

Thursday, June 11 - 2026

07: 45 am Registration

08: 00 am Welcome - Introduction of faculty members *J. Marescaux*

08: 15 am LIVE & PRE-RECORDED OPERATIVE DEMONSTRATIONS from Expert International Centre **OPTIONS A, B & C**

Chairmen: P. Chen - B. Salky - R. J. Heald?

Operative Cases

- Laparoscopic colectomy for benign or malignant diseases *F. Corcione*
- Laparoscopic colectomy for benign or malignant diseases *S. Morales-Conde*

10.30 am 30' COFFEE BREAK

- Transanal endoscopic microsurgery *X. Serra-Aracil*
- Laparoscopic TME *A. Melani*

12:55 *Group picture in the auditorium*

01.00 pm LUNCH

01.45 pm 30' PRE-LAB SESSION - Procedures' descriptions
 OPTION B: Colonic resection (Auditorium 1) *A. Forgione*
 OPTION C: Transanal approach (Auditorium 2) *X. Serra-Aracil*

02.15 pm HANDS-ON SESSION **OPTIONS B & C**

Faculty: Faculty members & local trainers

OPTION B TRAINING ON LIVE TISSUE FOR RIGHT & LEFT COLECTOMY	OPTION C TRAINING ON PELVIC TRAINER & LIVE TISSUE FOR TRANSANAL APPROACH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operative strategy - 45' • Right ileocaecal resection & anastomosis - 60' • Left sigmoid resection with end-to-end Knight-Griffen anastomosis - 60' • Vascular approach - 60' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local resection - 75' • Purse-string sutures - 75' • Transanal TME - 75'

06.00 pm END OF THE SESSION

Friday, June 12 - 2026

07.45 am Welcome

08.00 am THEORETICAL SESSION OPTIONS A, B & C

Chairmen: *F. Corcione - A. Melani - R.J. Heald*

08.00 am SESSION 1: TIPS AND TRICKS FOR RIGHT AND LEFT LAPAROSCOPIC AND ROBOTIC COLECTOMIES

- Alternative approaches to right colectomies: down to up / up to down / medial to lateral *A. Forgione - 10'*
- Transverse colectomy with Total Mesocolic Excision for cancer *A. Melani - 10'*
- Anatomical details and tips and tricks for a standardized approach for left colectomy *F. Corcione - 10'*
- Benefits of robotics in right and left colectomies: my experience and how one should start *D. Koh - 10'*
- Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation *All Faculty members & Participants*

10:00 am SESSION 2: LAPAROSCOPIC TME: TECHNICAL TIPS

- Lateral pelvic lymphadenectomy: Why not? *R.J. Heald - 10'*
- Laparoscopic TME - 1.0 and 2.0 *A. Melani - 10'*
- Strategies to prevent anastomotic leakage for rectal cancer *P. Chen - 10'*
- Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation *All Faculty members & Participants*

10.45 am 15' COFFEE BREAK

11.00 am THEORETICAL SESSION OPTIONS A, B & C

Chairmen: *D. Koh - P. Chen - J. Ngu*

11.00 am SESSION 3: EVOLUTION IN RECTAL CANCER TREATMENT

- The potential of the robot to improve TME *J. Ngu - 10'*
- Robotic TME: tips and tricks especially in difficult cases and obese patients *A. Melani - 10'*
- Choosing the best rectal anastomosis: evidence across techniques *D. Kitaguchi - 10'*
- Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation *All Faculty members & Participants*

12.15 pm SESSION 4: LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY FOR THE TREATMENT OF BENIGN DISEASES

- Colectomy for inflammatory bowel disease *B. Salky - 10'*
- Minimally invasive treatment for complicated endometriosis *A. Melani - 10'*
- Modern surgical treatment of complicated diverticulitis *A. Forgione - 10'*
- Synapse 3D reconstruction *M. Gimenez - 10'*
- Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation *All Faculty members & Participants*

13:30 pm LUNCH

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01.45 pm	30' PRE-LAB SESSION - Procedures' descriptions	
	OPTION C: Transanal approach (Auditorium 2)	<i>X. Serra-Aracil</i>

02.15 pm	HANDS-ON SESSION	OPTIONS B & C
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Faculty: Faculty members & local trainers

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06.00 pm	END OF THE SESSION – Evening Free
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08.00 pm	DINNER IN HONOR OF THE PARTICIPANTS Brasserie Les Haras – 23, rue des Glacières 67000 STRASBOURG
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Saturday, June 13 - 2026

07.45 am Welcome

08.00 am THEORETICAL SESSION

OPTIONS A, B & C

Chairmen: X. Serra-Aracil – A. Melani

08.00 am SESSION 5: TRANSANAL ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY (TES)

- Transanal endoscopic microsurgery for early and giant rectal adenomas *X. Serra-Aracil - 10'*
- Ideal platform for transanal surgery *P. Sylla - 10'*
- Essential surgical anatomy and step-by-step procedures in performing TaTME *M. Ito - 10'*
- Transanal vs. laparoscopic TME for mid and low rectal cancer – Oncological and functional results *X. Serra-Aracil - 10'*
- *Transanal surgery – lecture tbd* *P. Chen - 10'*
- Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation *All Faculty members & Participants*

09.30 am SESSION 6: PREVENTING AND MANAGING INTRAOPERATIVE AND POSTOPERATIVE COMPLICATIONS

- How to manage intraoperative or postoperative complications in laparoscopic colorectal surgery *F. Corcione - 10'*
- Specific complications of TaTME *P. Sylla - 10'*
- Specific complications of robotic surgery *D. Koh - 10'*
- Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation *All Faculty members & Participants*

10.30 am 15' COFFEE BREAK

10.45 am SESSION 7: LATEST TRENDS IN COLORECTAL SURGERY

- Preoperative 3D virtual reality vascular reconstruction for preoperative planning: value in colorectal surgery *F. Corcione - 10'*
- Artificial Intelligence for surgical skills assessment and navigation in laparoscopic colorectal surgery *M. Ito - 10'*
- From ERAS program to outpatient procedure and home-connected follow-up: 5-year experience *P. Chasserant - 10'*
- Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation *All Faculty members & Participants*

11.30 am CLOSING LECTURE: Mastering the art of MIS perfection

J. Ngu - 10'

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12.00 pm **SESSION 8: DEBATES**

- **Robotic vs. Transanal TME: face-to-face debate** **J. Ngu & P. Chen - 20'**
All participants
 - ✓ Electronic vote

- **Watch and wait strategy in modern rectal cancer treatment**
 - ✓ Local excision and / or radical resection *X. Serra-Aracil - 5'*
 - ✓ Watch and wait *A. Forgione - 5'*
 - ✓ My opinion *R.J. Heald - 5'*
 - ✓ Electronic vote *All participants*

12.45 pm **CLOSING LECTURE: Skeletons in the cupboard: when bad things happen to good surgeons** *R.J. Heald - 15'*

01.05 pm **CLOSING REMARKS** *B. Salky - 5'*

01.30 pm **LUNCH**

02.30 pm **END OF THE COURSE - Delivery of certificate of attendance**