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About Us

We are delighted to invite you to “Neurolympics”, a pioneering event dedicated to the latest trends in Neurosurgery, that will take place in Rome from 20 to 22 May 2026, with an exciting new dimension of active sport engagement and camaraderie between faculty and attendants!

Both Neurosurgery and Olympic sports demand an incredibly high level of precision, meticulous execution, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. Achieving mastery in either field requires years of intense dedication, rigorous training, and unwavering discipline. Moreover, we strongly believe that sports are a perfect example of how a successful outcome depends on the coordinated effort of a team.

This congress aims to bring together leading neurosurgeons in the fields of Oncology, Skull Base, Spine, Vascular and Trauma.

This unique initiative provides a relaxed environment for attendees to interact with faculty members and peers outside of formal sessions, strengthening professional bonds and fostering a spirit of active well-being.

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Program Overview

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

DAY 1

12:30 – 13:15	Registration and <i>Welcome Snack</i>
13:15 – 13:30	Opening Remarks
13:30 – 14:30	Special Lectures
14:30 – 16:30	Session 1: NEURONCOLOGY
14:30 – 15:30	Meet the Expert: SKULLBASE
14:30 – 16:30	Industry Workshop 1
16:30 – 17:00	Opening Ceremony
20:30	<i>Networking Dinner with the Faculty</i>



Thursday, May 21, 2026

DAY 2

08:30 – 10:30	Session 2: TRAUMA
08:30 – 09:30	Meet the Expert: NEURONCOLOGY
08:30 – 10:30	Industry Workshop 2
09:30 – 10:20	Mixed Abstracts
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Refueling time</i>
11:00 – 13:00	Session 3: SKULLBASE
11:00 – 12:00	Meet the Expert: TRAUMA
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13:00 – 14:00	<i>Eat and Meet</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Industry Workshop 4
14:00 – 15:00	Neurosurgical Jeopardy
15:00 – 17:00	Session 4: NEUROVASCULAR
15:00 – 16:00	Meet the Expert: SPINE
15:00 – 17:00	Industry Workshop 5
16:00 – 16:50	Mixed Abstracts



Friday, May 22, 2026

DAY 3

08:30 – 10:30	Session 5: SPINE
08:30 – 09:30	Meet the Expert: NEUROVASCULAR
08:30 – 10:30	Industry Workshop 6
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Refueling time</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Special Lectures
12:00 – 13:00	Best Abstracts presentation
13:00 – 13:30	and the winners are... BEST ABSTRACT AWARDS and Closing Remarks



DAY 1

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

12:30 – 13:15 Registration and **Welcome Snack**

13:15 – 13:30 Opening Remarks

13:30 – 14:30 **Special Lectures**

- New classification of traumatic brain and spine injury: implications for sport activities and return to sport after trauma
Franco Servadei
- Neuromonitoring as a tricky referee
Francesco Sala

14:30 – 16:30

Session 1: NEURONCOLOGY

Chairs: Jiri Bartek, Alba Scerrati

- Classifying, what is really useful
Asgeir Jakola
- Race to diagnosis, what to do and when
Pier Paolo Panciani
- Obstacles and how to overcome them
David Netuka
- My most challenging case
Giannantonio Spena
- Sports and Neuroncology
Christian Freyschlag



16:30 – 17:00

OPENING CEREMONY

Auspicious Authority

- **Giovanni Malagò** - *President of the Milano Cortina 2026 Foundation and CIO Member*
- **Michael Lawton** *on line* - *President and CEO of Barrow Neurological Institute*
- **Francesco Sala** - *President of EANS*
- **Massimo Miscusi** - *Direttore Generale MUR per le Scuole di Specializzazione, Dottorati di Ricerca e altra Formazione post-universitaria*
- **Caterina Banti** - *Sailor, double Olympic gold medalist*



