

BOSNIAN TURKISH CYTOPATHOLOGY SCHOOL

<https://www.bosnianpathology.org/cytology-school>

The Bosnian–Turkish Cytopathology School was established in 2016 by the IAP Turkish Division, the Turkish Society for Cytopathology and the Department of Pathology and Cytology of the Clinical Center of the University of Sarajevo. Created to support the development of cytopathology in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the surrounding region, the School has become a sustained cross-border educational initiative, bringing together Turkish and international faculty across multiple cytopathology topics. These educational activities turned to online version during pandemic and still is organized online which helped to reach around 800 to over 1000 participants from all over the world.

Edition	Year	Date	Topic	Lecturers
10	2026	6 June (Online)	Exfoliative Cytopathology	Sevgen Önder, MD; Pinar Fırat, MD; Çisel Aydın Meriçöz, MD; Olcay Kurtulan, MD; Canan Sadullahoğlu, MD; Ayşegül Aksoy Altınboğa, MD; Levent Trabzonlu, MD; Alex Baras, MD, PhD
9	2025	31 May	Lung Cytopathology	Çisel Aydın Meriçöz, MD; Dr. Olcay Kurtulan, MD; Prof. Koray Güven, MD; Assoc. Prof. İrem Onur, MD; Prof. Pinar Uyar Göçün, MD; Tuğba Taşkın Türkmenoğlu, MD; Rana Ramazanoğlu, MD; Prof. Zeynep Hande Turna, MD; Prof. Serpil Dizbay Sak, MD; Prof. Umberto Malapelle, Ph.D.
8	2024	25 May	GI and GU Cytopathology	Hakan Yıldız, Volkan Adsay, Nesrin Turhan, Pinar Uyar Göçün, Ayşegül Aksoy Altınboğa, Çisel Aydın, Şenay Erdoğan Durmuş, Levent Trabzonlu, Olcay Kurtulan
7	2023	27 May	Gynecologic Cytopathology	Nejat Özgül, Tuğba Taşkın Türkmenoğlu, Yasemin Özlük, Burcu Özcan, Şenay Erdoğan Durmuş, Ayşegül Aksoy Altınboğa, Pinar Uyar Göçün, Çisel Aydın Meriçöz, Binnur Önal, M. Faruk Köse
6	2022	29 May	Diagnostic Dilemmas in FNAC Practice	Koray Ceyhan, Nesrin Turhan, Sanela Vesnić, İrem Onur, Ayşegül Aksoy Altınboğa, Tuğba Taşkın Türkmenoğlu, Çisel Aydın, İrem Şahver İşgör
5	2021	29 May (Virtual)	Lung and Thyroid Cytopathology	Ayşegül Altınboğa (Turkey), Çisel Aydın (Turkey), Amira Sadija (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Serpil Dizbay Sak (Turkey), Haldun Umudum (Turkey), Sanela Vesnić (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
4	2019	18-19 May	GI Cytopathology	Emrah Alper (Turkey), Pinar Fırat (Turkey), İrem Onur (Turkey), Sevgen Önder (Turkey), Vedad Papović (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Nesrin Turhan (Turkey), Sanela Vesnić (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
3	2018	23-24 June	Gynecologic Cytopathology	Aysun Uğuz (Turkey), Özlem Aydın (Turkey), Faruk Köse (Turkey), Nejat Özgül (Turkey), Ermina Iljazović (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
2	2017	6-7 May	Non-gyneco Cytopathology	Fernando Schmitt (Portugal), Haldun Umudum (Turkey), İlkser Akpolat (Turkey), Koray Ceyhan (Turkey), Pinar Fırat (Turkey), Nuriya Bilalović (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
1	2016	18-19 June	Non-gyneco Cytopathology	Akif Demir (Sweden), Aysun Uğuz (Turkey), Fernando Schmitt (Luxembourg), Pinar Fırat (Turkey), Sıtkı Tuzlalı (Turkey)

BOSNIAN TURKISH CYTOPATHOLOGY SCHOOL 1st COURSE

1	2016	18-19 June	Non-gyneco Cytopathology	Akif Demir (Sweden), Aysun Uğuz (Turkey), Fernando Schmitt (Luxembourg), Pinar Fırat (Turkey), Sıtkı Tuzlalı (Turkey)
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Due to pandemia we converted our courses to online educational format in 2021 which carried our education to a global event

BOSNIAN TURKISH CYTOPATHOLOGY SCHOOL 9th COURSE Scientific program

Time (CET)	Topic
08.30-09.00	Welcome and Introduction to the 9th Bosnian - Turkish Cytopathology School
09.00-09.40	Lung cytologic sample techniques, preparation methods and rapid on-site assessment of adequacy (Dr. Çisel Aydın Meriçöz)
09.40-10.10	Overview of the 2021 WHO reporting system for lung cytopathology (Dr. Olcay Kurtulan)
10.10-10.30	Radiographic assessment of pulmonary nodules: what information can it give us? (Dr. Koray Güven)
10.30-10.45	Q&A

