The 18th World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology Congress
WFUMB 2021

The 33rd Congress of European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology
EUROSON 2021

The 24th National Conference of The Romanian Society of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology
SRUMB 2021

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It is a great honor for Timișoara and for România to host the WFUMB Congress 2021.

The 18th World Federation for Medicine and Biology Congress in conjunction with the 2021 SRUMB Annual Conference and the EUROSON 2021, will be the most important event the year for all of us using ultrasound as a medical tool. It is also an opportunity to visit our beautiful town, “The Little Vienna” or “The City of Flowers”, as Timișoara is called, and to discover the Romanian hospitality.

WFUMB 2021 will maintain the tradition of a balanced program, including a range of postgraduate courses focused on different fields of ultrasound and will also bring the newest information in diagnostic and interventional ultrasonography, covering the usual broad range of topics. The scientific committees assure you that WFUMB 2021 will be an excellent opportunity for continuous medical education for everyone, from the general practitioners to the scientists and researchers.

The local organizing committee and the Românian Society of Ultrasound (SRUMB) are delighted to be your hosts and invite you to join this event, to explore the beauty of Timișoara and România, and to enjoy the special social events that will be prepared for this meeting. For four days, between 26-29 May 2021 Timișoara will be The World Capital of Ultrasound.

We are looking forward to welcome you in Timișoara in 2021.

Congress president
Prof. Ioan Sporea
DEAR WFUMB FAMILY MEMBERS,

I am delighted to invite all WFUMB family members to WFUMB 2021 which will be held in May 2021 in a beautiful historic and cultural city, Timișoara România.

WFUMB is a world federation encompassing the whole world by six regional and 93 country-based scientific societies with ultrasound specialty. It means that WFUMB has so great diversity in ultrasound and also in various other aspects including history, culture, geography, and nature. I am sure that you will feel another very unique end of the historic and cultural diversity of the world through WFUMB 2021. By learning and understanding this diversity, WFUMB will be a healthier society doing its best to fulfill its mission, “to bring sustainable ultrasound programs to the underserved areas of the world to improve global healthcare through collaboration, communication, and education”.

The best example of realizing WFUMB’s mission are the centers of education (COE). Now WFUMB runs 13 COEs including Romanian COE which is one of the most actively working center. This will be an excellent model that an ultrasound society which runs one of the WFUMB COEs hosts WFUMB congress. I trust WFUMB 2021 will be one of the best WFUMB congresses under the leadership of Congress President Ioan Sporea, EFSUMB President Adrian Saftoiu, and SRUMB President Alina Popescu. As the President of WFUMB, I will do my best and look forward to WFUMB 2021 a wonderful and memorable congress to all attendees.

WFUMB president

Prof. Seung Hyup Kim
DEAR COLLEAGUES AND PARTNERS,

The European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology - EFSUMB is delighted to invite you to the most important event of the year 2021 for the ultrasound community – The WFUMB Congress 2021 in conjunction with EUROSON 2021 and the 2021 SRUMB Annual Conference in Timișoara, România.

This meeting will provide physicians of all specialties with the opportunity to meet, discuss and learn about all current trends in Ultrasound and the latest technological developments, industry breakthroughs and guidelines for ultrasound applications. The congress will focus on new developments in ultrasound, but will also promote educational activities, in accordance also to EFSUMB’s motto – “Educating all for competence to practice ultrasound safely”.

With the help of your active participation we would like to have an exciting meeting, to spend together four wonderful days and to enjoy Românian hospitality. We are looking forward to welcome you and your colleagues in Timișoara in 2021.

EFSUMB president
Prof. Adrian Săftoiu
DEAR COLLEAGUES AND PARTNERS,

The Românian Society of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology – SRUMB has the great honor to be the hosting society for the most important event of the ultrasound community in 2021, the WFUMB Congress.

Between May 26-29, 2021 Timișoara will be The World Capital of Ultrasound, with three major ultrasound events in conjunction: The 18th World Federation for Medicine and Biology Congress, the 33rd Congress of EFSUMB - EUROSON 2021 and the 24th National Conference of The Românian Society of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology.

As your hosts we will try to surprise you with a rich and interesting scientific program but also with the Românian hospitality, and offer you the experience of our nice city, Timișoara.

We hope that you will experience a unique time in România and in Timișoara, and that you will enjoy all the surprises that the organizing committee is preparing for you.

So please join us for a wonderful WFUMB Congress in 2021 in Timișoara!

SRUMB president
Prof. Alina Popescu
SOME TOPICS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Postgraduate courses:
- Point of care Ultrasound (POCUS)
- Ultrasound for the General Practitioner
- Breast Ultrasound
- Muskuloskeletal Ultrasound
- Emergency and Critical Care Ultrasound
- Vascular Ultrasound
- Ultrasound in Gynecology
- Echocardiography

Other topics:
- CEUS
- Elastography
- Ultrasound in Urology
- Ultrasound in Dermatology
- Neonatal and Pediatrics
- Gastrointestinal US
- EUS
- Interventional US
- Head and Neck

ACCESIBILITY

Timișoara has direct international connectivity to major cities in Europe or via connecting flights from Bucharest. The Timișoara airport handles more than 1.7 million passengers annually.

