

# Monday, February 23 – 2026

## MORNING

07.45 am Registration

08.00 am Welcome & Introduction of faculty members

*J. Marescaux*

### ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPY FOR COLORECTAL CANCER

**Chairmen:** *A. Forgione – A. Melani*

#### 08.00 am INTRODUCTION

- The basics to start and develop a safe and effective laparoscopic colorectal program

*A. Forgione- 10'*

#### 08.30 am LIVE & PRERECORDED OPERATIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

from Expert International Centre

- Laparoscopic sigmoidectomy for diverticulitis (*live surgery*)
- Laparoscopic right hemicolectomy (*live surgery*)

*F. Corcione*

*S. Morales-Conde*

11.15 am 15' COFFEE BREAK – Registration for University Diploma at reception desk

#### 11.30 am THEORETICAL SESSION

- Right / transverse / Left colon anatomy
- Alternative approaches to right colectomies: down to up / up to down / medial to lateral
- Strategy for colonic tumors in the transverse colon and splenic flexure
- Technical tips and tricks for laparoscopic TME in difficult patients: obese, very low tumors, after TNT
- The Laparoscopic treatment of postoperative complications in colorectal surgery

*B. Hirt – 15'*

*A. Forgione – 20'*

*S. Morales-Conde – 15'*

*A. Melani – 15'*

*F. Corcione – 15'*

**Debate & open discussion with the Experts after each presentation**

12.45 pm

LUNCH

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## AFTERNOON

### ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPY FOR COLORECTAL CANCER

*Instructors*     *Faculty members & local trainers – rotation per table*

**01:30 pm**     **HANDS-ON SESSION ON LIVE TISSUE**

**PRE-LAB SESSION – Description of procedures (to be performed in auditorium)**

*A. Forgione*

1. Training procedures

- Laparoscopic right colectomy (55')
- Laparoscopic left colectomy (55')
- Laparoscopic ileocolic anastomosis (55')
- Laparoscopic end-to-end anastomosis (55')
- Laparoscopic hand-sewn side-to-side bowel anastomosis (55')

**06.30 pm**

**END OF SESSION**

Evening Free

# Tuesday, February 24 – 2026

## MORNING

07.45 am Evaluation of the previous day

### ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPY FOR BENIGN, FUNCTIONAL & PROCTOLOGICAL DISEASES

**Chairmen:** P. Meinero – L. Beyer-Berjot

#### 08.00 am PRERECORDED OPERATIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

##### Advanced minimally invasive video-assisted procedure for proctological diseases

- Endoscopic Pilonidal Sinus Treatment (EPSiT) *P. Meinero – 30'*
- Video-Assisted Anal Fistula Treatment (VAAFT) *P. Meinero – 30'*

##### Advanced laparoscopic surgery for benign colorectal disease and pelvic floor disorders

- Colorectal endometriosis *A. Melani – 30'*
- Robotic ventral rectopexy and its variants for the correction of rectal and multicompartmental prolapse *G. Naldini – 30'*

10.30 am 15' COFFEE BREAK – Registration for University Diploma at reception desk

#### 10.45 am THEORETICAL SESSION

- Anal canal and pelvic anatomy *B. Hirt – 15'*

##### Advanced minimally invasive video-assisted procedure for proctological diseases

- Endoscopic Pilonidal Sinus Treatment (EPSiT) & Video-Assisted Anal Fistula Treatment (VAAFT): results of my experience & from the literature *P. Meinero – 20'*

##### Advanced laparoscopic surgery for benign colorectal disease and pelvic floor disorders

- Treatment of Pelvic Organ Prolapse: my flowchart *G. Naldini – 10'*
- Rules of minimally invasive surgery in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) surgery *L. Beyer-Berjot – 15'*
- Diverticular disease in emergency and elective conditions *A. Forgione – 10'*
- Colorectal endometriosis: operative and functional outcomes *A. Melani – 15'*

