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**Inaugural Collaboration Meeting between
Kepler University Hospital and Vilnius University Clinic.
1st scientific meeting between the Baltic
and the Austrian Chapter of E-AHPBA.**

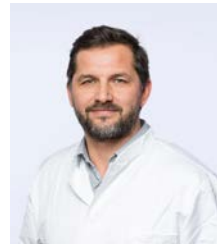
Thursday, 17 September 2026,
Johannes Kepler University Linz, Medical Faculty

Information.

We are pleased to invite you to the official signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between Kepler University Hospital, Linz, and Vilnius University Clinic, as well as the inaugural collaboration event between the Baltic Chapter and the Austrian Chapter of E-AHPBA. This event will take place at Kepler University Hospital and Johannes Kepler University and will feature a series of expert lectures on liver and biliary cancers, surgical therapies, local ablative treatments, and the latest advances in research collaboration. The program will also discuss important areas such as training and fellowships, and the molecular mechanisms underlying liver cancer.



We look forward to fostering academic exchange and strengthening international partnerships in hepatobiliary surgery, advancing research, and enhancing clinical care. Join us for this momentous occasion, marking the beginning of a fruitful academic collaboration.



We are honored to welcome **Prof. Aiste Gulla** from Vilnius University Clinic as our distinguished guest professor and colleague experts from the Baltics. We hope to see you there!

Lecture Title:

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Date: 17. September 2026

Time: from 4.00 PM to 7.00 PM

Location: Johannes Kepler University Linz, Medical Faculty, medLOFT, Krankenhausstraße 5, 4020 Linz, Austria

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Program.

This event marks the official collaboration between the University of Vilnius and the Kepler University Hospital, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Kepler University Hospital and Vilnius University Clinic will be celebrated. Additionally the Baltic Chapter of E-AHPBA and the Austrian Chapter will join forces for the first time. The program will feature expert talks, foster cross-border cooperation, and discuss cutting-edge approaches in liver surgery, cancer treatment, and international academic exchanges.

4.00 PM **Welcome Reception**

4.30 PM **Welcome & Introduction to the Collaboration (10´)**

Prof. Aiste Gulla, Vilnius University Hospital, Vilnius
PD Stefan Stättner, Kepler University Hospital KUK and
Johannes Kepler University, Linz

Memorandum of Understanding – Signing Ceremony (15´)

Prof. Alberta Bonanni, Vice-Rector for Research and International Affairs, JKU
PD Dr. Karl-Heinz Stadlbauer, Medical Director KUK

05.00 PM **Gallbladder and Bile Duct Cancers: Current Treatment Strategies (15´)**

PD Dr. Gudrun Piring, Medical Oncology, KUK

Surgical Approaches to Hepatobiliary Malignancies:

Program.

Innovation and Challenges (15´)

Prof. Thomas Grünberger, Surgery, Clinic Favoriten, Vienna

Local Ablative Therapies and Embolization in Hepatic Tumors (15´)

Dr. Sander Kütner, Surgery, Tartu University Hospital, Estonia

Coffee Break

Molecular Mechanisms of Liver Cancer: Implications for Personalized Medicine (15´)

Prof. Arturs Ozolins, Surgery, Stradins University Hospital, Latvia

International Research Collaborations: Current Trends and Future Directions (15´)

Prof. Aiste Gulla, Surgery, Vilnius University Hospital, Vilnius

Training and Fellowships in Hepatobiliary Surgery: Building Global Networks (15´)

PD Stefan Stättner, Surgery, KUK

Summary and Future Outlook (10´)

Prof. Aiste Gulla and PD Stefan Stättner

Get Together



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