DAY 2

Thursday, May 21, 2026

08:30 – 10:30

Session 2 TRAUMA

Chairs: Saqiba Jadoon, Rosario Maugeri

- Classifying, what is really useful
Angelo Pompucci
- Race to diagnosis, what to do and when
Andras Buki
- Obstacles and how to overcome them
Jiri Bartek
- My most challenging case
Corrado Iaccarino
- Sports and Trauma
Laura Lippa



10:30 – 11:00

Refueling time

11:00 – 13:00

Session 3 SKULLBASE

Chairs: Domenico Solari, Matteo Zoli

- Classifying, what is really useful
Evangelos Drosos
- Race to Diagnosis, what to do and when
Torstein Meling
- Obstacles and how to overcome them
Francesco Doglietto
- My most challenging case
Diego Mazzatenta
- Sports and Skullbase
Giulia Cossu



13:00 – 14:00

Eat and Meet

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DAY 2

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14:00 – 15:00

NEUROSURGICAL JEOPARDY

Chairs: Marilou Cavaliere, Giorgio Mantovani, Teresa Somma

15:00 – 17:00

Session 4 NEUROVASCULAR

Chairs: Emanuela Crobeddu, Milan Lepic

- Classifying, what is really useful
Giuseppe Esposito
- Race to diagnosis, what to do and when
Marco Maria Fontanella
- Obstacles and how to overcome them
Nikolay Velinov
- My most challenging case
Francesco Acerbi
- Sports and Neurovascular
Miikka Korja





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DAY 3 **Friday, May 22, 2026**

08:30 – 10:30

Session 5 SPINE

Chairs: Federica Penner, Martin Stienen

- Classifying, what is really useful
Claudius Thomé
- Race to diagnosis, what to do and when
Diego Garbossa
- Obstacles and how to overcome them
Martin Stienen
- My most challenging cases
Enrico Tessitore
- Sports and Spine
Carlo Brembilla



10:30 – 11:00

Refueling time

11:00 -12:00

Special Lectures

- Sports and miss
Antonino Raco
- From zero to hero: my personal neurosurgical journey
Alfredo Quinones-Hinojosa

12:00-13:00

BEST ABSTRACTS PRESENTATION

7' presentation + 3' discussion

Chairs: Daniele Bongetta, Giovanni Raffa, Luca Ricciardi, Cesare Zoia, Matteo Zoli

MISSION BRAIN

Mission: BRAIN's Global Educational Impact: a pilot cross-sectional study on medical students' interest in neurosurgery

Marco Failla Mulone¹, Edoardo Roberto Gingham¹, Harshvardhan G. Iyer², April Sabangan³, Alfredo Quinones-Hinojosa^{2,3} (¹Roma, Italy; ²Jacksonville, FL, USA; ³Sausalito, California)

NEURONCOLOGY

Multidisciplinary minimally invasive treatments of a complex case of meningiomatosis due to late complication in an oncologic patient

Chiara Corso², Elena Cortese², Anais Pettinato², Chiara Licciardello², **Ludovica Vinci**², Riccardo Laudicella³, Sergio Baldari³, Francesco Inserra¹, Angelo Spitaleri¹, Guglielmo Pero¹, Giuseppe Emmanuele Umana^{1,2} (¹Catania, Italy; ²Enna, Italy; ³Messina, Italy)

NEUROVASCULAR

Anterior contralateral interhemispheric transcallosal transforminal approach for resection of large medial thalamic cavernous malformation: case report and 2D operative video

R. De Marco, **A. Gatto**, A. Melcarne, F. Cofano, D. Garbossa, A. Fiumefreddo (*Turin, Italy*)

SKULLBASE

Extended endoscopic endonasal approach for a petroclival meningioma: clinical case and video

A. Eleuteri, A. Carretta, M. Magnani, G. Sollini, S. Asioli, E. Pasquini, D. Mazzatenta, M. Zoli (*Bologna, Italy*)

SPINE

Metastatic melanoma mimicking Schwannoma in the cervical spine

L. Ivanova, Y. Petrova (*Sofia, Bulgaria*)

TRAUMA

Middle meningeal artery embolization in chronic subdural hematoma: case report and internal protocol development