Distance between Timișoara and the main surrounding capitals:
- Timișoara – Belgrade (Serbia) 170 km
- Timișoara – Budapest (Hungary) 280 km
- Timișoara – Bucharest (România) 480 km
- Timișoara – Sofia (Bulgaria) 500 km
- Timișoara – Viena (Austria) 520 km
- Timișoara – Bratislava (Slovakia) 540 km

Timișoara International Airport provides flights at regular intervals to the main cities inland and abroad such as from:
- Bucharest
- Munchen
- London
- Frankfurt am Main and Frankfurt Hahn
- Tel Aviv
- Barcelona
- Paris
- Berlin
- Dublin
- Bruxelles
10 REASONS TO VISIT TIMIȘOARA

2021 EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE
In September 2016, Timișoara was elected 2021 European Capital of Culture, a title it shares with Novi Sad in Serbia and Eleusis, Greece. For one calendar year, the city will host a series of cultural events with a European dimension, such as exhibitions, concerts, plays and many more.

FASCINATING HISTORY
Timișoara has been inhabited since ancient times, by Dacians and later the Romans, who named it Castrum Temesiense. First mentioned in 1212 as a citadel, by the 14th century it became an important outpost in the fight between Christendom and the Muslim Ottoman Turks. It was here that Hungarian and French crusaders gathered before the Battle of Nicopolis (1396), one of the last large scale crusades. From the 18th century, it developed around the fortified nucleus and later transitioned towards becoming an important economic and industrial centre. The city flourished between the interwar period and the Communist period, when its population tripled. On 22 December 1989, following a popular uprising, Timișoara became the first Românian city free of communism, starting the Românian Revolution which toppled Ceaușescu’s regime.

TRUE MULTICULTURALISM
Throughout its history, Timișoara has been a melting pot of cultures. An important Muslim community in the 17th century during Ottoman rule, and later, Hungarians, Serbs, Germans and Jewish all called the city their home.
Currently, the Românian Opera House, the imposing building in Victoriei Square, hosts the Opera, as well as the Mihai Eminescu Românian National Theatre, the German State Theatre and the Csiky Gergely Hungarian State Theatre. Moreover, services at the Catholic Dome are held even today in Românian, Hungarian and German languages.

UNIVERSITY CENTER
Ever since King Ferdinand I awarded Timișoara the status of University centre in 1920, the city has attracted the brightest minds in the country and beyond.
Timișoara now has four public universities and as many private ones. The student population of the city, totalling around 60,000 students, lends the city a fresh, youthful vibe.
“LITTLE VIENNA”

Timişoara also called the “Little Vienna” is the third largest city in România. Its reputation as the city of flowers and parks comes from the large number of parks and cycle routes in the city, but particularly for the prestige that the city won since the nineteenth century, as many flower growers especially roses, famous throughout Europe, used to live here. With its rich history, vibrant cultural scene, lively terraces and cafés and robust student population, Timişoara, the 2021 European Capital of Culture is România’s must-visit city.

STUNNING ARCHITECTURE

Timişoara’s architecture is the first thing that stands out when it comes to the city’s rich cultural heritage with 14500 historical buildings. Standing tall at 80 meters, with its 11 towers, and seven bells, the Timişoara Metropolitan Cathedral is one of the most imposing buildings in the city. Its cupola is built in Moldavian style, while the side arches are in Byzantine style and the mosaic floors recreate motifs found in Banat style rugs. The City Hall and the Neuhaus Palace, designed by talented Hungarian-born architect Laszlo Szekely, add to the list of architectural landmarks of the city. The Catholic Dome is the most important Baroque monument in the Banat region. Its sumptuous interior features nine altars decorated in rococo style, made by Viennese painters and sculptors. Not least, Art Nouveau buildings are scattered all around the area of the former citadel. The Dicasterial Palace, hosting the Palace of Justice, is a copy of the Palazzo Medici in Florence.

LIVELY CULTURAL SCENE

The third most populous city in România, Timişoara has no less than four theatres, namely the Mihai Eminescu National Theatre, the German State Theatre, the Csiky Gergely Hungarian State Theatre, and the Merlin Puppet Theatre.

The city also has several museums hosted by some of Timişoara’s landmark buildings. The Art Museum, hosted by the Baroque Palace in the Unirii Square, the Banat Museum that occupies the Huniade Castle, and the open-air Museum of Banat Village are not to be missed. The Palace of the Serbian Episcopacy offers a surprisingly well curated collection of art and rare books. Plus, Timişoara also has an Opera, a Philharmonic, plenty of art galleries and hosts over 30 festivals every year.

