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# Program

## Monday 25.05.2026

14.30-15.30	<b>Registration of participants</b>		Foyer
15.30-15.50	<b>The Choir of the Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland, under the direction of Professor Ryszard Handke</b>		
15.50-16.30	<b>Opening ceremony</b>		
16.30-16.55	Małgorzata Szkup, Project Lead	<b>MultiCultiMed: A New Perspective on Education in Medicine and Health Sciences in a Multicultural World</b>	Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland
16.00-17.40	Carmen van Daal-Vrolijk, key note speaker	<b>Opening lecture: Empowering Nurses as Change Agents: Advancing Cultural Humility Through a Ambassador Program</b>	KnowledgeInstitute Dutch professional association for nurses, clinical nursing assistants & nurse specialists (V&VN) Netherlands
17.45-18.15	<b>The PUM West Pomeranian Song and Dance Ensemble under the leadership of dr Anna Knyszyńska</b>		
18.15-18.30	<b>Networking</b>		
18:30-20:00	<b>Buffet dinner</b>		Foyer

# Program

## Tuesday 26.05.2026

09.00-09.25	Key note speaker - Costas Constantinou	Diversity And Cultural Competence In Healthcare: The Need For An Ecosystem	University of Nicosia, Cyprus	english
09.25-09.40	Elżbieta Petriczko	PUM Medical Professionals for Kenya	Medics for Kenya, Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland	polish
09.40-09.55	Piotr Karniej	Beyond Access: Addressing Health Inequalities Among LGBTQ Populations Through Inclusive Care Models	WSB MERITO University in Wroclaw, Poland	english
09.55-10.15	Małgorzata Lesińska-Sawicka	Innovative Teaching Methods for Developing Cultural Competencies in Nursing Students	State University of Applied Sciences in Konin, Poland	polish
10.15-10.30	Karmen Erjavec	Multicultural Communication in Healthcare: Bridging Patient Perspectives and Professional Practice	University of Novo mesto, Slovenia	english
10.30-10.45	Adriana Brzeźniak-Misiuro	Between Exclusion and Support: Staying in a Warming Center for People Experiencing Homelessness from a Public Health Perspective	Szczecin Center for Addiction Prevention, Poland	polish
10.45-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>			

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11.00-11.15	Martin Červený	Understanding Multicultural Care: Perspectives of Undergraduate Nursing Students	Pavol Jozef Safarik University in Košice, Slovakia	english
11.15-11.30	Artur Kotwas	Health Inequalities in Multicultural Europe in Light of Global Burden of Disease (GBD) Data	Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland	polish
11.30-11.45	Sanja Stanisavljević	The Challenges Of Intercultural Education In A Post-Conflict Society	Academy for Applied Studies Belgrade, The College of Health Sciences, Serbia	english
11.45-12.00	Magdalena Stankiewicz	The Patient I Do Not Understand: Psychological Gender Identity and Sexuality in a Cultural Context and Their Importance for Healthcare Practice	Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland	polish
12.00-12.15	Panagiota Ellina	Global Health Challenges: Migration, Refugees, Climate Change & Pandemics	Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus	english
12.15-12.30	Olha Fedortsiv	Problems of vaccinating children during wartime	Ivan Horbachevsky Ternopil National Medical University of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, Ukraine	polish

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12.30-12.45				
12.45-13.00	Pilch Dorota	Implementing the Principles of Multiculturalism in Patient Care and Among Staff: The Example of UKE Eppendorf in Hamburg	UKE Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany	polish
13.00-14.00	<b>Lunch &amp; networking</b>			
14.00-14.15	Tânia Marlene Gonçalves Lourenço	Blended Intensive Programmes as a Platform for Interdisciplinary Learning: The Case of Mental Health in Migrants and Minorities	Nursing School of São Jose de Cluny, Madeira, Portugal	english
14.15-14.30	Małgorzata Żimny	Different Cultures, One Life: Challenges in Neonatology and Obstetrics in a Multicultural Society	Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland	polish
14.30-14.45	Emilia Burbela	Cultural Barriers in Pediatric Emergency Care: Communication, Trust, and Clinical Decision-Making through EPALS Simulation-Based Training	Ivan Horbachevsky Ternopil National Medical University of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, Ukraine	english

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14.45-15.00	Iwona Gładysz	Medical Simulation in Obstetrics as a Method of Reducing Cultural Barriers	John Paul II Academy in Biała Podlaska, Poland	polish
15.00-15.15	Sandra Rita Pereira Fernandes	Multiculturalism in Portugal: Challenges for Contemporary Healthcare	RISE- Health; Nursing School, University of Porto, Portugal	english
15.15-15.30	Marlena Bryczkowska	Cultural Diversity in Business Teams: Emotional and Social Determinants of Collaboration and Their Impact on Employee Well-Being	Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland	polish
15.30-15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>			
15.45-16.00	Małgorzata Nagórska	Cultural sensitivity in the healthcare system and patients' rights	University of Rzeszów, Poland	english
16.00-16.15	Maria Marchwacka	Diversity in Nursing Education and Practice: The Case of Germany	Ostfalia Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaften, Germany	polish
16.15-16.30	Tomislav Meštrović	Disparities in the Burden of Disease Across Diverse Populations: From Evidence to Educational Response	University North, Croatia	english