F. Perano¹, N.A. Capiabbi¹, **A. Cunsolo**¹, L. Reverberi², L. Verganti², F. Adduci², S. Vallone², G. Pavesi^{1,2,3}, C. Iaccarino^{1,2,3} (*Modena-Reggio Emilia, ²Baggiogvara, MO, ³Reggio Emilia*)

13:00 – 13:30

and the winners are... Best Abstract Awards
and Closing Remarks





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DAY 1 **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

14:30 – 15:30

SKULLBASE: Francesco Doglietto

ABSTRACTS ON TOPIC

7' presentation + 3' discussion

Chair: Domenico Solari

Complexities in the management of a child with a large congenital skull base encephalocele

Vasundhara S. Rangan, Vamsi Krishna Y. (*Hyderabad, India*)

A rare case of an aggressive middle cranial fossa's meningocele: a lesson learned

L. Dolci, R. De Marco, A. Pesaresi, A. Gatto, F. Penner, D. Garbossa, F. Zenga (*Turin, Italy*)

Endoscopic transorbital transpalpebral approach for a sphenoid wing meningioma: clinical case and video

Marcello Magnani, Alessandro Carretta, Alessandra Eleuteri, Giacomo Sollini, Arianna Rustici, Sofia Asioli, Ernesto Pasquini, Diego Mazzatenta, Matteo Zoli (*Bologna, Italy*)

Combined craniectomy and endoscopic endonasal approach with one – step custom – made cranioplasty for an intra – extracranial meningioma with frontal sinus involvement: clinical case and endoscopic video

A. Carretta, A. Eleuteri, P. Mantovani, M. Magnani, G. Sollini, S. Asioli, E. Pasquini, D. Mazzatenta, M. Zoli (*Bologna, Italy*)

The Endoscopic Transorbital Approach: translational anatomical research from cadaveric studies to clinical impact

Francesco Corrivetti, Matteo de Notaris (*Salerno, Italy*)



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08:30 – 09:30

NEURONCOLOGY: David Netuka

ABSTRACTS ON TOPIC

7' presentation + 3' discussion

Chair: Alba Scerrati

Challenges in the management of suprasellar mixed germ cell tumors
Pesaresi Alessandro, Federica Penner, **Lorenzo Dolci**, Enrico Lo Bue, Alice Antico, Silvia Sgambetterra, Camilla Origlia, Giada Mai, Francesco Zenga (*Turin, Italy*)

When the CSF lies: marked hypoglycorrhachia and pleocytosis in a non-infectious post-neurosurgical setting
Luca Ceccarelli, Giulio Virgili, Carlo Bortolotti, Carmelo Sturiale, Pierluigi Viale (*Bologna, Italy*)

Anterior cranial fossa calcifying pseudoneoplasm of the neuroaxis (CAPNON): experience of two different centers
P. Longo¹, D. Pugliese², I. Rania¹, E. A. Li Trenta¹, M. T. Scarfone³, D. Gabriele³, G. Hernández Romàn³, E. De Bartolo³, A. Lentini³, M. De Rose³, P. Quaglietta³, F. De Rose³, G. Raudino², D. D. Cafarella², A. Romano², D. La Torre³ (¹Messina, ²Catania, ³Cosenza, Italy)

Motor pre-habilitation by repetitive nTMS for surgery of Motor-Eloquent Gliomas: a case report from the PRECOG study
Cristofer Gonzalo Garcia Moreira, **Giovanni Raffa** (*Messina, Italy*)

Intracranial histiocytoses mimicking brain tumors: diagnostic pitfalls and surgical implications from two rare cases
A. Risso, L.L. Accarrino, A.A.D. Barbieri, B. La Pira, P. Bruzzaniti, B. De Bartolo, A. Locatelli, M.G.D. Egidi (*Milan, Italy*)