10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-11.40	FNA cytopathology of non-small cell lung carcinoma: review with cases (Dr. İrem Onur)
11.40-12.20	FNA cytopathology of neuroendocrine neoplasms of the lung: review with cases (Dr. Pınar Uyar Göçün)
12.20-12.35	Q&A
12.35-13.15	Lunch break
13.35-14.05	FNA cytopathology of metastatic tumors to the lung: review with cases (Dr. Tuğba Taşkın Türkmenoğlu)
14.05-14.45	Use of immunohistochemistry in lung cytopathology (Dr. Rana Ramazanoğlu)
14.45-15.00	Q&A
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-16.15	Role of predictive biomarker testing including liquid biopsy in the diagnosis and treatment of lung neoplasms (Dr. Umberto Malapelle, Dr. Serpil Dizbay Sak, Dr. Zeynep Hande Turna)
(15.15-15.35)	A journey from molecular diagnosis to clinical outcomes in lung cancer treatment (Dr. Zeynep Hande Turna)

(15.35-15.55)	Pathologists determining treatment: Therapeutic targets in pulmonary carcinoma (Dr. Serpil Dizbay Sak)
(15.55-16.15)	Predictive molecular pathology in cytopathology: a case series (Dr. Umberto Malapelle)
16.15-16.30	Q&A and closing



10TH COURSE 2026 EXFOLIATIVE CYTOPATHOLOGY (VIRTUAL)

10th Turkish & Bosnian Cytopathology School Online Cytopathology Course

Topic Exfoliative Cytology

The 10th Bosnian Turkish School of Cytopathology has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with **5.5 European CME credits (ECMEC®s)**.

held fully online in June 6, 2026. Marking a decade of dedicated cytopathology education, this milestone edition focused comprehensively on Exfoliative Cytopathology.

Scientific Program

	08:30–09:00 Event ⌚ 30 min
	Welcome and Introduction to the 10th Bosnian-Turkish Cytopathology School ✎ Sıtkı Tuzlali, MD; Semir Vranic, MD, PhD; Işinsu Kuzu, MD; İrem Onur, MD
	09:00–09:45 Lecture ⌚ 45 min
	Malignant Mesothelioma in Effusions ✎ Sevgen Önder, MD
	09:45–10:30 Lecture ⌚ 45 min
	Metastatic Carcinomas in Effusions and the Importance of Immunohistochemistry in Accurate Diagnosis ✎ Pınar Fırat, MD
	10:30–10:40 Q&A ⌚ 10 min
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	11:00–11:45 Lecture ⌚ 45 min
	An Algorithmic Approach to Molecular Testing in Serous Effusions: When and Why? ✎ Çiisel Aydın Meriçöz, MD
	11:45–12:15 Lecture ⌚ 30 min
	Bronchial and Bronchoalveolar Lavage Cytology ✎ Olcay Kurtulan, MD
	12:15–12:30 Q&A ⌚ 15 min
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	12:30–13:30 Break ⌚ 60 min
	Lunch Break 🍴
	13:35–14:20 Lecture ⌚ 45 min
	Approach to Cerebrospinal Fluid Cytopathology ✎ Canan Sadullahoğlu, MD

	14:20–15:05 Lecture ⌚ 45 min
	Cerebrospinal Fluid Cytopathology: Review with Cases A Ayşegül Aksoy Altınboğa, MD
	15:05–15:15 Q&A ⌚ 10 min
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	15:15–15:30 Break ⌚ 15 min
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	15:30–16:15 Lecture ⌚ 45 min
	Urinary Cytology: The Paris System and Diagnostic Challenges and Potential Pitfalls A Levent Trabzonlu, MD
	16:15–17:00 Lecture ⌚ 45 min
	Whole Slide Imaging and Artificial Intelligence Applications in the Context of Cytopathology A Alex Baras, MD, PhD
	17:00–17:10 Q&A ⌚ 10 min
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This course has been an important educational activity where pathology residents learn fundamental knowledge regarding exfoliative cytopathological diagnosis, and practicing pathologists, cytopathologists refresh their knowledge on many topics through practical applications. The fact that it fills a significant gap is demonstrated by the high number of participants from many countries around the world. The participant profile and countries belong to are presented below.

