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# BULEND



# 2026

## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY

*Organiser: Bulgarian Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists  
with a section on gastrointestinal endoscopy – BASGO*

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



HALL 3

National Palace of Culture

Sofia 26-27 June 2026



## **ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

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*Dear colleagues,*

*Following the great success of "Bulendo 2024", which brought together the endoscopy community in Bulgaria and was highly appreciated by both participants and pharmaceutical and medical companies, we are pleased to invite you to the next edition – "Bulendo 2026", which will take place on 26–27 June 2026 at the National Palace of Culture, Sofia, Bulgaria.*

*The symposium will continue its tradition of being a centre for training, professional discussions and practical demonstrations, but this time it will build on an even richer programme and the participation of leading global endoscopists, who will perform live demonstrations, broadcast directly from the operating theatres of the Gastroenterology Clinic at the Military Medical Academy in Sofia, Bulgaria.*


*Our goal remains the same – to improve and unite the endoscopy community, as well as to build bridges to international practices and standards.*

*On behalf of the Organising Committee, we invite you to join us and be part of this event, which will provide new ideas, knowledge and professional contacts!*

*Yours sincerely,*



*President of BASGO:  
Ivelin Takorov*



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# PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

*The scientific programme is prepared and controlled entirely by the Organising Committee of the symposium, independently of the sponsors. The programme is subject to change. The Organising Committee reserves the right to update the titles of lectures, the names of speakers and the sequence of sessions without reducing the scientific time or changing the overall structure of the symposium.*

*All live demonstrations will be conducted with the informed consent of patients and in compliance with safety and personal data protection standards.*

*The symposium will be submitted for accreditation by the Bulgarian Medical Association for continuing medical education. Company symposiums are clearly distinguished from the accredited programme and are not subject to certification by the BMA.*

## 26 June 2026 (Friday)

<b>08:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<i>Organiser</i>
<b>08:30 – 09:00</b>	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SYMPOSIUM</b>	<i>Scientific Committee</i>
<b>09:00 – 10:20</b>	<b>Plenary scientific session 1</b> <i>endoscopic procedures broadcast live from the operating theatre</i>	<i>Scientific Committee</i>
<b>10:20 – 10:40</b>	<b>MORNING COFFEE BREAK</b>	<i>Organiser</i>
<b>10:40 – 12:00</b>	<b>Plenary scientific session 2</b> <i>endoscopic procedures broadcast live from the operating theatre</i>	<i>Scientific Committee</i>
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Company symposium 1</b> <i>sponsored by [Company 1]</i>	<i>Company</i>
<b>13:00 – 13:50</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<i>Organiser</i>
<b>13:50 – 15:10</b>	<b>Plenary scientific session 3</b> <i>endoscopic procedures broadcast live from the operating theatre</i>	<i>Scientific Committee</i>
<b>15:10 – 16:10</b>	<b>Company symposium 2</b> <i>sponsored by [Company 2]</i>	<i>Company</i>
<b>16:10 – 16:30</b>	<b>AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK</b>	<i>Organiser</i>
<b>16:30 – 17:50</b>	<b>Plenary scientific session 4</b> <i>endoscopic procedures broadcast live from the operating theatre</i>	<i>Scientific Committee</i>
<b>17:50 – 18:20</b>	<b>Company Symposium 3</b> <i>sponsored by [Company 3]</i>	<i>Company</i>

<b>18:20 – 19:00</b>	<b>Plenary scientific session 5</b> <i>summary of the endoscopic procedures performed during the day</i>	Scientific Committee
<b>20:00</b>	<b>WORKING DINNER</b> organised by the association, part of the official programme – no additional charge. <i>(Informal meeting for exchange of experience between participants and lecturers in an educational format.)</i>	Organiser

## 27 June 2026 (Saturday)

<b>08:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	Organiser
<b>08:00 – 09:20</b>	<b>Plenary scientific session 1</b> <i>endoscopic procedures broadcast live from the operating theatre</i>	Scientific Committee
<b>09:20 – 10:20</b>	<b>Company symposium 1</b> <i>sponsored by [Company 1]</i>	Company
<b>10:20 – 10:40</b>	<b>MORNING COFFEE BREAK</b>	Organiser
<b>10:40 – 12:00</b>	<b>Plenary scientific session 2</b> <i>endoscopic procedures broadcast live from the operating theatre</i>	Scientific Committee
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Company Symposium 2</b> <i>sponsored by [Company 2]</i>	Company
<b>13:00 – 13:50</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	Organiser
<b>13:50 – 15:10</b>	<b>Plenary scientific session 3</b> <i>endoscopic procedures broadcast live from the operating theatre</i>	Scientific Committee
<b>15:10 – 15:40</b>	<b>Company symposium 3</b> <i>sponsored by [Company 3]</i>	Company
<b>15:40 – 16:00</b>	<b>AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK</b>	Organiser
<b>16:00 – 17:20</b>	<b>Plenary scientific session 4</b> <i>endoscopic procedures broadcast live from the operating theatre</i>	Scientific Committee
<b>17:20 – 17:50</b>	<b>Company symposium 4</b> <i>sponsored by [Company 4]</i>	Company
<b>17:50 – 18:30</b>	<b>Plenary scientific session 5</b> <i>summary of the endoscopic procedures performed during the day</i>	Scientific Committee
<b>18:30 – 19:00</b>	<b>CLOSING OF THE SYMPOSIUM</b>	Scientific Committee

