

20th BHAAAS Annual Meeting

Chicago, IL – Saturday, October 17, 2026

PROGRAM

Session 1 – Opening Program (Open to the Public)

 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM CDT (4:00 PM - 6:00 PM CEST)

9:00 AM – *Moderator's Greeting and Agenda Overview*

Lejla Tahirović – Moderator

9:05 AM – *Opening Remarks - video*

John Ginkel, Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina

9:15 AM – *Opening Remarks - video*

H.E. Sven Alkalaj, Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United States

9:25 AM – *Address- in person*

H.E. Tatjana Telić, Consul General of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Chicago

9:35 AM – *Address- video*

Sevlid Hurtić, Minister of Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina

9:45 AM – *Address- in person*

Emir Ibrahimagić, Head of the Sarajevo Canton Government Office for Diaspora

9:55 AM – Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between BHAAAS and the Sarajevo Canton Government Office for Diaspora

10:00 AM – *Address- online*

Muris Čičić, President of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ANUBiH)

10:10 AM - *Address - online*

Suad Krilašević, representative of Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology (ANNT)

10:20 AM - *Address - online*

Martina Egedušević, representative of BH Futures Foundation (BHFF)

10:30 AM – *Address of the Outgoing BHAAAS President*

Zlatan Akšamija

10:40 AM – *Transfer of BHAAAS Presidency*

10:50 AM – *Address of the Incoming BHAAAS President*

Azra Sadiković



Break

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM CDT (6:00 PM - 6:30 PM CEST)

Session 2 – Invited Lectures (Open to the Public)



11:30 PM – 12:40 PM CDT (6:30 PM - 7:40 PM CEST)

11:30 AM- **BHAYA Lecture:** *College Applications – My Experience from Application to UCLA* - Haris Smajkić

11:50 AM- **Invited Lecture:** *International knowledge as a chance and development potential* - Elvir Resić

12:10 PM - **Invited Lecture:** *Beyond ChatGPT: How AI is Transforming Medicine, Engineering and Everyday Life* - Seid Korić

12:30 PM - *Presentation of New BHAAAS Members*
Lejla Tahirović



Lunch Break

12:40 PM – 1:50 PM CDT (7:40 PM - 8:50 PM CEST)

Session 3 – Internal Session (BHAAAS Members Only)



1:50 PM – 3:00 PM CDT (8:50 PM - 10:00 PM CEST)

1:50 PM – *Operations Report* – Semir Tanović

2:00 PM – *Financial Report* – Adnan Begović

2:10 PM – *Medical Division Report* – Vedka Begović and Nina Jovanović

2:20 PM – *Technical & Natural Sciences Division Report* – Aljo Mujčić

2:30 PM – *Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences Division Report* – Slobodan Radosavljević

2:40 PM – *Student Program Report* – Ljiljana Đukanović



2:50 PM - AI Program Report - Mirsad Hadžikadić

3:00 PM – *Proposals for New Initiatives by BHAAAS Members*