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09.00-09.25	Key note speaker - Candan Öztürk	Engaging Diverse Students in Nursing Education: Experiences from Northern Cyprus	Near East University, North Cyprus, Türkiye	english
09.25-09.40	Jerzy Sieńko	PUM Medical Professionals – Support for Ukraine in Its Struggle	Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland	polish
09.40-09.55	Monica Nikitara	The importance of Communication Skills in Transcultural Care	University of Nicosia, Cyprus	english
09.55-10.15	Aleksandra Brodowska	Medical Simulation as a Tool for Preparing Medical Students to Work in a Multicultural Environment	Maria Skłodowska-Curie Medical University in Warsaw, Poland	polish
10.15-10.30	Marijana Dabic	Challenges and strategies of intercultural competence development through the education of nurses in the republic of Serbia	Academy of Applied Studies, Belgrade, Serbia	english
10.30-10.45	Marzena Mikła	Multicultural Education and Organ Donation and Transplantation: Religious and Cultural Perspectives	University of Murcia, Spain	polish
10.45-11.00	Sabina Kršnik	Communication Competencies of Nursing Students in Multicultural Patient Care	University of Novo mesto, Slovenia	english
11.00-11.15	Dorota Aneta Jaśkiewicz	From Dissonance to Harmony: Multiculturalism in the Symphony Orchestra and the Psychological Well-Being of Musicians	Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin; University of Szczecin, Poland	polish

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11.15- 11.30	Marijana Neuberg	Quality of Life in Diverse and Ageing Populations	University North, Croatia	english
11.30- 11.45				
11.45- 12.00	Magdalena Kuczyńska	Superstitions in Nursing: A Review of the International Literature and Preliminary Findings from the Authors' Own Research	Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland	polish
12.00- 12.30	Closing Ceremony			
12.30- 14.00	Lunch			

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# Young Scientist Session

<p><b>Karolina Matysiak</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation of Ongoing Research on the Level of Resilience Among Pregnant Patients from Ukraine Who Left Their Country Due to the War</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Obstetrics and Pregnancy Pathology, Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland</b></p>	<p><b>polish</b></p>
<p><b>Alickun Joanna</b></p>	<p><b>Perinatal Traditions in Different Cultures and Midwifery Practice in Polish Healthcare Facilities</b></p>	<p><b>Student Scientific Society at the Department of Obstetrics and Pregnancy Pathology named after Stanisława Leszczyńska, Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland</b></p>	<p><b>polish</b></p>
<p><b>Adriana Helak</b></p>	<p><b>Coping strategies for stress among war refugees from Ukraine</b></p>	<p><b>Student Scientific Society at the Subdepartment of Social Nursing, Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland</b></p>	<p><b>english</b></p>
<p><b>Karolina Słowik</b></p>	<p><b>Factors influencing the level of intercultural competence and intelligence</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Children's Diseases and Pediatric Nursing, Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland</b></p>	<p><b>polish</b></p>
<p><b>Paulina Jeż</b></p>	<p><b>Analysis of the Determinants of Mental Health in Ukrainian Refugee Children and Their Parents</b></p>	<p><b>Subdepartment of Social Nursing, Department of Health Sciences, Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland</b></p>	<p><b>polish</b></p>
<p><b>Marcin Grajek</b></p>	<p><b>How can multiculturalism be studied? An overview of research tools for assessing healthcare staff's attitudes towards patients from different cultural backgrounds</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Social Medicine and Public Health, Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland</b></p>	<p><b>english</b></p>
<p><b>Marzena Mikła</b></p>	<p><b>Culture and Religion in Xenotransplantation</b></p>	<p><b>University of Murcia, Spain</b></p>	<p><b>polish</b></p>

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<p><b>Marcin Czutko</b></p>	<p><b>Multiculturalism in Penitentiary Instytutions - Challenges for the Rehabilitation System in Poland</b></p>	<p><b>Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland</b></p>	<p><b>polish</b></p>
<p><b>Krzysztof Dąbrowski</b></p>	<p><b>Research tools used to assess attitudes towards immigrants in a multicultural medical setting – a literature review</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Social Medicine and Public Health, Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland</b></p>	<p><b>english</b></p>
<p><b>Sokratis Sokratous</b></p>	<p><b>Pilot exploration of depressive symptoms and risky health behaviors among informal dementia caregivers in Cyprus</b></p>	<p><b>Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus</b></p>	<p><b>english</b></p>
<p><b>Gabriela Trębacz</b></p>	<p><b>Psychological Consequences of War: Anxiety and Depression Among War Refugees from Ukraine</b></p>	<p><b>Student Scientific Society at the Subdepartment of Social Nursing, Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland</b></p>	<p><b>polish</b></p>
<p><b>Natalia Szczepkowska</b></p>	<p><b>The Impact of Cultural Differences on Midwife–Patient Communication</b></p>	<p><b>Student Scientific Society at the Department of Obstetrics and Pregnancy Pathology named after Stanisława Leszczyńska, Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland</b></p>	<p><b>polish</b></p>
<p><b>George Alexandrou</b></p>	<p><b>The prevalence of depressive symptoms among early adolescents in Cyprus and their association with sociodemographic characteristics: A cross-sectional study</b></p>	<p><b>Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus</b></p>	<p><b>english</b></p>
<p><b>Linda Czeponis</b></p>	<p><b>Identifying Factors Associated with the Severity of Depressive and Anxiety Symptoms Among People Forced to Leave Their Place of Residence Due to War</b></p>	<p><b>Subdepartment of Social Nursing, Department of Health Sciences, Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland</b></p>	<p><b>polish</b></p>

# WORKSHOP: Balancing Values: Human Rights in Multicultural Nursing Practice – Elena Rousou & Paraskevi Charitou, Cyprus University of Technology

## WORKSHOP: Multicultural Perspectives on Physiological and Functional Aging: Geriatric Simulation and AGE Reader Workshop Będzie prowadzić: dr Katarzyna Zgutka, Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland



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