI, CZ

09:05–09:45

KEYNOTE LECTURE: Metabolic Health as an Emerging Burden
Reinhold KREUTZ, DE

09:45–09:50

Introduction of the Polish Society of Gastroenterology
by Ilja TACHECI, CZ and Grazyna RYDZEWSKA-WYSZKOWSKA, PL

Session IV

The Upper Gastrointestinal Tract (GIT): Winds of Change
Chairman: Grazyna RYDZEWSKA-WYSZKOWSKA, PL /
Co-chairman: Jan TACK, BE; Jaroslaw REGULA, PL

09:50–10:05

Pros and Cons of Treatment with PPIs
Barbara SKRZYDLO-RADOMANSKA, PL

10:05–10:20

Gastrointestinal Complications of Treatment with GLP-1 RA Drugs
Anita GASIOROWSKA, PL

10:20–10:35

Functional Dyspepsia (FD): Practical Aspect of Diagnostic Procedures and Treatment Patterns in Clinical Practice
Konrad LEWANDOWSKI, PL

10:35–10:50

The Brain–Gut–Microbiota Axis: Current Concepts and Future Directions
Agata MULAK, PL

10:50–11:05

Discussion

11:05–11:30

Coffee break ☕

Session V

Unmet Clinical Needs in Upper and Lower Gastrointestinal Disorders
Chairman: Grazyna RYDZEWSKA-WYSZKOWSKA, PL

11:30–11:45

Managing Low-Grade Dysplasia – How Early is too Early?
Hirotto MIWA, JP

11:45–12:00

New Strategies for Acid Suppression, Ulcers Therapy and Gastric Mucosal Protection
Jose REMES-TROCHE, MX

12:00–12:15

Unmasking Bile Acid Diarrhea: A Common yet Overlooked Cause of Chronic Diarrhea
Piotr EDER, PL

12:15–12:30

The Bile Acid Trap: How Cholestyramine Can Change the Game
Jaroslaw DANILUK, PL

12:30–12:45

The Influence of Intestinal Microbiota on Liver Function
Ewa MALECKA-WOJCIESKO, PL

12:45–13:00

Discussion

13:00–14:00

Lunch 🍽️

14:00–15:00

EXPERTS DEBATE: Trends and Future Directions in GIT Diagnosis and Treatment – Highlights and Recommendations

Moderator: Grazyna RYDZEWSKA-WYSZKOWSKA, PL

Panel: Jan TACK, BE; Maura CORSETTI, UK; Ilja TACHECI, CZ; Jaroslaw REGULA, PL

15:00–15:20

Coffee break ☕

Session VI

The Rise of Pancreatobiliary Endoscopy

Chairman: Manuel PEREZ-MIRANDA, ES / Co-chairman: Premysl FALT, CZ

15:20–15:35

Endoscopic Treatment of Acute Cholecystitis – A Game Changer?
Premysl FALT, CZ

15:35–15:50

Distal Biliary Obstruction – Comparison of Extra-Anatomical Approaches
Manuel PEREZ-MIRANDA, ES

15:50–16:05

Difficult Choledocholithiasis and Pancreaticolithiasis – What's New?
Robert PROCHAZKA, CZ

16:05–16:20

Discussion

19:00–00:00

Networking Event

