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**VIGADÒ PALACE THEATRE CONGRESS CENTRE
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**

Birth

**Clinical Challenges
in Labor and Delivery**

PRESIDENTS: GIAN CARLO DI RENZO, ROBERTO ROMERO

HOST CHAIRPERSON: NANDOR ACS

SCIENTIFIC RATIONALE

The 11th edition of the international conference series “BIRTH: Clinical Challenges in Labor and Delivery” will be held from December 11th to 13th this year in Budapest, Hungary, at the magnificent Vigado Palace Theatre. This year’s conference is being co-organized by Semmelweis University of Budapest and the Hungarian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (MNT). Alongside the organizing presidents, prof.rs Gian Carlo Di Renzo and Roberto Romero, the event will be chaired by Prof. Nandor Acs, director of the University’s Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and president of the MNT. The conference will open on December 11th with three training courses in the morning and three in the afternoon on the most important topics related to childbirth. It will continue over the following days with main sessions, breaking news sessions, lunch workshops, and simulation sessions held concurrently with the main sessions. Over fifty international experts will join local experts, forming a large and important faculty who will discuss the most important aspects of childbirth, particularly new methods of assisting vaginal birth (OdonAssist), cesarean section techniques, the risks of labor and delivery for the mother and the fetus (postpartum hemorrhage, twin births, etc.), and the use of AI for improved management of labor and delivery. The conference will also discuss preterm birth and its prevention issues and risks for the fetus/newborn, the new challenges posed by obesity, diabetes, nutritional and lifestyle changes that can negatively impact labor, and, finally, the use of ultrasound as a tool to better diagnose labor disorders. In this regard, courses will be held alongside the main sessions, featuring ultrasound simulations. The Birth Congress - Clinical Challenges in Labor & Delivery- the leading educational and must-attend event in Birth, Labor & Delivery internationally now in its 11th edition (the first was held in Rome in 2005), continues to represent an important and highly valuable scientific event for this field of medicine and for human reproductive health care. The event aims to advance the education of physicians and other professionals, support the development and facilitate the delivery of high-quality healthcare international, locally and regionally. This edition is dedicated to Ignác Semmelweis (Buda, July 1, 1818 – Döbling, August 13, 1865), after whom Hungary’s largest University is named: he was a Hungarian physician who, in the 19th century, contributed to crucial scientific research on the prevention of infections through hand disinfection. He was awarded the prize for his important contributions to the study of contact bacterial transmission and the prevention of puerperal fever. In 1847, he discovered that, in maternity clinics, the high incidence of puerperal fever could be drastically reduced through hand disinfection. In 2013, UNESCO decided to include some documents relating to Semmelweis’s discovery in the Memory of the World Register.

MAIN TOPICS:

- The diagnosis of labor: term and preterm
- The diagnosis of failure to progress in labor
- Augmentation of labor – amniotomy, oxytocin, and new methods
- Fetal heart rate tracing interpretation
- The controversial issues about the duration of the second stage
- Assisted vaginal delivery: vacuum, forceps, OdonAssist
- Breech delivery – singleton and twins
- Pelvic floor injury during a vaginal delivery
- Fever in labor: clinical chorioamnionitis and related conditions
- Optimal methods for induction of labor: inpatient and outpatient. When to induce a patient with rupture of membranes at term
- Cesarean delivery in complicated cases (obesity, fibromyoma, etc) : surgical challenges and long term outcome
- Routine care during the third stage of labor
- Postpartum hemorrhage: medical and surgical treatment
- Alloimmunization in pregnancy and labor
- Emergencies in the labor ward: Amniotic fluid embolism, cardiovascular collapse during labor, thrombosis
- Perinatal issues in delivery and postpartum
- Puerperal fever: is still an important issue?

PRE CONGRESS COURSES :

- Gestational diabetes and obesity: labor and delivery issues
- Simulation and artificial intelligence in labor and delivery
- Preterm labor: prediction, prevention, management
- The practical use of intrapartum sonography: simulation with OPUS
- Placenta accreta spectrum (PAS) disorders: diagnosis and surgical techniques
- Vaginal delivery after cesarean: what is new?