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09:30 – 10:20

MIXED ABSTRACTS SESSION

5' presentation + 2' discussion

Chair: Giorgio Mantovani

Intracranial abscess presenting as a hyperostotic extra-axial lesion: a diagnostic pitfall

F. Paolini, R. Maugeri, G. Grasso, D.G. Iacopino (*Palermo, Italy*)

Intraoperative radiotherapy for brain metastases after surgical resection: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Amr Badary¹, **Alireza Pandkhahi**², Ali Kharmandar³, Alireza Ghafouriansamedanimashhad⁴, Christopher P. Cifarelli⁵, Sonja Ziegler¹, Klaus-Henning Kahl⁶, Ehab Shiban¹ (¹*Lausitz, Cottbus, Germany*; ²*Duesseldorf, Germany*; ³*Hannover, Germany*; ⁴*Prague, Czechia*; ⁵*Morgantown, WV, USA*; ⁶*Augsburg, Germany*)

Unreliable sagittal T2-weighted flow void MRI in diagnosing third ventriculostomy: a case of long-standing obstructive hydrocephalus

Niccolò Neri¹, **Arianna Vignaroli**¹, Giorgio Palandri¹, Shinya Yamada² (¹*Bologna, Italy*; ²*Tokyo, Japan*)

Refractory idiopathic intracranial hypertension requiring optic nerve sheath fenestration and transverse sinus stenting: a case report

Eva Sherin Saravana Kumar, **Aleena Faizan**, Kunle Ogungbemi, Meriem Amarouche (*London, UK*)

Assessment of therapeutic decision-making in spontaneous spondylodiscitis: a case report

B. Campisi¹, R. Costanzo¹, E. Lo Bue², R. Rubino¹, F. Panico¹, G. Cipollina¹, F. Cofano², M. Ajello¹, A. Cascio¹, D. Iacopino¹, D. Garbossa², R. Maugeri¹ (¹*Palermo, Italy*; ²*Turin, Italy*)

Severe cervical spine destruction from undiagnosed multiple myeloma: diagnostic and surgical challenges

F. Paolini, R. Maugeri, G. Grasso, D.G. Iacopino (*Palermo, Italy*)

Anterior Transcallosal transchoroidal approach for Pineal parenchymal tumor of intermediate differentiation (PPTID) resection

Desogus N., Aste L. (*Cagliari, Italy*)



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11:00 – 12:00

TRAUMA: Franco Servadei

ABSTRACTS ON TOPIC

7' presentation + 3' discussion

Chair: Laura Lippa

Unusual penetrating traumatic brain and skull injury: a case report

Nikolaos Syrmos (*Thessaloniki, Greece*)

Penetrating hemispheric traumatic brain injury due to gunshot: a case report

Nikolaos Syrmos (*Thessaloniki, Greece*)

Life-threatening posterior fossa epidural hematoma with transverse sinus disruption following depressed occipito-temporo-parietal fracture: a case report

F. Buscemi, R. Maugeri, G. Grasso, D.G. Iacopino (*Palermo, Italy*)

Chronic subdural hematoma in a young adult: a case report

I.M. Gambino, R. Maugeri, G. Grasso, D. Iacopino (*Palermo, Italy*)

Position in chronic subdural hematoma surgery: reducing pneumocephalus as a significant recurrence factor

Aleksandra Lokaj (*Belgrade, Serbia*)

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15:00 – 16:00

SPINE: Enrico Tessitore

ABSTRACTS ON TOPIC

7' presentation + 3' discussion

Chair: Federica Penner

Twice the leak: managing CSF fistulas in a recurrent thoracic arachnoid cyst. A case report

F. Bellino, L. Bradaschia, **L. Dolci**, A. Pesaresi, A. Gatto, F. Penner, M. Ajello, Prof. D. Garbossa (*Turin, Italy*)

Multidisciplinary management of a persistent seroma following complex spinal revision surgery

L. Anselmi¹, C. Dogny², M. Scampa², G. Molliqaj², D.A. Lévine², E. Tessitore² (¹Rozzano, MI, Italy; ²Geneva, Switzerland)

Intradural-extramedullary cavernoma of the cauda equina mimicking schwannoma: a diagnostic challenge

H. Chkara (*Baggiovara, MO, Italy*)

When MRI is not enough for a neurosurgical diagnostic challenge in early spondylodiscitis

Y. Petrova, Z. Zlatev (*Sofia, Bulgaria*)

Circumferential reconstruction for an unstable C7 AO Spine B3 fracture in ankylosing spondylitis: a case report

F. Buscemi, R. Maugeri, G. Grasso, D.G. Iacopino (*Palermo, Italy*)

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16:00 – 16:50

MIXED ABSTRACTS SESSION

5' presentation + 2' discussion

Chair: Marilou Cavaliere

Contralateral transcalsal transfalci approach for bilateral intra-extraventricular anaplastic ganglioglioma via “the trans-tumoral route”: a technical case instruction

Elena Cortese¹, Ludovica Vinci¹, Chiara Corso¹, Chiara Licciardello¹, Anais Pettinato¹, Sruthi Ranganathan³, Salvatore Marrone⁵, Rosario Maugeri⁴, Gianluca Ferini^{1,6}, Gianluca Scalia² Giuseppe Emmanuele Umana^{1,2} (¹Enna, Italy; ²Catania, Italy; ³Cambridge, UK; ⁴Palermo, Italy; ⁵Caltanissetta, Italy; ⁶Viagrande, CT, Italy)

Sudden cardiac arrest and third ventricle colloid cyst: a potential neuroaxial trigger

F. Serpico¹, S.M. Cavallo¹, A. Romano^{2,3}, C. Fusella^{2,3}, M. Napoli³, C. Iaccarino^{1,2,3}, G. Pavesi^{1,2,3} (¹Modena-Reggio Emilia, ²Modena, ³Reggio Emilia, Italy)

Frameless neuronavigation and fluorescence guided stereotactic thalamic biopsy in lymphoma.

G. Ricci, A. De Carlo, A. Talacchi (Rome, Italy)

Endoscopic eyelid corridor for spheno orbito-cavernous meningiomas: the lateral TONES advantage

Abhirama Chandra Gabbita (Hyderabad, India)

Safe posterior resection of a ventral dorsal spinal meningioma: technical nuances

M. De Simone^{1,2}, E. Amoroso², R. Scrofani², N. Narciso², G. Iaconetta^{1,2} (¹Baronissi, SA, ²Salerno, Italy)

Clinical and radiological predictors of failure after lumbar decompression without fusion: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Edoardo Roberto Ginghina, Marco Failla Mulone (Rome, Italy)

The value of postural CT myelography for the diagnosis of spontaneous intracranial hypotension due to CSF-Venous Fistula: a case report

D. Luciani^{1,3}, A. Romano¹, C. Rizzi^{1,3}, F. Serpico^{1,3}, S. Cavallo^{1,3}, S. Dimitriadis¹, G. Pavesi^{1,2}, C. Iaccarino^{1,2} (¹Modena, ²Modena-Reggio Emilia, ³Reggio-Emilia)



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NEUROVASCULAR: Miikka Korja

ABSTRACTS ON TOPIC

7' presentation + 3' discussion

Chair: Emanuela Crobeddu

Fluorescein-guided surgical treatment of thoracic CSF-venous fistula: two cases reports

F. Serpico¹, S.M. Cavallo^{1,2}, D. Luciani^{1,2}, A. Romano¹, C. Rizzi^{1,2}, S. Dimitriadis¹, G. Pavesi^{1,2}, C. Iaccarino^{1,2} (¹Modena, ²Modena-Reggio Emilia)

Spontaneous extra-cranial vertebral artery pseudoaneurysm as a rare cause of subarachnoid hemorrhage: case report and literature review

A. Risso, **L.L. Accarrino**, A. Ciuffi, M. Pirovano, A.A.D. Barbieri, G. Racchia, M.G.D. Egidi, L. Valvassori (*Milan, Italy*)

