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European Colorectal Congress



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Welcome to the 17th European Colorectal Congress of St.Gallen
3 – 6 December 2023

Dear Colleagues

We are pleased to invite you to the 17th European Colorectal Congress of St. Gallen. We have enriched the scientific programme with keynote lectures focusing on:

- Diverticular diseases
- Endometriosis
- Malignant colorectal disease
- Robotic surgery
- Scientific lectures

Selected international experts and opinion leaders will share and discuss the latest knowledge in the field of colorectal surgery. More than 40 scientific lectures from the best international speakers will cover most of the hot topics in colorectal surgery. Expect the best in professional education and practical knowledge for every clinical need.

Back by popular demand, we have included the Live Surgery session on Wednesday 6 December. Colorectal surgeries will be broadcast directly from the operating theatre of the Kantonsspital St.Gallen. Participants will have the opportunity to ask the surgeon questions about the procedure and discuss it with him. During the breaks, due to the changing time of the surgery, videos will be played and commented by the authors. A highlight of the day will be the Lars Pahlman Lecture and the Honorary Lecture.

Following the success of last year's event, we will again offer a hybrid platform that seamlessly brings together onsite and online attendees, allowing for even more interaction between participants.

On Sunday, the main scientific programme will be preceded by our well-established Masterclass in Colorectal Surgery and the popular Proctology Day, which will focus on didactic aspects and current evidence, with extended discussion between faculty and audience. As Hands-on Courses we furthermore offer the robotic course including DaVinci and HUGO platforms, and NEW THIS YEAR the DavosCourse@ECC: Advanced Laparoscopic Course focussing on intracorporeal anastomosis, vascular dissection and bleeding management.

We warmly welcome you to St. Gallen

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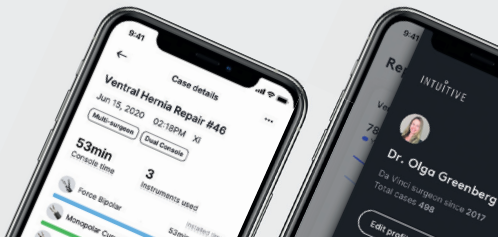
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Credits (SGC)

Master class 3 Dec	Proctology Day 3 Dec	Robotic Course 3 Dec	Main Congress 4 Dec	Main Congress 5 Dec	Main Congress 6 Dec
7 CME/CPD	5 CME/CPD	5 CME/CPD	5 CME/CPD	5 CME/CPD	5 CME/CPD
Total 27 CME/CPD					

Registration fee

	On site
Main Congress regular (Monday-Wednesday)	800 €
Main Congress trainee	400 €
Day ticket regular	400 €
Day ticket trainee	250 €
Masterclass regular	450 €
Masterclass trainee	400 €
Proctology Day regular	450 €
Proctology Day trainee	400 €
Robotic Course (Limited number of participants)	650 €
DavosCourse@ECC (Limited number of participants)	
Laparoscopic Advanced Course	450 €
8 weeks on demand	100 €

Registration fee

	online
Main Congress regular (Monday-Wednesday)	700 €
Main Congress trainee	400 €
Day ticket regular	400 €
Day ticket trainee	200 €
Masterclass regular	400 €
Masterclass Trainee	350 €

Registration fee – Festive Evening

Tuesday, 5 December 2024, 7 pm	90 € per person
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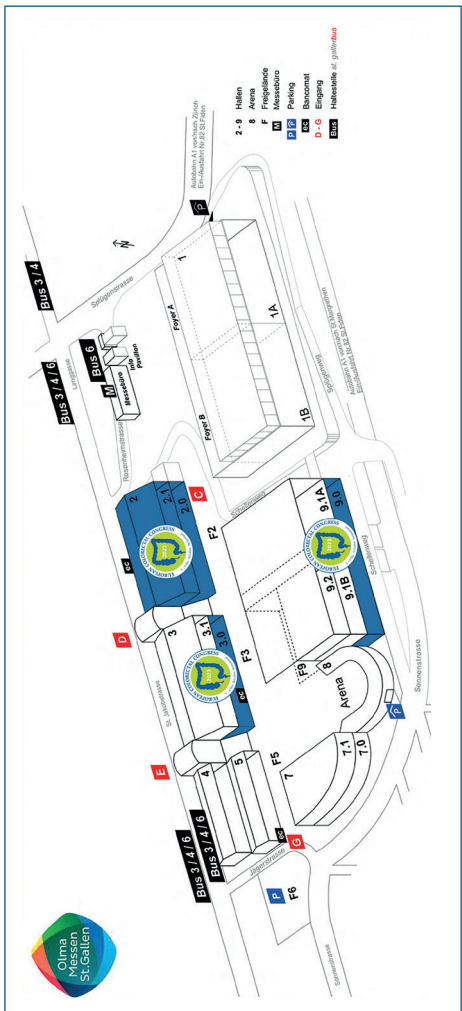
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On foot

