



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### Hybrid Format: Face-to-Face & Online Participation

Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to

### INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL SCHOOL „Artificial Intelligence in Scientific Research “ within

## Festival of AI, High Performance in Sport, Health and Longevity & 15th ISPAS World Congress of Performance Analysis of Sport 2026

to be held in Split, Croatia, from May 12-15 2026, at the Radisson Blu Resort hotel.

The event is organised by the [Adriatic Regional Science Centre](#) at the [Centre of Excellence of Split-Dalmatia County](#) and the European Institute for Talents, Education, Research and Development, in cooperation with the scientific partners: [International Association of Performance Analysis in Sport \(ISPAS\)](#), [Faculty of Kinesiology](#), [The School of Medicine](#), [Faculty of Health Sciences](#), [Faculty of Forensic Sciences](#), [University of Split](#) and other partner institutions, within the framework of the City of Split project [Science Comes in Town](#).

Split is internationally recognised as one of the most sporting cities in the world. Despite its relatively small population, athletes from Split have collectively won more than 100 Olympic medals across 12 different sports. This extraordinary concentration of elite performance is the result of a deeply rooted sporting culture, strong club systems, and a long-standing integration of sport, education, and science. Together with its growing academic and research infrastructure, this makes town Split and University of Split, a natural and authentic setting for global discussions on AI, high performance, innovation, and the future of sport and health. In addition, Split is increasingly recognised in the field of sport, biomedical and other sciences, with its expanding network of research institutions and interdisciplinary collaborations further strengthening its position as a hub for scientific excellence and innovation in health-related fields.

We invite PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, and early-career scholars from sport sciences, kinesiology, biomedical & health sciences, artificial intelligence, performance analysis, and related interdisciplinary fields to participate in this high-level doctoral platform.



## □ PURPOSE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the doctoral school is to equip PhD candidates with the skills for systematic and responsible use of artificial intelligence in scientific research, to enhance the methodological quality of doctoral work, and to strengthen the international visibility of the organising and partner institutions. The program contributes to the digital transformation of doctoral education, the internationalisation of PhD studies, interdisciplinary collaboration across scientific fields, and the development of competencies in AI methodology and ethics.

## □ LEARNING OUTCOMES

Participants will be able to:

- Evaluate the key advantages and limitations of AI technologies in practical applications
- Apply AI tools in research preparation
- Process data, structure, and write scientific papers using AI
- Apply ethical principles and academic integrity in the use of AI
- Apply AI in specific scientific domains

## □ THEMATIC UNITS

- Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
- AI in Research Preparation
- AI in Writing and Publishing Scientific Papers
- Ethics, Transparency, and Academic Integrity
- Specific Applications of AI in Sport, Health, and Other Fields

## □ PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND DELIVERY

- The doctoral school includes a total of 10 hours of instruction:
  - 5 hours of lectures
  - 5 hours of Advanced workshops
- Abstract or Full text article preparation and submission (optional)
- Abstract/Full text article/Poster/Doctoral research presentations (optional)
- Direct interaction with speakers and mentors

## □ HYBRID PARTICIPATION

The Doctoral School is delivered in a hybrid format, enabling participants to:

- Participate face-to-face in Split, Croatia or online
- Both in-person and online participation have equal academic status and evaluation criteria .

## □ ACADEMIC FRAMEWORK AND ECTS

- The program carries 5 ECTS credits (120 total workload hours).



- Requirement: minimum 80% attendance (8 Hours) during the Program (12-15 May 2026).

#### □ AI-ASSISTED SCIENTIFIC RANKING & RECOGNITION

All submitted/presented articles (onsite and online) will undergo:

- AI-supported analytical assessment
- Evaluation of methodological rigor, innovation, originality, and impact
- Hybrid ranking model (Artificial Intelligence + international scientific panel)

□ The highest-ranked contributions will receive official **HAIPER 2026 Doctoral Excellence Recognition Awards**.

#### □ PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Selected outstanding papers may be invited for publication in partner journals:

- **Acta Kinesiologica** (Q3, CC Web of Science indexed) official journal of European Institute for Talents, Education, Research & Development
- **International Journal of Performance Analysis in Sport**, official journal of International Society of Performance Analysis of Sport

Publication is subject to peer-review and editorial standards. The best doctoral papers may be considered for special or regular issues.

#### □ WHAT PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE

- ✓ International Doctoral School Certificate of completion
- ✓ Confirmation of awarded ECTS credits
- ✓ Certificate of Abstract/Article/Poster presentation (optional)
- ✓ Structured international expert feedback
- ✓ Eligibility for HAIPER Doctoral Excellence Awards
- ✓ Accepted papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings
- ✓ Publication pathway in WoS-indexed journals
- ✓ Full access to HAIPER Festival sessions and networking events

#### □ Important Dates

- PhD Students Application Deadline: April 20, 2026
- Abstract/Article/Poster/Presentation Preparation: April 15 – May 5, 2026
- Abstract/Article/Poster Submission: May 2, 2026

- Doctoral School Sessions: May 12–15, 2026



HAIPER 2026 positions doctoral researchers at the forefront of innovation in sport, performance, artificial intelligence, and longevity sciences.

**SUBMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF PAPERS:**

- Submission of abstracts, full papers and posters is possible. [>>>instructions and paper submission](#)
- Papers may be submitted and presented in Croatian or English language, on-site or online.
- Participants will receive certificates of participation/presentation, and the best contributions will be awarded recognitions.

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

- €200 (PhD Students from partner institutions) includes registration, conference package, presentation and publication of the paper in the proceedings, certificates of participation/presentation/ award, and access to other events.
- €300 (other participants) Includes participation in the doctoral school
- €350 (other participants) includes registration, conference package, presentation and publication of the paper in the proceedings, certificates of participation/presentation/ award, and access to other events.

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT:** [>>>link](#)

**ACCOMMODATION BOOKING:** [>>>link](#)

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**Detailed information**  <https://conferenceinsplit.eu>

We look forward to welcoming the next generation of researchers to Split — onsite or online.

**Chair of the Doctoral School Committee**

Prof. Dražen Čular, PhD