Surgical management of moyamoya disease when superficial temporal artery is unavailable: encephalomyosynangiosis

A. Jokio¹, **L. Tomaselli**^{1,2}, C. Mackel¹, C.S. Ogilvy¹ (¹Boston, Massachusetts, USA; ²Turin, Italy)

Low-dose dexamethasone on recurrence in patients with significant residual chronic subdural hematoma

Svetozar Stankovic (*Belgrade, Serbia*)

Impact of COVID-19 on incidence of perimesencephalic subarachnoid hemorrhage and ruptured intracranial aneurysms. How has COVID-19 affected the size and rupture risk of silent aneurysms?

Csaba Olah (*Miskolc, Hungary*)



Industry Workshop

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

DAY 1

14:30 – 16:30

Workshop
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Workshop 1

Endovascular neurosurgery: basics, case-based learning and simulation

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE

This advanced training workshop is designed to introduce and consolidate the fundamentals of endovascular neurosurgery through a combination of expert-led lectures, clinical case discussion, and hands-on simulation.

Participation is limited to 15 trainees to ensure close faculty supervision and high-quality practical training.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Expert mini lectures (30')

- **Simone Peschillo** Endovascular principles and cerebrovascular pathology
- **Nikolay Velinov** Endovascular techniques and complication management

Hands-On simulation

Tutors: **Simone Peschillo, Nikolay Velinov, Giuseppe Di Nuzzo, Emilio Lozupone**

Participants will rotate through high-fidelity endovascular simulators and physical vascular models, allowing them to:

- Practice arterial access and navigation
- Perform simulated aneurysm embolization
- Deploy coils, stents, and flow-diverters
- Experience realistic procedural feedback

Faculty will provide real-time guidance and performance feedback at each station.

WHY PARTICIPATE

- Learn directly from internationally recognized endovascular experts
- Combine theory, cases, and hands-on simulation
- Train in a low-risk, high-realism environment
- Gain confidence before real-world procedures
- Benefit from small-group, faculty-guided training



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DAY 2

08:30 – 10:30

Workshop
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Workshop 2

Hemostasis & dura sealing in neurosurgery

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE

This workshop offers a focused session on hemostasis techniques and dural sealing in cranial neurosurgery. The workshop includes a presentation on surgical techniques and hands-on activities using simulators, with exercises covering: craniotomy and dural exposure; simulated tumor resection; bleeding control and hemostatic agents and sealants application. Participants will also have the opportunity to use and closely explore Baxter solutions in a realistic and educational setting.

Participation is limited to 12 trainees to ensure close faculty supervision and high-quality practical training.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Introductory lectures (30')

- Baxter strategy
- **Francesco Doglietto** Tumor resection, hemostasis & dural closure

Hands-On simulation

Tutors: **Luca Ricciardi, Francesca Graziano, Giuseppe E. Umana, Nicola Gorgoglione**

WHY PARTICIPATE

- Gain practical, hands-on experience with essential hemostasis techniques and dural sealing in a realistic neurosurgical setting.
- Enhance surgical confidence through guided simulation of craniotomy, tumor resection, and bleeding control.
- Learn directly from expert-led instruction on best practices and advanced operative strategies.
- Explore and familiarize yourself with innovative hemostatic products and sealants in a safe, educational environment.



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Workshop 3

An immersive experience in neurosurgery: exoscopic visualization and piezosurgery technology

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE

This advanced workshop is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive introduction to exoscopic visualization and piezoelectric surgery in neurosurgical practice. Through high-quality surgical video presentations and hands-on simulation, attendees will explore modern techniques for cranial and spinal procedures, enhancing both technical skills and intraoperative visualization strategies.

