



# 4<sup>th</sup> Vladimir Totović – Memorial Symposium

June 20, 2026, 08:50 – 16:20 (CET)

## **One Day Virtual Symposium**

Organized by the German Division of IAP  
& the  
Vladimir Totović -Foundation



**Vladimir Totović** was born in Novi Sad, the capital of the autonomous province of Vojvodina (Serbia) on May 9, 1924.

Because of WW II he finished gymnasium in 1946. He started studying medicine in Prague and changed after 4 semesters to Zagreb Medical School, where his talent was immediately recognized by Prof. Sergej Saltykow (head of the Department of Pathology) and his coworker and successor Prof. Zlatko Kopač. Totović graduated from medical school in 1953 and immediately started his residency in Anatomic Pathology, which he finished in 1959. In the same year he made his first educational visit to Bonn. In 1960 he obtained the prestigious Humboldt scholarship to study the application of histochemical methods in Marburg and electron microscopy in Bonn. He proceeded his research work with a PhD thesis and habilitation in 1968 and became an extraordinary professor in Bonn in 1971. He was a brilliant teacher and was taking part in many textbooks.

For his whole life he stayed in contact with the Institute of Pathology of the Zagreb Medical School and together with his wife Olga he promoted the contacts between this institute and German pathology by supporting applications of Croatian colleagues for Humboldt scholarships as well as during their stays in Germany.

Totović was one of the founding members of the German IAP Division (GDIAP) in 1964/ 1965 and actively involved in the organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the GDIAP in 1972. Under the presidency of Prof. Walter Sandritter he organized educational programs according to the educational structure of the IAP, particularly to that of the US and Canadian Division. Except from the annual meetings, he established one day courses to different topics (“tutorials”) and a self-education program with slide collections and handouts. 1980 he was elect to the board of directors of the GDIAP and subsequently became secretary/ treasurer and hold this position until his death on September 5, 1997. In this period the GDIAP experienced an important developmental step including its headquarter in Bonn.

The GDIAP honors Vladimir Totovic for his enormous contributions to the IAP. In his memory the Vladimir Totovic Foundation was founded in 2014 at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the GDIAP in particular to support pathology and its trainees with a special focus on young pathologists from underserved countries.

**The Vladimir Totović Foundation** is a non-profit foundation in the fiduciary administration of the Donors' Association for the Promotion of Sciences and Humanities in Germany for the promotion of pathology and its young academics. It was established in 2014 by the German Division of the International Academy of Pathology German Section. The purpose of the foundation is in particular the promotion of scientifically based further and advanced training in pathology, including the examination methods used in their interdisciplinary significance for the whole of medicine. The Foundation provides its support primarily from donations.

More information are available on [Vladimir Totovic - Stiftung zur Förderung der Pathologie | Deutsches Stiftungszentrum \(deutsches-stiftungszentrum.de\)](https://www.deutsches-stiftungszentrum.de)

### **Funding priorities**

#### **Vladimir Totović Research Prize**

The Vladimir Totovic Research Award recognizes outstanding research achievements of internationally renowned pathologists. The prize money of 5,000 € includes the award of the Vladimir Totovic Medal and the Vladimir Totovic Lecture by the awardee. The selection of the awardees is made by the Foundation's Board of Trustees; self-application is not possible.

#### **Vladimir Totovic Research Fellowships**



Research fellows may apply for a stipend and research funding for a maximum three-month project closely related to academic pathology. The aim is to promote early scientific independence through an independent project leader. This requires a transfer from Germany to a foreign institution or from a foreign institution to Germany. Applications in accordance with the guidelines for research grants can be submitted by June 30 and December 31. The decision is made by the Foundation's Board of Trustees on the basis of independent expert opinions, taking into account the total budget available for funding. The scholarships are open to physicians and scientists of related disciplines with a qualifying degree.

#### **Vladimir Totovic Travel Grants**

Travel grants can be applied for participation in a German or international congress of pathology or in a symposium of the International Academy of Pathology. It is a prerequisite that the applicant provides evidence of his or her own scientific contribution (poster presentation or lecture). Applications according to the guidelines for travel grants can be submitted at any time. The decision will be made by the Board of Trustees within 8 weeks.

The foundation gladly accepts applications for research and travel grants.

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CET		TOPIC	Title	Speaker
08:50	09:00		Welcome / Introduction	Irene Esposito / Sabina Berezowska
09:00	09:20	GI	Selected tumors of the upper Gastrointestinal tract	Reinhard Büttner
09:20	09:40	GI	Pathology of Inflammatory Conditions of the Upper GI Tract	Rupert Langer
09:40	10:00	URO	Differential diagnostic of clear cell renal Tumors	Arndt Hartmann
10:00	10:20	URO	Controversies in grading of non-muscle invasive bladder cancer	Murali Varma
10:20	10:40		<b>Coffee Break</b>	
10:40	11:00	GYN	Current approach to endometrial precursor lesions and its differential diagnosis	Sigurd Lax
11:00	11:20	GYN	HPV-independent cervical intraepithelial neoplasia- an emerging entity in gynecologic pathology.	Simona Stolnicu
11:20	11:40	Head & Neck	Recently established and emerging mesenchymal neoplasms of head and neck (pre-recorded)	Abbas Agaimy
11:40	12:00	Head & Neck	What's up in Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (pre-recorded)	Cécile Badoual
12:00	12:40		<b>LUNCH</b>	
12:40	13:00	BREAST	Papillary lesions of the breast	Janina Kulka
13:00	13:20	BREAST	Overview of histological subtypes of invasive breast carcinoma with an emphasis on the new WHO classification (2026)	Magali Lacroix-Triki
13:20	13:40	LIVER/PANCREAS/BILE	Precursor lesions of the pancreas and the bile duct system: new aspect from the WHO 6th edition	Irene Esposito
13:40	14:00	LIVER/PANCREAS/BILE	Hepatocellular adenomas: an heterogenous pathological entity with clinical issues	Valérie Paradis
14:00	14:20	Cytology	Difficult diagnoses and pitfalls in serous effusion cytopathology	Marianne Engels
14:20	14:40		Interpretation of mesothelial proliferations in serous fluid cytopathology	Ashish Chandra
14:40	15:00		<b>Coffee Break</b>	
15:00	15:20	ORTHOPAEDIC PATHOLOGY	Current Updates in non-neoplastic orthopaedic pathology - I	Jozef Zustin
15:20	15:40	ORTHOPAEDIC PATHOLOGY	Current Updates in non-neoplastic orthopaedic pathology - II	Veit Krenn
15:40	16:00	LUNG	A pulmonary case mix	Christiane Kümpers
16:00	16:20	LUNG	Memorable thoracic pathology cases	Sanjay Mukhopadhyay
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**Course description:**

This intensive course is designed for practicing pathologists as well as pathologists in training and offers a wide range of different topics which consists lecture, case teaching and discussion.

**Course language:** English

**Course format:**

Virtual One Day Symposium - The sessions will be recorded and available for registered delegates 3 months on demand.

**Course fee:**

EUR 110,00: Regular / Specialists

EUR 60,00: Residents / Physicians in further education program\*

Free of charge: Pathologists from Ukraine

*\*Resident status must be confirmed by a formal declaration from the Head of Department issued in 2026. The requested document can be uploaded during registration process.*

*Pathologists from under-resourced countries are eligible for free registration. Please explain why a bursary is needed and upload the document during the online registration process.*

**Registration:**

You can register online through the event page. Select REGISTER NOW and enter your data. A confirmation of registration and the invoice will send to the participant. Deadline for Registration is June 12, 2026.

**Payment** must be made in EUR. All charges for bank transfer are to be paid by participant.

Account holder: German Division of the IAP, Sparkasse KölnBonn, IBAN: DE05 3705 0198 0010 6520 89, BIC: COLSDE33

**Cancellation** is possible until June 12, 2026. Course fee minus a service charge of € 30,00 will be refunded. No refund will be made after this date.

**Accreditation:**

An application will be made to the UEMS EACCME® for CME accreditation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Vladimir Totovic – Memorial Symposium.

CME credits will be granted for virtual “live” participation. Please note, that no CME credits can be granted for on demand viewing only.

**Course certificate:** Delegates who attend virtually and provide feedback will receive the certificate (PDF form) shortly after the event via E-Mail.

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