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12.30 pm LUNCH

# Tuesday, February 24 – 2026

## AFTERNOON

### ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPY FOR BENIGN, FUNCTIONAL & PROCTOLOGICAL DISEASES

*Instructors*     *Faculty members & local trainers – rotation per table*

**01.30 pm**     **HANDS-ON SESSION ON LIVE TISSUE**

**PRE-LAB SESSION – Description of procedures (to be performed in auditorium)**

*A. Forgione*  
*P. Meinero*

#### Training procedures

- Ventral rectopexy (60')
- Laparoscopic right colectomy (60')
- Laparoscopic left colectomy (50')
- Laparoscopic ileocolic anastomosis (50')
- Laparoscopic end-to-end anastomosis (50')
- Laparoscopic hand-sewn side-to-side bowel anastomosis (50')
- VAAFT (30')
- EPSIT (30')

**06.30 pm**

**END OF SESSION**

Evening Free

# Wednesday, February 25 – 2026

## MORNING

07.45 am Evaluation of the previous day

### TRANSANAL & ROBOTIC COLORECTAL SURGERY

**Chairmen:** *M. Ito – G. Spinoglio*

### 08.00 am LIVE & PRERECORDED OPERATIVE DEMONSTRATIONS from Expert International Centre

#### Transanal endoscopic surgery

- Ta-TME for low rectal cancer: technical details *M. Ito*

#### Robotic techniques for right, left & rectal resection

- Robotic live surgery (*live surgery*) *Q. Denost*
- Robotic right colectomy (*live surgery*) *P. Bianchi*

11.00 am 15' COFFEE BREAK

### 11.15 am THEORETICAL SESSION

- Rectal anatomy *B. Hirt – 15'*

#### Transanal endoscopic surgery

- Transanal surgery beyond the learning curve *P. Sylla – 15'*

#### Robotic techniques for right, left & rectal resection

- How to smoothly adopt robotic surgery in your practice *D. Koh – 15'*
- Troubleshooting the robotic system – Tips from my experience *D. Koh – 15'*
- Robotic TME *G. Spinoglio – 15'*

**How to treat rectal tumours close to anal canal** *Q. Denost – 20'*

**Debate & open discussion with the Experts after each presentation**

12.45 pm LUNCH

# Wednesday, February 25 – 2026

## AFTERNOON

### TRANSANAL & ROBOTIC COLORECTAL SURGERY

*Instructors* Faculty members & local trainers – rotation per table

#### 01.30 pm HANDS-ON SESSION

**PRE-LAB SESSION – Description of procedures (to be performed in auditorium)**

**A. Forgiione  
M. Ito / A. Serracant**

1. Transanal approach (live tissue and pelvic trainer)

- Training on pelvic trainers for transanal surgery (60')
- Training on live tissue for transanal proctectomy (60')

2. Laparoscopic approach (live tissue)

- Laparoscopic right colectomy (60')
- Laparoscopic left colectomy (60')
- Laparoscopic ileocolic anastomosis (60')

06.30 pm

END OF SESSION

08.00 pm

EXPERTS & PARTICIPANTS' DINNER

Brasserie Les Haras – 23, rue des Glacières 67000 STRASBOURG

# Thursday, February 26 – 2026

## MORNING

07.45 am Evaluation of the previous day

### ADVANCED FLEXIBLE OPERATIVE ENDOSCOPY AND COMBINED ENDOLAPAROSCOPIC TECHNIQUES

**Chairmen:** *A. Pallisera – A. Forgione*

#### 08.00 am LIVE & PRERECORDED OPERATIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

from Expert International Centre

- ESD for rectal lesions (*live surgery*) *C. Spada / F. Barbaro*
- Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery (TEM) for large rectal lesions (*live surgery*) *X. Serra Aracil / A. Garcia*  
*Nalda*
- Flexible endoscopic operative ESD procedures for right and left colonic lesions *G. Costamagna*
- Combined endoscopic laparoscopic resections of early colorectal tumors *A. Pallisera*

11.00 am 15' COFFEE BREAK

#### 11.15 am THEORETICAL SESSION

##### Rectum

- Flexible endoscopic operative techniques for advanced ESD *G. Costamagna - 10'*
- Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery (TEM) vs. ESD: which is the best option for very large rectal tumors? *A. Pallisera - 10'*