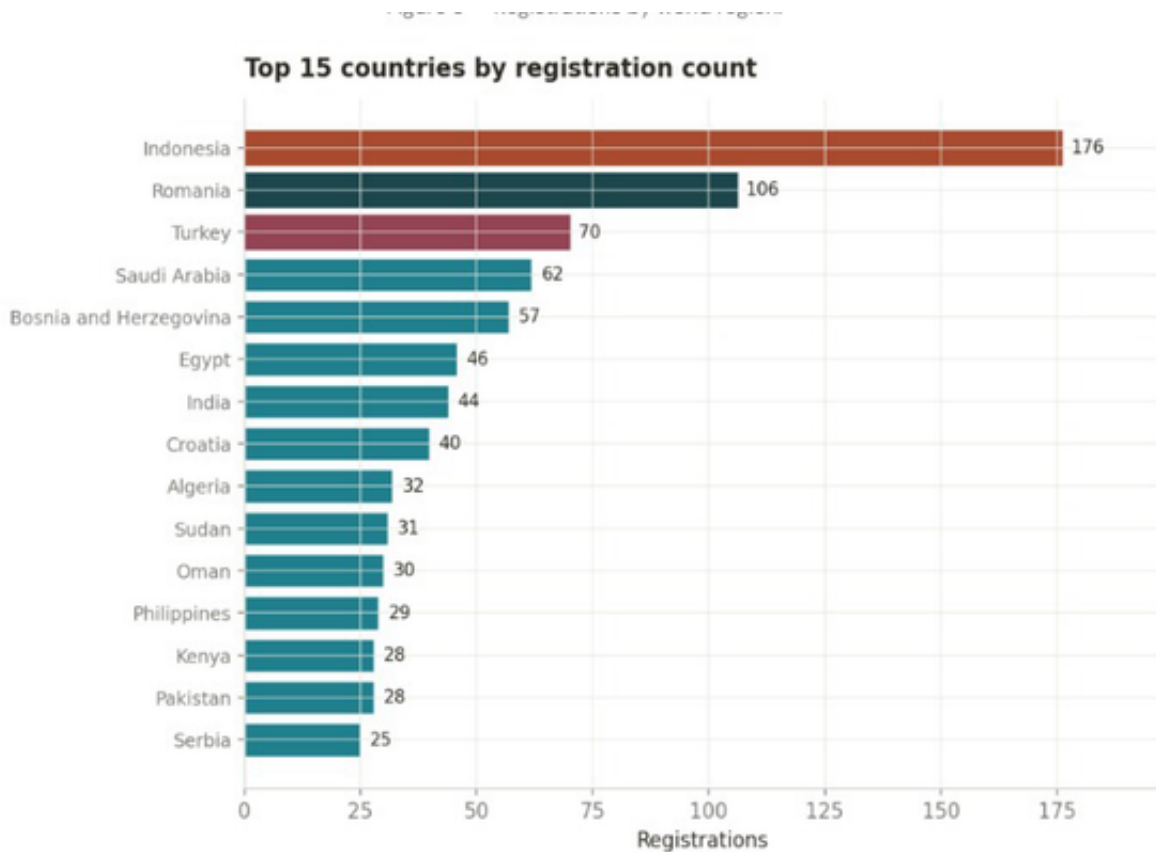


Figure 6 — Top 15 countries by registration count.

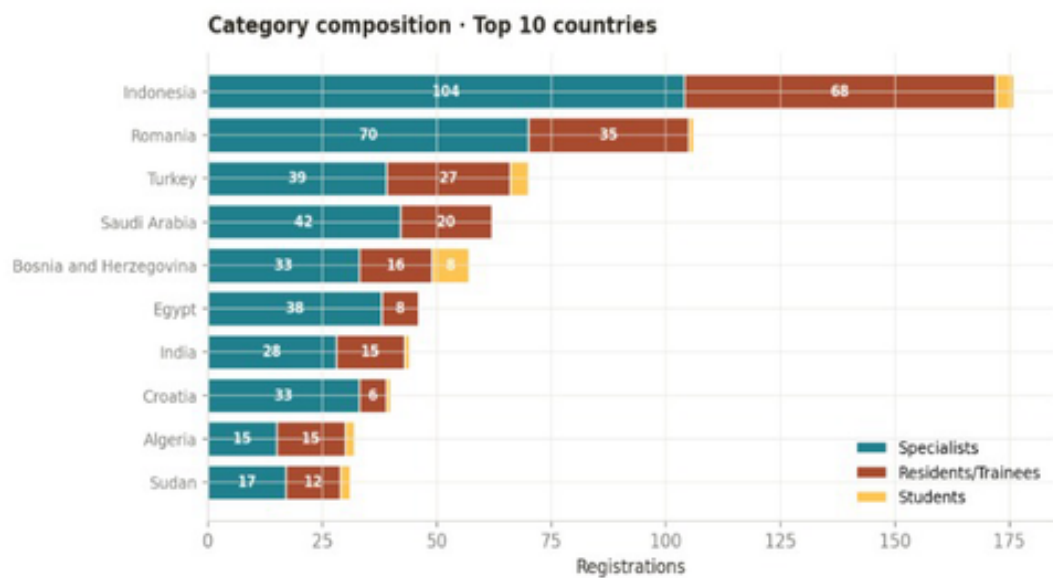


Figure 7 — Category composition for the top 10 countries.

