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17:20-18:50**

**Building C, Lecture Hall Room C V-VI
1093 Budapest, 4-6 Közraktár str.**

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Conference chairperson:

Prof. Márta Péntek, Department of Health Economics, Faculty of Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest

Opening

17:20 - 17:30

Prof. Erzsébet Kovács, Dean, Faculty of Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest

Ms. Metka Lajnšček, Deputy Head of Mission, Slovenian Embassy Budapest

Program

17:30 – 18:00 Petra Došenović Bonča Ph.D. University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Economics

Insights from the Slovenian Healthcare System

18:00 – 18:30 Valentina Prevolnik Rupel Ph.D., Institute for Economic Research in Ljubljana

Managing Health Care through Strategic Purchasing

18:30 – 18:35 Comments, Prof. László Gulácsi, Vice Rector for Research, Corvinus University of Budapest

18:35 – 18:45 Discussion

18:45 – 18:50 Take home message & Closing

Prof. Márta Péntek, Department of Health Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest

Valentina Prevolnik-Rupel

Valentina Prevolnik Rupel, Ph.D. defended her doctoral thesis titled “Impact of health-related quality of life on the effectiveness of funds allocation in health care” in 2007. She is an associate professor of Economics at DOBA Faculty in Slovenia. She has 25 years of working experience in health economics, health policy, resources allocation and long-term care. Her special fields of interest are health care insurance policies, health system performance and quality measurements and health technology assessment.



She started her career at the Institute for Economic Research as a researcher in health economics, but later moved to the Ministry of Health as an economist in charge of financing models (DRG) and health insurance. Work on World Bank project on the introduction of new financing models in Slovenia was followed by a slight change of career and work in the insurance field as an advisor to the general director of Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia. As an advisor to the Minister of Health from 2009-2011, she worked on the preparation and implementation of health care reform, where she mostly coordinated the structural reform in the field of health insurance, basic benefits package and health care organization of primary level. She cooperated with international partners such as European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies/WHO as well as with all other stakeholders (political parties, MPs, patients, providers). As a representative of Slovenian government, she was also responsible for supervising the financial management of Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia and was a president of the Supervisory Board of the regional hospital as well as a member of Supervisory Board of specialized psychiatric hospital Ormož. She cooperated in the preparation of National Strategy of Primary Health Care Sector till 2020, National Strategy on Diabetes, National Strategy on Mental Health, and was a member of more than 20 working groups covering various issues in health care. She also led the process of infringement EC against Slovenia on the implementation of voluntary health insurance.

In the last 7 years, she has been employed at IER as a senior researcher working on various international and national projects in health care and health technology assessment, such as EUnetHTA, ADVANCE HTA, INNOVCare, MEDtecHTA, ESPN. Currently, she is mostly involved with IMPACT HTA project, led by London School of Economics and CarerQoL project, led by Corvinus University. She is a member of EuroQoL organization and currently works as an advisor in Macedonia on an EuropeAid project Analysis of Secondary and Tertiary Healthcare System Effectiveness as well as in EU sponsored project Support to the development of the primary care system in Hungary. She is a member of editorial board and acts as a reviewer for numerous professional journals in the field of health economics and health policy. She has published extensively in national and international journals.

Petra Došenović Bonča

Petra Došenović Bonča is an associate professor at the Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia (FELU). Her research fields are health economics and public economics. Her PhD thesis deals with efficiency and performance of health care providers in Slovenia and studies innovations as



factors of efficiency and performance. Her current research focuses on direct costs of diabetes in Slovenia, indirect cost of migraine and direct and indirect costs of MSDs. Another current project addresses the decomposition of pharmaceutical expenditure growth in Slovenia based on patient-level data.

She has published several papers analysing and assessing the health care system and policy initiatives related to this sector in Slovenia. She has also participated in reform efforts and has been involved in consultancy projects for hospitals in Slovenia. In 2015 and 2016, she co-headed a project Reform of economic aspects of Slovenian health care. As part of this project she participated in a team of 8 university professors of economics, demography, law and health sciences who moderated several sessions on the needed reforms with key stakeholders, i.e. over 20 different representatives of health care organizations (doctors, nurses, and pharmacists), payer organisations, pharmaceutical companies and chambers of commerce. She is currently a member of the Statistical Advisory Committee for Health at the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia. She is also a member of the Operational Research Society.

At the FELU, she was the coordinator of EQUIS international accreditation of business schools in the 2013 – 2017 period. In terms of teaching she has participated in the development of the first postgraduate degree programme in Health Economics and management offered in Slovenia. Since 2017, she is the head of this programme and currently teaches courses Principles of health economics, Health systems and policies, Economic evaluation in health care and Health insurance. On the undergraduate level she delivers an elective course Health economics 1 for FELU's national and Erasmus incoming students. This fall she is co-teaching this course with a colleague from the US (Old Westbury SUNY). Students from Slovenia and the US work together and compare the US and European health care systems. She also organises and coteaches a course for executives on economic evaluations of health care programmes together with Laura Bojke from the Centre for Health Economic, University of York and Vasilisa Sazonov from Allergan. As part of executive education supported by the Medical Chamber of Slovenia, she delivers a module on health economics to health professionals in managerial positions.