Participation is limited to 25 trainees to ensure close faculty supervision and high-quality practical training.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Surgical Video Session and Hands-On Simulation

Tutors: **Daive Colistra, Federica Penner, Alessandro Versace**

Faculty will show and discuss surgical videos

Participants will engage in practical training using cranial and spinal simulators equipped with piezoelectric surgical devices and exoscopic visualization systems. This immersive experience will allow them to:

- Practice bone cutting techniques using piezoelectric instruments
- Perform simulated cranial and spinal approaches
- Develop hand-eye coordination with exoscopic systems
- Understand ergonomics and visualization advantages of exoscopy
- Receive real-time feedback and guidance from expert faculty

WHY PARTICIPATE

- Learn from experienced neurosurgeons through curated surgical video sessions
- Gain hands-on experience with cutting-edge piezoelectric technology
- Enhance surgical precision in a controlled, risk-free environment
- Improve familiarity with exoscopic visualization systems
- Benefit from focused, small-group training with expert supervision



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Workshop 4

New technologies in spine surgery

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE

This exclusive workshop offers a unique opportunity to explore and directly experience next-generation technologies in spinal procedures. The workshop will focus on innovative interbody cages made of heterologous bone matrix (bovine-derived) combined with collagen-based biopolymers and will provide selected surgeons with a guided, hands-on experience in the use of these novel implant solutions, highlighting their potential benefits in terms of biological integration, mechanical stability and optimization of surgical workflow.

Participation is limited to 15 trainees to ensure close faculty supervision and high-quality practical training.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Introductory lectures (15')

Clinical experts and industry specialists will present:

- the biological rationale of heterologous bone matrix cages
- current clinical evidence and practical applications
- surgical indications and patient selection criteria
- comparison with conventional materials and techniques

Hands-On simulation

Tutors: Diego Garbossa, Daniele Marruzzo, Andrea Giovannini

The core of the workshop will be a practical session structured across three dedicated stations, where participants will perform surgeries on anatomical models:

1. Anterior cervical approach
2. Anterolateral lumbar approach
3. Posterior lumbar approach

At each station, participants will:

- practice implants placement using dedicated instruments
- understand the technical nuances of each surgical access
- receive real-time guidance from expert faculty and product specialists



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WHY PARTICIPATE

- Be among the first to experience innovative implant technologies
 - Engage directly with key opinion leaders and experts
 - Gain skills immediately transferable to clinical practice
 - Benefit from a highly interactive, high-level learning environment
 - To learn how to integrate these technologies into different surgical approaches, strategies for safe and effective implantation, technical optimization across spinal segments and a critical perspective on adopting new devices in clinical practice
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15:00 – 17:00

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Workshop 5

DALGONA CHALLENGE: precision is a matter of life or (surgical) death

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE

This isn't just another lecture. Master the power of piezoelectric technology through real clinical cases, then put your nerves and micrometric precision to the ultimate test.

Participation is limited to 15 trainees to ensure close faculty supervision and high-quality practical training.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Expert mini lectures (45')

- **Francesco Acerbi** Cranial Approaches
- **Maria Teresa Bozzi** Endoscopic Approaches
- **Mattia Bruzzo** Spinal Approaches

Hands-On simulation

THE DALGONA CHALLENGE

The training will culminate in the Dalgona Challenge, a skill-based competition inspired by the famous Netflix series.

After guided training, each participant will complete a precision task in order to obtain the highest score based on different evaluation criteria. Are you ready?

AWARD

The participant with the highest overall score will receive a special prize.

WHY PARTICIPATE

- Hands-on experience with cutting-edge piezoelectric technology
- Training guided by experts
- Open discussion
- Enhanced cranial and spinal microsurgical precision
- Dynamic, competitive and memorable learning experience



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Workshop 6

Microvascular Anastomosis Techniques

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE

This hands-on microsurgery workshop is designed to provide participants with high-fidelity training in microsutures and microvascular anastomoses, using state-of-the-art exoscope visualization and UpSurgeOn simulation models. Participants will develop and refine their microsurgical skills in suturing and vessel anastomosis, improving hand-eye coordination, depth perception, and instrument control under high-magnification exoscopic visualization.

