



# PROS

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## Chairs' Welcome

The 2015 PROS congress will be held in the beautiful city of Ljubljana, Slovenia. We are expecting the congress to be attended by radiation oncologists involved in treating children with cancer from all over the world as well as resident physicians-in-training, nurses, radiation therapists and dosimetrists. There will be invited guest speakers including pediatric oncologists, surgeons and pathologists.

The aims of the congress are to exchange knowledge and data and promote research and education, and to assist members from developing countries in the selection of appropriate radiation technologies and their proper use.

Companies involved in the sale of radiation equipment/technology, books and journals, and/or information technology are invited to participate in the exhibition section of the meeting as they will meet many interested attendees from all over the world.

Ljubljana is a charming and friendly city located in the historical region of Carniola. The city has many acclaimed restaurants, wonderful museums, beautiful parks. The surrounding countryside is simply gorgeous, with horse farms (famous Lippizanners) and other attractions such as : medieval castles, country inns, nearby mountains and seashore as well as, half an hour away, the world famous Postojna ( Postumia) cave. The weather in June is usually comfortable and suitable for many outdoor activities.

The meeting will be held at the recently renovated ornate historic Grand Union Hotel located at the heart of the city where we have negotiated very favorable room rates. We hope that as many of you as possible will choose to stay there in order to promote maximum interaction between the attendees, the faculty, and your executive.

We look forward to seeing you in Ljubljana.

**Lorna Zadavec Zaletel,**  
*Chair of the Local Host Committee*

and

**Rolf Dieter Kortmann,**  
*President of PROS*



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**24-27 June 2015**  
**Grand Hotel Union\*\*\*\***  
**Ljubljana, SLOVENIA**



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## Wednesday June 24

8:00 - 12:30	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	<b>LMIC workshop part 1</b> Chairs: N. Esiashvili, L. Zadravec Zaletel  1. Introduction N. Esiashvili, L. Zadravec Zaletel  2. Presentations from 5 selected LMIC participants highlighting challenged of current practice setting in pediatric radiation oncology.
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 - 15:30	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	<b>LMIC workshop part 2</b> <b>Case discussions and field set-up practicum</b> Moderators: S. Laskar, P. Thomas, N. Esiashvili, L. Zadravec Zaletel  <i>Cases will be provided by LMIC members and will be discussed in interactive format for the following diseases:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medulloblastoma</li><li>• Nephroblastoma</li><li>• Palliative cases</li></ul> <i>Participants will carry out hands-on exercises on treatment planning techniques using 2-D and 3-D methods applicable to each case (examples: cranio-spinal, posterior fossa, flank, whole abdomen and whole lung fields)</i>
18:30 - 19:30	Welcome reception	

## Thursday June 25

7:30 - 8:30	<b>Contouring Workshop</b> Ependymoma C. Carrie, L. Claude, C. Freeman
8:30 - 9:00	<b>Opening remarks</b> R. D. Kortmann, L. Zdravec Zaletel <b>Speech of PROS President</b> R. D. Kortmann
9:00 - 10:45	<b>Symposium on bone growth</b> Chairs: K. Marcus, M. Gaze <b>1. Physiology and radiobiology of bone growth / dose constraints</b> A. Mahajan <b>2. Growth retardation / clinical data</b> K. Dieckmann <b>3. Impact on treatment techniques</b> A. Paulino
10:45 - 11:10	Coffee break
11:10 - 12:00	<b>Proffered papers</b> Chairs: T. Boterberg, A. Paulino
12:00 - 13:30	 <b>IBA Lunch Symposium - Proton therapy</b> Chairs: Th. Merchant, J.L. Habrand <b>1. Treatment techniques in rhabdomyosarcoma / always advantages for proton therapy?</b> S. Wolden <b>2. Proton therapy in childhood brain tumours / current status</b> S. MacDonald <b>3. Current practice for proton therapy for children in Europe</b> C. Alapetite
13:30 - 15:00	<b>Symposium Aspect in Quality Assurance</b> Chairs: H. Mandeville, K. Goddard <b>1. Requirements for quality control for radiotherapy in clinical trials</b> T. Boterberg <b>2. Technical platforms for web-based quality assurance in radiotherapy of childhood tumors</b> D. Gibon <b>3. Quality assurance in rhabdomyosarcoma within COG</b> S. Wolden
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 - 17:30	<b>Joint Symposium with IAEA on Ped Rad Oncology in LMIC</b> Chairs: S. Laskar, Y. Anacak <b>1. Pediatric Radiation Oncology Practice in Low and Middle Income Countries: a Patterns-of-Care Study by the International Atomic Energy</b> K. Hopkins <b>2. The role of PROS in Meeting Professional Needs of Practitioner in LMIC Setting</b> N. Esiashvili <b>3. «Finding ways to close the gap?» - Interactive session</b> N. Esiashvili
17:30 - 18:30	<b>PROS General Assembly</b> Honorary Memberships