Friday – December 11th

PRECONGRESS COURSES – Morning 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

- COURSE 1** Placenta accreta spectrum (PAS) disorders: diagnosis and surgical techniques
Chairpersons: Eric Jauniaux, UK;
Nandor Acs, Hungary;
Mohamed Momtaz, Egypt
- COURSE 2** Simulation on intrapartum and postpartum sonography
Chairpersons: Torbjorn Eggebo, Norway;
Valentina Tsibizova, Italy;
Ilenia Mappa, Italy
- COURSE 3** Diabetes and obesity: labor and delivery issues
Chairpersons: Roland Devlieger, Belgium;
Nir Melamed, Canada;
Huixia Yang, China

PRECONGRESS COURSES – Afternoon 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

- COURSE 4** Spontaneous preterm birth : prediction, prevention and management
(PREIS School Academy course)
Chairpersons: Roberto Romero, USA;
Dilly O.C. Anumba, UK
- COURSE 5** Simulation and artificial intelligence on the labor and delivery
Chairpersons: Eduardo Cordioli, Brasil;
Giuseppe Rizzo, Italy
- COURSE 6** Vaginal delivery after cesarean: what is new?
Chairpersons: Diogo Ayres do Campos, Portugal;
Bruno Carbonne, Monaco

6:00 pm Openings
The Presidents and Authorities

Opening lecture: Ignàc Semmelweis and puerperal fever: what is still relevant today and maybe we forgot
Donatella Lippi, Italy

7.00 pm Reception at Foyer of the Vigado' Theatre

Saturday, December 12th

8:00 am BREAKFAST SESSION 1
Breaking news with oral communications
Chairpersons: Valentina Tsibizova, Italy; TBA

9:00 am SESSION 1
The diagnosis of labor and assessment of labor progress
Chairpersons: Roberto Romero, USA;
Gian Carlo Di Renzo, Italy

BREAK Poster View, Exhibits

11:00 am SESSION 2
Fetal monitoring during labor: which is now the challenge with AI?
Chairpersons: Susana Pereira, UK;
Mikko Tarvonen, Finland

LUNCH Poster View, Exhibits

1:00 pm LUNCH WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1: Monitoring the mother in labor
Chairpersons: Enrico Ferrazzi, Italy;
Miroslav Wielgos, Poland

Workshop 2: TBA
Chairpersons: XXXXXXXX

2:00 pm	SESSION 3 Induction and augmentation of labor Chairpersons: Daniel Surbek, Switzerland; Loïc Sentilhes, France
BREAK	Poster View, Exhibits
4:00 pm	SESSION 4 Operative and assisted vaginal delivery Chairpersons: Joanna Crofts, UK; Nicolas Mottet, France
6:00 pm	Closing Lecture of the Day – Declining fertility, low birth rate, assisted reproductive technologies and how we are born today Luca Gianaroli, Italy
7:30 pm	Faculty Event

Sunday, December 13th

8:00 am	BREAKFAST SESSION 2 Breaking news with oral communications Chairpersons: Offer Erez, Israel; Ilenia Mappa, Italy
9:00 am	SESSION 5 Pelvic floor injury during a vaginal delivery Chairpersons: Katariina Laine, Norway; Rasha Kamel, Egypt
BREAK	Poster View, Exhibits
11:00 am	SESSION 6 Perinatal issues in delivery and postpartum Chairpersons: Apostolos Athanassiadis, Greece; Miklos Szabo, Hungary

LUNCH	Poster View, Exhibits
1:00 pm	LUNCH WORKSHOPS
Workshop 3:	The “fourth trimester” and the long term effects of pregnancy and delivery on women and children’s health Chairpersons: Yariv Yogev, Israel; Umberto Simeoni, Switzerland
Workshop 4:	Obstetrical analgesia/anesthesia: nitrous oxide, opioids, epidural, epidural-related complications Chairpersons: Emilia Guasch, Spain; Monica Siaulys, Brasil
2:00 pm	SESSION 7 Serious obstetrical emergencies in the delivery unit Chairpersons: Pavel Calda, Czech Rep; José Luis Bartha, Spain
4:00 pm	Keynote Closing Address: Beyond umbilical cord clamping: the complexities of umbilical cord management after birth Joachim Graf, Germany
4.30 pm	End of the Congress The Presidents

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION (DEADLINE 15 OCTOBER 2026)

Those wishing to submit their work to the conference are invited to submit an abstract, which will then be evaluated by the scientific committee.

Please submit online, providing all the required information and attaching the work using the template available on the website (Word file).

Submission Method: Online only via the portal, not by email.

Template: Follow the provided template, usually divided into: Introduction/Purpose, Methods, Results, Discussion/Conclusions.

Length: Respect the limits, 2,500 characters (including spaces) or approximately 300 words.

Content: Title in capital letters, anonymization in the text (sometimes required), clear indication of the clinical case or research.

Acceptance and Registration: Once accepted, the abstract will be included in the program (oral or poster) only if the presenting author registers for the conference.

Deadline: Respecting the deadline is essential, as there are no extensions.

Only 12 abstracts will be selected for oral presentation during the Breaking News session on 12 and 13 December at 8 am. Oral communications should last 8 min (followed by 2 min of Q & A)

Posters will be on display on special monitors in the exhibition area for all duration of the Congress.

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