Participation is limited to 20 trainees to ensure close faculty supervision and high-quality practical training.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Pre-course educational video sharing - tips and tricks of end-to-end, end-to-side and side-to-side bypass.

Course Coordinator

- **Federico Nicolosi**

Hands-On simulation

- **Zefferino Rossini** Step-by-step end-to-side anastomosis with the master (1 mm vessel)

Tutors: **Giuseppe Di Nuzzo, Francesca Graziano, Giuseppe E. Umana, Nicola Gorgiglione**

Participants will work on UpSurgeOn high-fidelity simulators, performing:

- Microsutures on synthetic models
- Microvascular anastomoses on vessel replicas
- Progressive difficulty tasks with expert guidance

AWARD

The best overall performer will receive a special prize.

WHY PARTICIPATE

- Train with next-generation exoscopic visualization
- Practice on validated UpSurgeOn simulators
- Improve real-world microsurgical performance
- Learn from experienced faculty
- Engage in a focused, competitive, and motivating learning environment



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Scientific Information

Target Audience

Neurosurgeons, ENTs, radiotherapists, maxillo-facial surgeons, neuroradiologists, neurologists, in addition to other healthcare professionals whose scope of practice includes skull base, spine, vascular surgery and oncological neurosurgery. Residents and Fellows.

Official Language

The official language of the meeting is English without simultaneous translation.

We kindly ask to all speakers to prepare their slides/mp4 videos in English.

Rules for Speakers

We request compliance with the following rules:

- the teaching activity shall be objective, balanced and not influenced by direct or indirect interests of stakeholders with commercial interest;
- the speaker shall not include in the activity any teaching advertising of any kind for specific products of medical interest, shall indicate only generic names of drugs, instruments, principals and not their trade names, even if related to the subject matter;
- the speaker shall not project images covered by copyright, identifying images of drugs or equipment and images that can violate patient privacy.

Audiovisual Equipment

16:9 projection will be provided. Speakers are kindly requested to contact the AV technician located inside the meeting room well in advance.

All the meeting rooms will be equipped with a Personal Computer for presentations with video projection. Presentations must be prepared in PowerPoint format and delivered via USB drive to the room technician at least one hour before the start of the session, in order to verify the compatibility of the technical material. The presentation will be forwarded through Local Area Network (LAN) directly to the video projector.

The use of personal laptop (Mac/PC) is permitted, provided that the room technicians are informed in advance; presenters are required to bring their own adapter for Mac device.

Each Speaker shall collect their technical material at the end of the session or at the latest at the end of the day. The Organizing Secretariat accepts no responsibility for any lost audiovisual material that was not collected or left unattended.

Please also remember to strictly adhere to the time allocated for each presentation to ensure the proper conduct of the scientific sessions.

Attendance Certificate

At the end of the congress an attendance certificate will be sent by e-mail to all registered participants.

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**SALA CONFERENZE
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Via dei Gladiatori, 22
Rome, Italy

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE

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Entrance for the guests "Stadio Olimpico Tour" Tribuna Monte Mario.



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From Tiburtina train station:

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These Bus have stops at Stadio Olimpico:

Bus: 168, 280, 301, 32, 628, 69 - Head to the ATAC Website for more information.

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The HCP registration fee includes:

- attendance to all scientific sessions
- congress kit
- attendance certificate
- entrance to the exhibition area
- F&B provided during the scientific program

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Wednesday, May 20, 2026
start from 20:30

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Accompanying persons may attend at a cost of € 80.00 (VAT included), to be borne by the participant.

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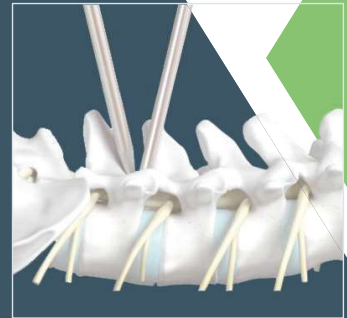
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