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## DATE AND VENUE

26 – 27 June 2026

### PLENARY SESSIONS

**Hall 3, National Palace of Culture, Sofia, Bulgaria**

*The working language of the symposium will be English.*

*No simultaneous interpretation will be provided.*

26 June 2026

### WORKING DINNER

**DIAMOND Hall, Congress Center at Ramada by Wyndham Sofia City Center, Sofia, Bulgaria.**

*The hotel has the necessary hall and capacity to host the working dinner included in the programme, which provides logistical convenience.*

## REGISTRATION

*The event is intended for **healthcare professionals only**. Accompanying persons are not allowed to attend; exceptions will be made only in cases of proven medical necessity of the participant. Persons without medical qualifications will not be admitted to the scientific and exhibition areas of the symposium.*

***The registration fee includes: a conference kit with materials, access to all sessions and the exhibition area, coffee breaks, lunches and a working dinner.***

***Medical students have free access to the scientific programme of the symposium, excluding daily meals and working dinner. Admission is granted upon presentation of a **valid student ID card** at the registration desk during the days of the symposium.***

*Fees are differentiated according to participant category and registration period. They are listed in euros, in accordance with the official transition of the Republic of Bulgaria to the euro on 1 January 2026. The approximate equivalent in levs is indicated in brackets, calculated at the fixed exchange rate of the Bulgarian National Bank: 1 EUR = 1.95583 BGN.*

<b>Category / Registration period</b>	<b>Until 28 February 2026 incl.</b>	<b>Until 31 May 2026 incl.</b>	<b>After 1 June 2026</b>
<b>Doctors</b>	<b>220 EUR</b> (430.28 BGN)	<b>240 EUR</b> (469.40 BGN)	<b>260 EUR</b> (508.52 BGN)
<b>Specialists-in- training</b>	<b>190 EUR</b> (371.61 BGN)	<b>210 EUR</b> (410.72 BGN)	<b>230 EUR</b> (449.84 BGN)
<b>Nurses</b>	<b>150 EUR</b> (293.37 BGN)	<b>170 EUR</b> (332.49 BGN)	<b>190 EUR</b> (371.61 BGN)
<b>Students</b> (access only to the scientific part of the symposium)	<b>Free</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Free</b>

## ACCOMMODATION

For the convenience of participants, **the hotel facilities at Ramada by Wyndham Sofia City Center (4-star)** has been selected as the recommended place to stay due to its close proximity to the symposium venue and its capacity to accommodate a large number of guests within a single complex. The planned accommodation is in standard business rooms, providing the necessary comfort while complying with the requirements for transparency and economy.

The deadline for vacating unoccupied hotel rooms is **31 May 2026**. Please make your accommodation requests by this date to ensure availability.

Accommodation prices are quoted in euros, in line with the Republic of Bulgaria's official transition to the euro on 1 January 2026. The approximate equivalent in leva is indicated in brackets, calculated at the fixed exchange rate of the Bulgarian National Bank: 1 EUR = 1.95583 BGN.

<b>Ramada by Wyndham Sofia City Center Sofia, 131 Knyaginya Maria Luiza Blvd.</b>	<b>Single room with breakfast included</b>	<b>Double room with breakfast included</b>
<b>Standard business room</b>	<b>90 EUR</b> (176.02 BGN) / night	<b>110 EUR</b> (215.14 BGN) / night

## COMPANY PARTICIPATION – GENERAL SPONSORSHIP

The BULENDO 2026 symposium offers pharmaceutical and medical companies the opportunity to actively participate through sponsorship packages that combine scientific presence and corporate visibility. All forms of support comply with the requirements of Ethical MedTech, ARPharm and the Bulgarian Medical Association, ensuring transparency and balance between scientific content and industrial participation. The list of sponsors/exhibitors will be publicly available in the official symposium materials.