##### Colon

- Tips, tricks and technologies to deal with large colonic lesions in different colonic locations *G. Costamagna - 10'*
- Combined endo-laparoscopic techniques: results from Barcelona & worldwide literature *A. Pallisera - 10'*

#### New flexible robots and technologies to facilitate and extend local treatment of early colorectal lesions

*G. Costamagna - 20'*

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12.30 pm GROUP PICTURE

12.35 pm LUNCH

# Thursday, February 26 - 2026

## AFTERNOON

### ADVANCED FLEXIBLE OPERATIVE ENDOSCOPY AND COMBINED ENDOLAPAROSCOPIC TECHNIQUES

*Instructors*    *Faculty members & local trainers – rotation per table*

**01.30 pm**    **HANDS-ON SESSION ON LIVE TISSUE**

**PRE-LAB SESSION - Description of procedures (to be performed in auditorium)**

*A. Forgione*  
*A. Pallisera*

#### Training procedures

1. Flexible operative endoscopy (live tissue) (150')

- Basic training with flexible endoscopes
- Endoscopic applications of clips, Endoloops
- Endoscopic polypectomy, EMR, ESD

2. Laparoscopic approach (live tissue) (150')

- Laparoscopic right colectomy
- Laparoscopic left colectomy
- Laparoscopic ileocolic anastomosis

### PROFICIENCY TEST

(only for surgeons who applied for the University Diploma)

- University Diploma validating procedure:  
Small bowel resection / anastomoses

**06.30 pm**

**END OF SESSION**  
Evening Free



# Friday, February 27 - 2026

## MORNING

07.45 am Evaluation of the previous day

### 08.00 am UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA PROFICIENCY TEST - 1 hour (only for surgeons who applied for the University Diploma)

*D. Mutter*  
*A. Forgione*

- Multiple choice questionnaire for the University Diploma (Duration: 1 hour)

## MULTIMODAL TREATMENTS, NEW TECHNOLOGIES

**Chairmen:** *Q. Denost - A. Forgione*

### 09.05 am THEORETICAL SESSION

#### Modern multimodal treatment of colorectal cancer

- Clinical and oncological outcomes of Ta-TME: a worldwide perspective *M. Adamina - 10'*
- Transanal vs. laparoscopic total mesorectal excision for middle and low rectal cancer *A. Serracant - 10'*
- Lateral nodes dissection in rectal cancer: why not! *G. Choi - 10'*
- Innovative therapeutics for rectal cancer *D. Harji - 10'*
- How to properly start a "watch and wait" program in your practice for non-immediate operative management of low rectal cancer *A. Forgione - 10'*

10.30 am 15' COFFEE BREAK

#### New technologies

- ICG and AI in colorectal surgery: perfusion, lymphadenectomy and ureter identification *S. Morales Conde - 10'*
- Digital apps to improve outcomes in colorectal surgery *A. Forgione - 10'*

#### How to prevent complications and ostomy

- How to avoid sacrificing a rectal anastomosis in case of leakage *G. Masini - 10'*
- Alternatives to ostomy to protect very low colorectal anastomosis *A. D'Urso - 10'*

#### Evolution of ERAS concept

- From ERAS program to outpatient procedure and home-connected follow-up: a 5-year experience *P. Chasserant - 10'*

### My evolving experience with surgical robots

*A. Melani - 10'*

Debate & open discussion with the Experts after each presentation

01.20 pm LUNCH

# Friday, February 27 - 2026

## AFTERNOON

### MULTIMODAL TREATMENTS, NEW TECHNOLOGIES

**Chairmen:** *Q. Denost – A. Melani*

#### 02.30 pm THEORETICAL SESSION: INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

Interactive discussion with experts around interesting cases – duration 3 hours

- Rectum
- Colon
- Endometriosis
- Diverticular disease
- Emergency surgery
- Colonic occlusion

05.30 pm

CLOSING REMARKS AND FAREWELLS J. Marescaux / A. Forgione / A. Melani

DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE AND DIPLOMAS TO SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES