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## COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To cover a broad spectrum of surgical procedures in laparoscopic, transanal, flexible endoscopy and robotic colorectal surgery;
- To highlight technical aspects of surgical interventions through the broadcasting of live procedures;
- To provide proper indications for surgical and non-surgical treatments of malignant colorectal disease;
- To discuss how to prevent and manage intraoperative and postoperative complications;
- To allow real-time discussion between operators and trainee surgeons;
- To provide hands-on sessions to improve skills in laparoscopic, transanal, flexible endoscopy and robotic colorectal surgery through practice under expert tutorial.

## COURSE ENDORSEMENT AND ACCREDITATION



This course is accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) to provide the following CME activity for medical specialists. The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS).

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## DIPLOMA IRCAD – UNIVERSITY OF STRASBOURG

*The exam consists in the evaluation of the practice on live tissue of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and a proficiency test (25 Multiple choice questions) on Friday morning from 8:00am to 9:00am.*

*Please note that all question items for the University Diploma Exam are available in French and English.*

*However, the Diploma itself is written in French by the Faculty of Medicine and no translation can be provided by the IRCAD.*



### Optional Diploma Registration Fees

- *Fees: 441,00 Euros*
- *The diploma fees will have to be paid at IRCAD by cash, if possible, with exact change. No payment will be accepted by credit card.*

**Registration on Monday and Tuesday during the first coffee break only, at the reception desk.**

*For successful candidates, the diploma will be delivered on Friday afternoon at the end of the course at 5:30pm.*

## MORNING

07.45 am Registration

### ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPY FOR COLORECTAL CANCER

*Chairmen: A. Forgione - A. Melani*

#### 08.00 am INTRODUCTION

- Welcome & Introduction of faculty members *A. Forgione - 5'*
- The basics to start and develop a safe and effective laparoscopic colorectal program *A. Forgione - 10'*

#### 08.15 am LIVE & PRERECORDED OPERATIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

from Expert International Centre

- Laparoscopic sigmoidectomy for diverticulitis *F. Corcione*
- Laparoscopic right hemicolectomy *S. Morales-Conde*

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

#### 11.15 am THEORETICAL SESSION

- Right / transverse / Left colon anatomy *B. Hirt - 15'*
- Alternative approaches to right colectomies: down to up / up to down / medial to lateral *A. Forgione - 20'*
- Strategy for colonic tumors in the transverse colon and splenic flexure *S. Morales-Conde - 15'*
- Technical tips and tricks for laparoscopic left colectomy and TME *A. Melani - 15'*
- Laparoscopic treatment of postoperative complications in colorectal surgery *F. Corcione - 15'*

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

01.00 pm LUNCH

# Monday, February 23 – 2026

## AFTERNOON

### ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPY FOR COLORECTAL CANCER

*Instructors*      *Faculty members & local trainers*

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

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

**A. Forgione**  
**A. Melani**

##### 1. Training procedures

- Laparoscopic right colectomy
- Laparoscopic left colectomy
- Laparoscopic ileocolic anastomosis
- Laparoscopic end-to-end anastomosis
- Laparoscopic hand-sewn side-to-side bowel anastomosis

07.00 pm

**END OF SESSION**

Evening Free

## MORNING

07.30 am Evaluation of the previous day

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

*Chairmen: P. Meinero – A. Melani*

#### 07.45 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

- Laparoscopic treatment of colorectal endometriosis *A. Melani – 30'*
- Minimally invasive ventral rectopexy and its variants for the correction of rectal and multicompartimental prolapse *G. Naldini – 30'*
- Minimally invasive total colectomy for inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) *M. Rottoli – 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 – 20'*

##### 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 *M. Rottoli – 15'*
- Diverticular disease in emergency and elective conditions *A. Forgione – 10'*
- Colorectal endometriosis: operative and functional outcomes *A. Melani – 15'*