Registrants by category

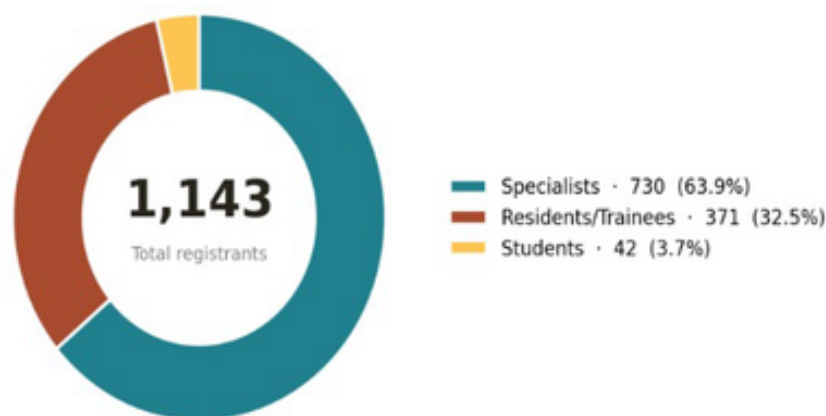
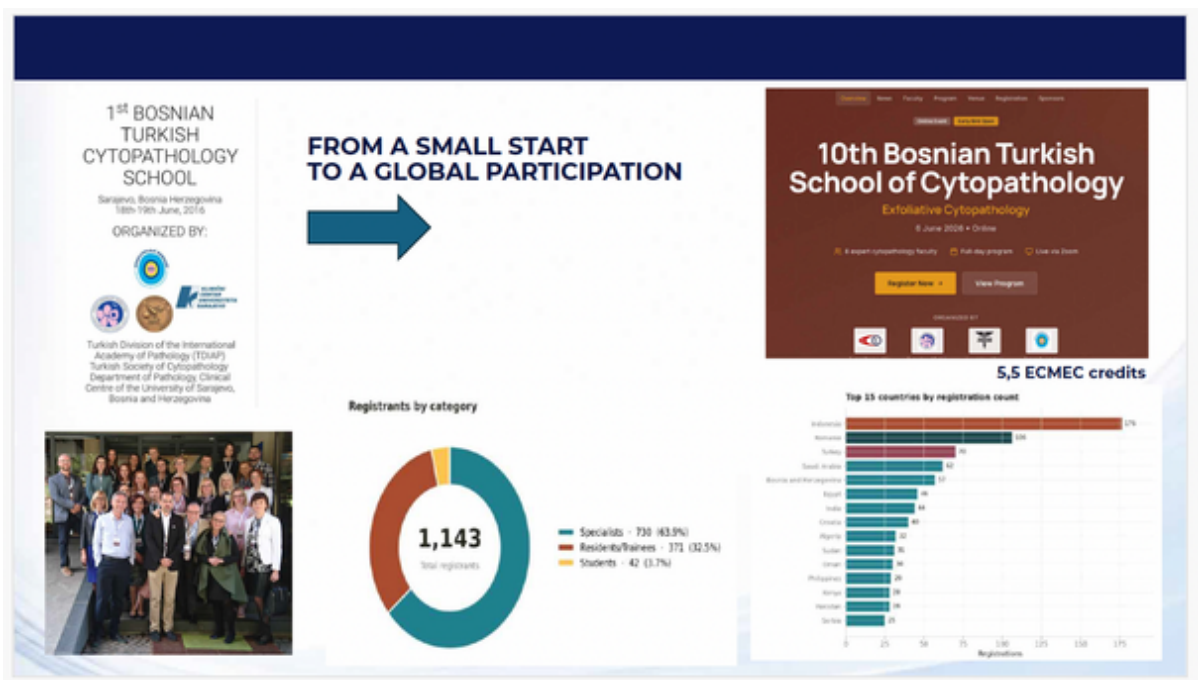


Figure 4 — Registrants by professional category.

Category	Registrations	Share
Specialists	730	63.9%
Residents/Trainees	371	32.5%
Students	42	3.7%
Total	1,143	100.0%



WE HAVE REACHED TO THOUSANDS OF PARTICIPATIONS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD