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Day 1 27 November 2026

13:00-13:15	**Welcome and introduction** İmran Hasanoğlu (TR), Sumit Kumar Rawat (IN), Oana Sandulescu (RO)
	Session I: Viral Hepatitis Diagnostics: When to Test, What to Trust, and How to Act *Chair: Sumit Kumar Rawat*
13:15 - 13:45	**Novel diagnostics: NGS, multiplex PCR, and point-of-care platforms** Zeinab Nabil Ahmed Said (EG)
13:45 – 14:15	**Double-reflex testing for HDV and emerging biomarker strategies** Federico García (ES)
14: 15 – 14:45	**Interactive breakout: Case-based diagnostic dilemmas** Anand Kulkarni (IN)
14:45 – 15:15	**Break**
	Session II: The Overlooked Trio: Revisiting HDV, HEV, and HAV *Chair: Oana Sandulescu*
15:15 – 15:45	**HDV: A neglected threat and new treatment opportunities** Mario Mondelli (IT)
15:45 – 16:15	**HEV: From pregnancy to transplant** Antonio Rivero-Juarez (SPA)
16:15 – 16:45	**HAV: Revisiting an old virus with new epidemiological patterns** Sumit Rawat (IN)
16:45 – 17:00	**Break**
	Session III: The Classical Corner – HBV and HCV in 2026 *Chair: Rahmet Güner*
17:00 – 17:30	**HBV in 2026: Practical Updates from the Latest Global Guidelines** Imran Hasanoglu (TR)
17:30 – 18:00	**HCV at the Edge: Cirrhosis, Cancer, and Hidden Challenges** Eduardo Yepez Guevara (USA)
18:00 – 18:30	**Unfinished Stories: Resistance and Reinfection in Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C** Oana Sandulescu (RO)
18:30 – 19:00	**Day 1 Wrap up / Q&A**

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Day 2 28 November 2026

	Session IV: Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers and the Liver: What Clinicians Need to Know *Chair:* Nurcan Baykam (TR)
11:00 – 11:30	**Yellow Fever and Dengue: Hepatotropic arboviruses** Jan Felix Drexler (GER)
11:30 -12:00	**Beyond Bleeding: Liver Injury in CCHF and Its Growing Relevance Across Europe** Nurcan Baykam (TR)
12:00 -12:30	**Managing the Unmanageable: A Clinical Perspective on Ebola and Lassa Fever** Marta Mora Rillo (SPA)
12:30 – 13:30	**Break**
	Session V: Risk Stratification in Viral Hepatitis: Microbiome, Biomarkers and Predictive Models *Chair:* Antonio Rivero-Juarez
13:30 – 14:00	**Microbial Signatures Associated with Severe Hepatitis and Accelerated Disease Progression** Sumit Rawat (IN)
14:00 -14:30	**Predictive tools for cirrhosis and HCC in hepatitis patients** Güle Çınar (TR)
14:30 – 15:00	**Promising Biomarkers for Disease Progression and Treatment Response in Viral Hepatitis** Ashish Kumar Vyas (IN)
15:00 – 15:30	**Break**
	Session VI: Managing Viral Hepatitis in the Immunocompromised Host *Chair: Murat Akova*
15:30 – 16:00	**CMV and the Liver: When is Antiviral Therapy Really Needed?** Murat Akova (TR)
16:00 -16:30	**HBV/HCV Viremic Organ Donors: What is Acceptable in 2026?** İmran Hasanoğlu (TR)
16:30 -17:00	**Reactivation of Hepatitis Viruses in Cancer Patients** Harrys A. Torres (USA)
17:00 – 17:30	**Day 2 Wrap up/ Q&A**

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Day 3 29 November 2026

	Session VII: Hidden Layers of Hepatitis: Metabolic Disease, Missed Populations, and Missed Goals *Chair: İmran Hasanoğlu*
12:00 – 12:30	**The Overlapping Burden: Managing MASLD in Patients with HBV and HCV** Neven Papic (CRO)
12:30 – 13:00	**Elimination goals: Are we leaving complex patients behind?** Oana Sandulescu (RO)
13:00 -13:30	**Viral hepatitis surveillance and outbreak response in Europe** Gülşen Özkaya Şahin (SWE)
13:30 – 14:00	**Break**
	Session VII: Current Challenges and Future Directions *Chair: Neven Papic*
14:00 – 14:30	**HBV Cure Strategies: Antivirals, immune modulation, and new molecules** Ediz Tütüncü (TR)
14:30 -15:00	**HCV Vaccine Development: Challenges and opportunities** Zeinab Nabil Ahmed Said (EG)
15:00 – 15:30	**Preventing perinatal HBV transmission in the antiviral era** Ashish Kumar Vyas (IN)
15:30 – 16:00	**Break**
	Session VIII: Building Bridges: Global Collaboration in Viral Hepatitis Research *Chair: Federico García*
16:00 – 16:30	**From Idea to Impact: The Journey of a European Collaboration – The ONWARD COST Action Story** Antonio Rivero-Juarez (SPA)
16:30 -17:00	**Open Forum: Cross-Continent Perspectives in Viral Hepatitis** Imran Hasanoglu (TR), Oana Sandulescu (RO), Sumit Rawat (IN), Zeinab Nabil Ahmed Said (EG), Harrys A. Torres (USA)
17:00 – 17:30	**Closing remarks**

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