General sponsorships must be declared by **31 January 2026 at the latest and paid by 31 March 2026**. After this deadline, the remaining (if any) available places for company symposiums and exhibition stands will be allocated. Sponsors will be given **priority in selecting** a place in the pre-approved symposium programme and exhibition area **according to their level of support**, with the highest package receiving first choice. The allocation of stands will be carried out on the same principle. The remaining available places (if any) for symposiums and stands will be allocated in the order of payment.

**IMPORTANT: The content of company symposiums is prepared and presented by the respective company under their responsibility. Promotional materials/branding are not allowed in accredited sessions and halls during the scientific programme.**

All amounts for general sponsorship and company participation are stated in euros, in accordance with the official transition of the Republic of Bulgaria to the euro on 1 January 2026. The approximate equivalent in Bulgarian leva is indicated in brackets, calculated at the fixed exchange rate of the Bulgarian National Bank: 1 EUR = 1.95583 BGN.



### Platinum sponsor – 22 000 EUR (43 028.26 BGN)

#### ➤ Choice between:

- A stand of up to 12 sq. m. and a company symposium of up to 60 minutes, **or**
- A company symposium with a total duration of up to 120 minutes, divided into two separate sessions of a maximum of 60 minutes each within the pre-approved programme.

#### ➤ Additionally:

- 8 full participation packages, as described in the "Registration" section, for company representatives.
- Maximum visibility (logo on all materials – registration desk, photo wall, screens, badges)
- Opportunity to place company materials at the registration desk.



### **Gold sponsor – 18 000 EUR (35 204.94 BGN)**

➤ **Choice between:**

- *A stand of up to 8 sq. m. and a company symposium of up to 30 min. **or***
- *A company symposium of up to 60 minutes, included in the pre-approved programme, **or***
- *A stand up to 12 sq. m.*

➤ **Additionally:**

- *6 full participation kits, as described in the "Registration" section, for company representatives.*
- *Maximum visibility (logo on all materials – registration desk, photo wall, badges)*



### **Silver sponsor – 13 000 EUR (25 425.79 BGN)**

➤ **Choice between:**

- *A stand up to 4 sq. m. and a company symposium up to 10 min. **or***
- *Company symposium 30 min., included in the pre-approved programme **or***
- *Stand up to 8 sq. m.*

➤ **Additionally:**

- *4 full participation kits, as described in the "Registration" section, for company representatives.*
- *Logo visibility (photo wall, badges)*



### **Bronze sponsor – 7 000 EUR (13 690.81 BGN)**

➤ **Choice between:**

- *A stand up to 4 sq. m. **or***
- *A company symposium of up to 10 minutes, included in the pre-approved programme.*

➤ **Additionally:**

- *2 full participation packages, as described in the "Registration" section, for company representatives.*
- *Logo visibility (photo wall)*

## COMPANY PARTICIPATION - STANDS

<i>Stand size</i>	<i>Price EUR (BGN)</i>	<i>Full sets included for company representatives (as described in the "Registration" section)</i>
<i>Up to 4 sq. m.</i>	<b>1 700 EUR</b> (3 324.91 BGN)	1 set
<i>Up to 8 sq. m.</i>	<b>3 200 EUR</b> (6 258.65 BGN)	2 sets
<i>Up to 12 sq. m.</i>	<b>4 400 EUR</b> (8 605.65 BGN)	3 sets

## COMPANY PARTICIPATION – SYMPOSIUMS

<i>Duration per symposium</i>	<i>Price EUR (BGN)</i>	<i>Full sets included for company representatives (as described in the "Registration" section)</i>
<i>Up to 10 min.</i>	<b>1 100 EUR</b> (2 151.41 BGN)	1 set
<i>Up to 30 min</i>	<b>2 600 EUR</b> (5 085.16 BGN)	2 sets
<i>Up to 60 min.</i>	<b>3 300 EUR</b> (6 454.23 BGN)	3 sets

*For additional participants (beyond those included in the full packages), companies can order coffee break, lunch and working dinner packages at the following prices:*

- coffee break*      **15 EUR** (29.34 BGN)/number
- lunch*            **30 EUR** (58.67 BGN)/number
- working dinner*    **50 EUR** (97.79 BGN)

## **PAYMENT**

*All prices include VAT and are payable by bank transfer **after processing and confirmation** of the relevant application for participation sent to the e-mail address below. An invoice will be issued after payment has been made.*

**BULGARIAN ASSOCIATION OF SURGEONS, GASTROENTEROLOGISTS AND ONCOLOGISTS WITH A SECTION ON GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY (BASGO)**

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