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Area



Sunday, 3 December 2023

The Masterclass in Colorectal Surgery will give you the perfect overview and furthermore optimal preparation for the EBSQ examination in Coloproctology.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW AS A SPECIALIST AND FOR BOARD CERTIFICATION IN COLORECTAL SURGERY. STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURES.

Chair: Martin Hübner, Lausanne, CH
Yasuko Maeda, Glasgow, UK

08.10 Introduction & Course objectives
Dieter Hahnloser, Lausanne, CH

08.20 How to read and discuss a paper
Neil Smart, Exeter, UK

09.00 Hereditary Cancer Syndromes
Gabriela Moeslein, Duisburg, DE

09.40 Retrorectal Tumors
Peter Sagar, Leeds, UK

10.20 COFFEE BREAK

10.45 Intestinal Crohns
Antonino Spinelli, Milano, IT

11.25 Ulcerative Colitis
Willem Bemelman, Amsterdam, NL

12.05 Intestinal Failure
Pamela Buchwald, Lund, SE

12.45 LUNCH

Sunday, 3 December 2023

INTERACTIVE SYMPTOMS AND CASE-BASED DISCUSSIONS

Chair: Pamela Buchwald, Lund, SE
Gabriela Moeslein, Duisburg, DE

13.30 Small Bowel Obstruction
Martin Hübner, Lausanne, CH

14.10 Chronic Constipation
Yasuko Maeda, Glasgow, UK

14.50 COFFEE BREAK

15.30 Ostomies and their complications
Benjamin Weixler, Berlin, DE

16.10 Lower GI Bleeding
Andreas Shamiyeh, Linz, AT

16.50 Wrap-up
Dieter Hahnloser, Lausanne, CH

Sunday, 3 December 2023

At Proctology Day renowned experts will discuss what is standard in diagnostics and therapy according to the current state of knowledge in Proctology and which latest developments one should be aware of. On the basis of case studies, the above-mentioned clinical pictures will be presented to the participants in a practiceoriented manner.

08.45 Introduction and Welcome

Felix Aigner, Graz, AT
Lukas Marti, St.Gallen, CH

ANAL FISSURE

Chair: Emma Carrington, London, UK
Lukas Marti, St.Gallen, CH

09.00 Frédéric Ris, Geneva, CH

09.40 Richard Nelson, Chicago, USA

10.20 COFFEE BREAK

OBSTRUCTED DEFECATION SYNDROME

Chair: Felix Aigner, Graz, AT
Frédéric Ris, Geneva, CH

11.00 Emma Carrington, London, UK

11.40 David Jayne, Leeds, UK

12.20 LUNCH

Sunday, 3 December 2023

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE – ANAL INTRAEPITHELIAL – ANAL CANCER

Chair: Stephanie Breukink, Maastricht, NL
Phil Tozer, London, UK

13.30 Robert Siegel, Berlin, DE

14.10 Sheela Rao, London, UK

14.50 COFFEE BREAK

THE DIFFICULT FISTULA

Chair: Robert Siegel, Berlin, DE
David Jayne, Leeds, UK

15.30 Phil Tozer, London, UK

16.10 Stephanie Breukink, Maastricht, NL

16.50 Closing remarks
Felix Aigner, Graz, AT
Lukas Marti, St.Gallen, CH

Sunday, 3 December 2023

The robotics course includes lectures and hands-on training on robotic platforms and simulators. The focus will be on right-sided colon resections with intracorporal anastomosis, dissection techniques and, for the first time, robotic vessel and bleeding management of perfunded organs. This course is designed for surgeons with at least some robotic experience.

Instructors

Danilo Miskovic, London, UK
Jim Khan, Portsmouth, UK

Organizing Faculty

Walter Brunner, St.Gallen, CH
Stephan Bischofberger, St.Gallen, CH

09.00 Introduction & course objectives

Danilo Miskovic, London, UK

09.10 Robotic colorectal surgery - overview

Danilo Miskovic, London, UK

09.30 Hands-on training I

Participants will be rotated through the following stations:

- Intracorporal anastomosis
- Simulator training anastomosis
- Dissection & vascular management
- Bleeding management
- Video training

12.30 LUNCH

Sunday, 3 December 2023

13.30 How to implement robotic colorectal surgery

Jim Khan, Portsmouth, UK

13.50 Hands-on training II

Participants will be rotated through the following stations:

- Intracorporal anastomosis
- Simulator training anastomosis
- Dissection & vascular management
- Bleeding management
- Video training

16.40 Wrap up

Danilo Miskovic, London, UK

16.50 End of course

Sunday, 3 December 2023

This DavosCourse@ECC Advanced will focus on **advanced skills techniques in laparoscopic colorectal surgery**, including intracorporal right sided anastomosis, vessel dissection and bleeding management training. This course is recommended for surgeons who wish to improve their skills or for surgeons who are experienced in open techniques and wish to switch to laparoscopic colorectal surgery.

Instructors

Friedrich Herbst, Vienna, AT
 Andreas Shamiyeh, Linz, AT
 Gerd Silberhumer, Vienna, AT
 Lana Fourie, Basel, CH
 Marko Kraljevic, Basel, CH

Organizing Faculty

Walter Brunner, St.Gallen, CH
 Stephan Bischofberger, St.Gallen, CH

Sunday, 3 December 2023

- 09.00 Introduction & course objectives**
 Friedrich Herbst, Vienna, AT
- 09.10 Laparoscopic colorectal surgery – Overview**
 Friedrich Herbst, Vienna, AT
- 09.30 Hands-on training I**
 - Laparoscopic suture techniques
 - Laparoscopic intracorporal anastomosis
- 12.30 LUNCH**
- 13.30 Hands-on training II**
 - Dissection & vascular management
 - Bleeding management
- 16.40 Wrap up**
 Friedrich Herbst, Vienna, AT

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Effect of Pre-Operative Bowel Preparation and Diet on Anastomotic Healing on Colon Microbiota: An Experimental Model

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BACKGROUND

Anastomotic leaks remain one of the most feared complications in colorectal surgery as an important cause of morbidity and mortality. Today, there are many factors to consider anastomotic leaks, the two most recent of which are diet and colon microbiota. The aim of our study is to investigate the effect of pre-operative diet and bowel cleansing on anastomotic leaks from the point of intestinal microbiota.

METHODS

In our study, 64 female Wistar Albino rats having a body weight between 250-300 g have been used. Rats were randomly divided into two groups and the first group was fed with a high-fiber diet, and the second group was fed with a high-fat high-protein western type diet for three weeks. Then, both groups were again randomly divided into four subgroups. No bowel cleansing was performed in the 1st group (control group).

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Monday, 4 December 2023

09.50 Opening and welcome
Bruno Schmied, St.Gallen, CH

DIVERTICULAR DISEASE

Chair: Antonino Spinelli, Milano, IT
Jurriaan Tuynman, Amsterdam, NL

10.00 Gut microbiome and surgery
Phil Quirke, Leeds, UK

10.30 Diet in diverticular disease
Pamela Buchwald, Lund, SE

11.00 Decision making in the management of acute complicated Diverticulitis beyond the guidelines
Seraina Faes, Zurich, CH

11.30 Diverticular Abscess – Always drainage or who benefits from Surgery?
Johannes Schultz, Oslo, NO

12.00 LUNCH

Chair: Gabriela Möselein, Duisburg, DE
Beat Müller, Basel, CH

13.30 Perforated Diverticulitis: Damage Control, Hartmann's Procedure, Primary Anastomosis, Diverting Loop
Reinhold Kafka-Ritsch, Innsbruck, AT