ELECTRIFYING PAST

In 1884 Timişoara was the first mainland European city and just second in the world – after New York – to have electric public street lighting. After the city’s contract with the Viennese company that supplied it with the gas used for lighting ended, the city decided to take a shot on a new revolutionary public lighting system. On 12 November, 731 electric lamps were used to light the streets of Timişoara, paving the way for its bright future. The two lamps in front of the Huniade Castle, hosting the Banat Museum, are a reminder of just that.
The capital of the Banat region was also the second European city, and first in România, to introduce horse-drawn trams in 1869.

AMAZING FOOD

The city’s old centre is full of cafés, restaurants and ice cream parlours catering to all tastes. The highlights of the Banat cuisine, such as pork specialties, Ciolan cu varză and Pulpă de porc la tavă or Mâncare de brozbeas well as plenty of deserts will provide you with a hearty meal after a day full of sightseeing.
12 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD VISIT ROMÂNIA

IT’S HOME TO BREATHTAKING NATURE
Due to its varied landscape, România is the most biogeographically diverse country in the European Union. With snow-capped mountains, green hills covered in forests and vineyards, sandy Black Sea beaches and Europe’s largest and best preserved delta, România has something for everyone.

THE WILDLIFE IS SPECTACULAR
România is one of the best places in Europe to go wildlife watching. Home to the largest population of brown bears in the EU, its forests are also a prime habitat for lynx, wolves, deer, chamois, badgers and more. The Danube Delta – the ultimate birdwatcher’s paradise – and the bison reservations are a must-visit for any wildlife lover.

HIKING HERE IS A POINT OF PRIDE
There’s no better way to discover the Carpathian mountains than through hikes. Regardless of whether you choose a beginners’ walk on the saddle of the mountain or an advanced hike, you will enter a wild space so vast that you’ll see nature in a whole new light.

NATURAL WONDERS ARE PAR FOR THE COURSE
România is home to Scărișoara Glacier, Europe’s second biggest underground glacier, the Berca mud volcanoes, Bigăr waterfall, one of the most beautiful waterfalls on the continent, the living fires of Buzău and Turda salt mine, home to the only underground amusement park in the world.

HISTORY IS EVERYWHERE
România has been inhabited since prehistoric times – the 34,950 year old human remains found in Caraș-Severin in 2002 are among the oldest ever found in Europe. In modern times, the country’s history was shaped by major ideologies and conflicts that swept through Europe, leaving behind a unique mix of collective experiences and values.

THERE’S SOME SERIOUSLY STUNNING ARCHITECTURE
România is full of architectural treasures. In particular, Bucharest offers an unusual and sometimes uneasy mix of styles that combines the charming and almost organic shapes of 19th century architecture with the rigid lines of the Stalinist architecture.

THE FOOD IS MOUTH-WATERING
Românian cuisine is built around hearty, high calorie dishes designed to be the ultimate comfort food. With a strong focus on taste and quality of ingredients, it will win you over with its unfussy, unmistakably homemade feel.
THERE ARE THRILLING FESTIVALS APLENTY

Festivals are the liveliest and most exciting side of România culture. From local festivals that gather the whole village in celebration of a local flower or fruit, to electronic music and music festivals and week-long classical music celebrations, România will surprise you with the variety of its culture.

THE WORLD HERITAGE SITES ARE AWE-INSPIRING

România is home to no less than eight World Heritage Sites just waiting to be explored: the painted churches of Moldavia, the Dacian fortresses of the Orâştie Mountains, the historic centre of Sighișoara, the Danube Delta, the Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other regions of Europe (shared), the Monastery of Horezu, the Villages with fortified churches in Transylvania and the Wooden Churches of Maramureș.

LEGENDS AND CUSTOMS ARE PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE

In România, legends and customs are still alive and occupy a significant part of Românians’ lives, particularly around religious feasts. Nearly everyone will receive caroller at Christmas, paint eggs red and knock them on Easter and smear their door and window sills with garlic on St. Andrew to keep the evil spirits at bay.

FOLK CULTURE IS STILL GOING STRONG

Românian folk culture has experienced a revival in recent years and is constantly being rediscovered and reinterpreted by local designers and craftsmen. In particular, the traditional Românian blouse, ‘ia’, is worn by women of all ages and celebrated via an annual festival organised by a local NGO.
REGISTRATION FEES

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ONLINE REGISTRATION

We are excited to announce that registration for the WFUMB 2021 congress will open on **1st of September 2020** on the website [www.wfumb2021.com](http://www.wfumb2021.com)

VENUE

Timișoara Convention Center  
Str Mărășești nr 1-3, Timișoara, România

**20 JANUARY 2021**  
Deadline abstract submission

**25 FEBRUARY 2021**  
Deadline early bird registration fee

**10 MAY 2021**  
Deadline regular registration