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01.00 pm

LUNCH

# **Tuesday, February 24 – 2026**

## **AFTERNOON**

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

*Instructors      Faculty members & local trainers*

**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
- Laparoscopic right colectomy
- Laparoscopic left colectomy
- Laparoscopic ileocolic anastomosis
- Laparoscopic end-to-end anastomosis
- Laparoscopic hand-sewn side-to-side bowel anastomosis
- VAAFT
- EPSiT

**07.00 pm      END OF SESSION**  
Evening Free

# Wednesday, February 25 – 2026

## MORNING

07.30 am Evaluation of the previous day

### TRANSANAL & ROBOTIC COLORECTAL SURGERY

*Chairmen: G. Spinoglio – M. Ito*

#### 07.45 am **LIVE & PRERECORDED OPERATIVE DEMONSTRATIONS**

from Expert International Centre

##### Transanal endoscopic surgery

- TaTME for low rectal cancer: technical details

*M. Ito - 30'*

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

- Robotic TME
- Robotic right colectomy

*Q. Denost  
P. Bianchi*

10.30 am 15' COFFEE BREAK

#### 10.45 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
- Robotic TME: pearls from a pioneer

*D. Harji – 15'*

*G. Spinoglio – 15'*

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

01.00 pm LUNCH

# Wednesday, February 25 – 2026

## AFTERNOON

### TRANSANAL & ROBOTIC COLORECTAL SURGERY

*Instructors   Faculty members & local trainers*

**01.30 pm    HANDS-ON SESSION**

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

**A. Forgione  
M. Ito / A. Pallisera**

**1. Transanal approach (live tissue and pelvic trainer)**

- Training on pelvic trainers for transanal surgery
- Training on live tissue for transanal proctectomy

**2. Laparoscopic approach (live tissue)**

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

**07.00 pm    END OF SESSION**

**08.00 pm    EXPERTS & PARTICIPANTS' DINNER**

Brasserie Les Haras – 23, rue des Glacières 67000 STRASBOURG

# Thursday, February 26 – 2026

## MORNING

07.30 am Evaluation of the previous day

### ADVANCED FLEXIBLE OPERATIVE ENDOSCOPY AND COMBINED ENDOLAPAROSCOPIC TECHNIQUES

**Chairmen:** *Q. Denost – A. Pallisera*

#### 07.45 am **LIVE & PRERECORDED OPERATIVE DEMONSTRATIONS**

from Expert International Centre

- ESD for rectal lesions *C. Spada / F. Barbaro*
- Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery (TEM) for large rectal lesions *A. Serracant*
- Flexible endoscopic operative ESD procedures for right and left colonic lesions *C. Spada / F. Barbaro*
- Combined endoscopic laparoscopic resections of early colorectal tumors *A. Pallisera*

10.30 am 15' COFFEE BREAK

#### 10.45 am **THEORETICAL SESSION**

##### Rectum

- Flexible endoscopic operative techniques for advanced ESD *G. Costamagna / M. Chiappetta - 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 / M. Chiappetta - 10'*
- Combined endolaparoscopic techniques: results from Barcelona & worldwide literature *A. Pallisera - 10'*

Essential transanal skills and tools for colorectal surgeons

*Q. Denost – 20'*

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

12.55 pm **GROUP PICTURE**

01.00 pm **LUNCH**

# Thursday, February 26 - 2026

## AFTERNOON

### ADVANCED FLEXIBLE OPERATIVE ENDOSCOPY AND COMBINED ENDOLAPAROSCOPIC TECHNIQUES

*Instructors*      *Faculty members & local trainers*

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

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

**A. Forgione**  
**M. Chiappetta**

#### Training procedures

##### 1. Flexible operative endoscopy (live tissue)

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

##### 2. Laparoscopic approach (live tissue)

- 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

07.00 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 - M. Adamina - A. Melani*