14.00 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

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Monday, 4 December 2023

14.30 When to avoid protective stoma in colorectal surgery
Antonino Spinelli, Milano, IT

15.00 COFFEE BREAK

ENDOMETRIOSIS

Chair: Pamela Buchwald, Lund, SE
Phil Quirke, Leeds, UK

15.30 Endometriosis – what is the role of the abdominal surgeon
Jurriaan Tuynman, Amsterdam, NL

16.00 Challenges in Surgery of Endometriosis – always interdisciplinary?
Peter Oppelt, Linz, AT
Andreas Shamiyeh, Linz, AT

16.30 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

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17.00 A gaze in the crystal ball: Where is the role of virtual reality and artificial Intelligence in colorectal surgery
Beat Müller, Basel, CH

17.30 Get-Together with your colleagues
Industrial Exhibition

Tuesday, 5 December 2023

MALIGNANT COLORECTAL DISEASE

Chair: Lukas Brügger, Bern, CH
Alexis Ulrich, Neuss, DE

09.00 Cytoreductive Surgery and
Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy –
facts and hopes
Olivier Glehen, Lyon, FR

09.30 Metastatic Colorectal Cancer –
surgical approaches and limits
Jürgen Weitz, Dresden, DE

10.00 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

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10.45 COFFEE BREAK

Chair: Dimitrios Christoforidis, Lugano, CH
Joep Knol, Genk, BE

11.15 Organ preservation functional outcome
in rectal cancer treatment –
in line with patient's needs?
(Robot – laparoscopic – open surgery?)
Hans de Wilt, Nijmegen, NL

11.45 Extended lymph node dissection for
rectal cancer, is it still under debate?
Miranda Kusters, Amsterdam, NL

12.15 Poster Presentation on-site
Bruno Schmied, St.Gallen, CH

Lunch

Tuesday, 5 December 2023

ROBOTICS

Chair: Danilo Miskovic, London, UK
Subash Vasudevan, Colchester, UK

13.45 Advances in Robotic Surgery and
what we have learned so far
Amjad Parvaiz, Lisboa, PT

14.15 POSTER AWARD

14.45 Challenging the market:
Robotic (assistant) Devices and how
to choose wisely (Da Vinci – Hugo
Ras – Distalmotion ua)
Jim Khan, Portsmouth, UK

15.15 TAMIS – Robotic Transanal Surgery,
does it make it easier?
Joep Knol, Genk, BE

15.45 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

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16.30 COFFEE BREAK

17.00 EAES Presidential Lecture
George Hanna, London, UK



Wednesday, 6 December 2023

**09.00 LIVE SURGERY –
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ST.GALLEN**

Chair: Walter Brunner, St.Gallen, CH
Dieter Hahnloser, Lausanne, CH
Anke Smits, Utrecht, NL
Matthias Turina, Zurich, CH

Walter Brunner, St.Gallen, CH
Bernhard Dauser, Vienna, AT
Friedrich Herbst, Vienna, AT
Salvadore Morales Conde, Sevilla, ES
Amjad Parvaiz, Lisboa, PT

10.30 COFFEE BREAK

**11.00 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM
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**11.30 LIVE SURGERY – VIDEO
CANTONAL HOSPITAL OF
ST.GALLEN**

Dieter Hahnloser, Lausanne, CH
Anke Smits, Utrecht, NL

12.00 LUNCH

Wednesday, 6 December 2023

**13.30 LIVE SURGERY –
CANTONAL HOSPITAL OF
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14.15 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM



15.00 Lars Pahlman lecture
Markus Büchler, Lisboa, PT



15.30 COFFEE BREAK

**16.00 SPECIAL LECTURE:
Truth, Hope and Coloproctology**
Bill Heald, Lisboa, PT

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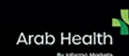
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Olma Messen,
St. Gallen, Switzerland

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Subash Vasudevan, Colchester General Hospital,
United Kingdom

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Anke Smits, Sint Antonius Ziekenhuis, Netherlands

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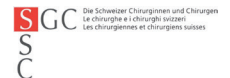
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Embracing the future
of surgery, experiences
moving from Laparoscopy
to Robotic surgery using the
Hugo™ RAS system.

Barbara Langenhoff
The Netherlands

Wednesday
Dec. 6

11:00 – 11:30

When Hugo™ becomes a
habit - procedure review
and key learnings in
adopting the Hugo™
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