## Friday June 26

<b>7:30 - 8:30</b>	<b>Contouring Workshop</b> Medulloblastoma C. Carrie, L. Claude, C. Freeman
<b>8:30 - 10:30</b>	<b>Updates on studies for CNS tumors (COG, SIOP)</b> Chairs: L. Zdravec Zaletel, V. Ahern  <b>1. COG</b> Th. Merchant <b>2. SIOP</b> F. Saran
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	Coffee break
<b>11:00 - 12:00</b>	<b>Proffered papers</b> Chairs: R. Taylor, S. Wolden
	<b>Elekta Lunch Symposium - Image Guided Radiotherapy</b> Chairs: C. Freeman, C. Carrie  <b>1. Medical physics - basic aspects in IGRT</b> C. Malet <b>2. Clinical experiences in IGRT in childhood tumors</b> S. Terezakis <b>3. Advances in IGRT in children / dosimetric aspects</b> J. Hansen
<b>13:30 - 15:30</b>	<b>Symposium on Late Effects</b> Chairs: A. Mahajan, R. Taylor  <b>1. French network for late effects</b> V. Bernier <b>2. RiSK project / evaluation of late effects within the German GPOH studies</b> D. Steinmann <b>3. Dose effects / PENTEC</b> S. Constine  <b>Round table discussion - Debate on photons versus protons</b> S. Constine
<b>15:30 - 16:00</b>	Coffee break
<b>16:00 - 16:15</b>	<b>PanCare: a project to assess late effects in pediatric oncology</b> L. Zdravec Zaletel
<b>16:15 - 18:15</b>	<b>Education in Ped Rad Oncology</b> Chairs: K. Dieckmann, S. Donaldson  <b>1. Requirements for optimal training in paediatric radiation oncology</b> E. Halperin <b>2. The Australian / New Zealand model for education</b> V. Ahern <b>3. The new PROS website: opportunities for education and information transfer</b> K. Seiersen <b>4. Educational programmes in North America</b> K. Marcus  <b>Round table discussion / Interactive session</b> Chairs have to provide points of discussion
<b>20:00</b>	PROS Dinner



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## Saturday June 27

<b>7:30 - 8:30</b>	<b>Contouring Workshop</b> Ewing Sarcoma C. Carrie, L. Claude, C. Freeman
<b>8:30 - 10:30</b>	<b>Interactive session - discussion about some difficult cases</b> Chairs: L. Claude, P. Thomas  4 cases / 30 min each A.L. Vodusek, M. Gaze, S. Laskar, K. Dieckmann
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	Coffee break
<b>11:00 - 11:45</b>	<b>Proffered papers</b> Best poster session Chairs: C. Freeman, Y. Anacak
<b>11:45 - 12:30</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b> R. D. Kortmann, L. Zdravec Zaletel
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Whole afternoon trip to lake Bled open to all participants</b> (Registration is mandatory)

### VENUE

Grand Hotel Union\*\*\*\*

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Website:

<http://www.union-hotels.eu/en/grand-hotel-union/>

### FLIGHT CONNECTIONS TO LJUBLJANA FROM USA

Ljubljana airport: 25km from the city  
[www.lju-airport.si](http://www.lju-airport.si)

#### Delta Airlines

- Boston - Ljubljana via Paris

#### Swiss Air

- Boston - Ljubljana via Zürich
- Chicago - Ljubljana via Zürich
- New-York - Ljubljana via Zürich

#### Venice – Ljubljana by car

(GoOpti low-cost shuttle transfer [www.goopti.com](http://www.goopti.com))

**232 km, 2 hours 30 minutes / scenic trip**



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