### 09.00 am THEORETICAL SESSION

#### Modern multimodal treatment of colorectal cancer

- Clinical and oncological outcomes of TaTME: a worldwide perspective *M. Adamina - 10'*
- Transanal vs. laparoscopic total mesorectal excision for middle and low rectal cancer *A. Pallisera - 10'*
- Lateral nodes dissection in rectal cancer: why not! *G. Choi - 10'*
- Modern management of rectal cancer: state of the art *Q. Denost - 10'*
- Watch & wait program for non-operative management of rectal cancer: essentials to know before starting *A. Forgione - 10'*
- Innovative therapeutics for rectal cancer *D. Harji - 10'*

### 11.00 am 15' COFFEE BREAK

#### New technologies

- ICG and AI in colorectal surgery: perfusion, lymphadenectomy and ureter identification *S. Morales Conde - 10'*
- Artificial Intelligence for surgical skills assessment and navigation in laparoscopic colorectal surgery *M. Ito - 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**

01.00 pm

LUNCH

# Friday, February 27 - 2026

## AFTERNOON

### MULTIMODAL TREATMENTS, NEW TECHNOLOGIES

*Chairmen: Q. Denost - A. D'Urso - M. Adamina*

#### 01.30 pm THEORETICAL SESSION: INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

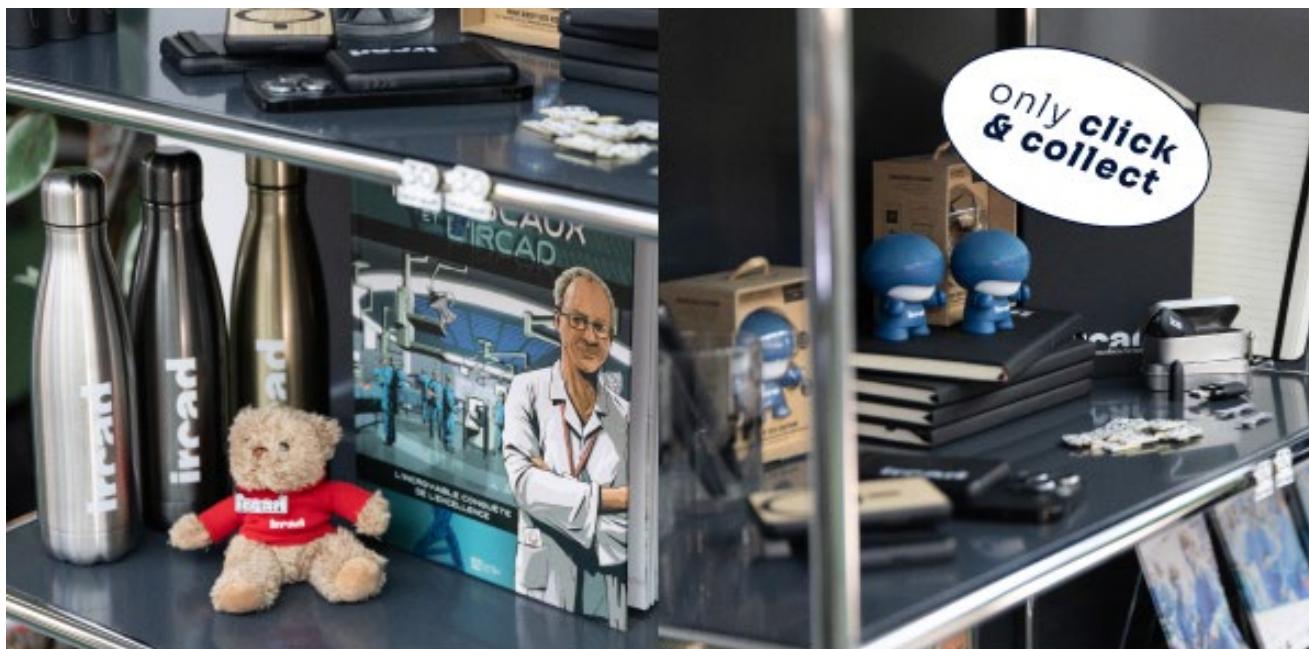
Interactive discussion with experts around interesting cases – duration 3 hours

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

05.30 pm

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

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