



# 15-16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2024

## THE 5<sup>TH</sup> EHNS WORKSHOP ON HEAD AND NECK ROBOTIC SURGERY



### FINAL PROGRAM

The 5<sup>th</sup> European Head and Neck Robotic Workshop will focus on the «state-of-art and future perspectives» of Head and Neck robotic surgery and related technologies.

A broad overview of current applications, cutting edge tools and new indications will be provided by a panel of leading surgeons and oncologists in a climate of fruitful and practical collaboration.

### MAIN TOPICS

- Live surgery
- Da Vinci single port experiences
- New robots
- 3D exoscopic surgery
- Robotic surgery in multidisciplinary approach to H&N cancer
- Lectures, debates, panel discussions
- Round tables
- Robotic training in Europe
- The corner of industries

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In 2022 the EHNS board established the European robotic surgery network, calling it the “EU-Robot Network”.

In fact, the worldwide increase of robotic procedures, the introduction of interesting related technologies and the advantages offered by trans-oral robotic surgery have determined the need for a professionally led, networked and coordinated approach, useful to exercising leadership in this increasingly developed technology.

The aim of EU-Robot is to establish an European network for the effective implementation and advancement of H&N robotic surgery and related technologies in Europe, through simple and effective actions: creating a register of procedures, disseminating knowledge, creating certification, activating a group of proctors, promoting and facilitating international scientific collaborations. As a part of the EHNS initiatives, EU-Robot will contribute to the organization of the biennial international workshop focused on advances in H&N robotic surgery and related technologies. This will serve a forum to discuss existing activity and chart future direction for the EU-Robot project, as well as organizing an Assembly of National delegates.

This is also the reason why the scientific organization of the 5th meeting will be the result of the contributions and efforts by group of colleagues chosen by EHNS Board as the first Steering Committee of the Network rather than the work of a single person. The EU-Robot-venue has generously been offered by the Ferrero Foundation in Alba free of charge and is the ideal setting to embark on a promising journey exploring together in this fascinating surgical and oncological discipline.

We look forward to seeing you in Alba.

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# 2024 EU-ROBOT MEETING PROGRAM

## DAY 1 - 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

08.00-08.30 Registration  
08.30-08.45 Welcome and Introduction

### ► Session 1 - Chair: René Leemans

08.45-10.45

Current role of robotic surgery in the multidisciplinary approach to Head and Neck cancer

Lecture ► *Surgeon's point of view*

Lecture ► *Radio-oncologist's point of view*

Lecture ► *CUP: less and less hidden thanks to TORS*

John De Almeida

Vincent Grégoire

René Leemans

Panel Discussion - Chair: Christian Simon

What have we learned in 20 years of Head and Neck robotic surgery? Tips for beginners

Chris Holsinger, René Leemans, Vincent Grégoire, Luiz Paulo Kowalski, Yoon Woo Koh, Wojciech Golusinski

### ► Session 2 - Chair: Philippe Gorphe

10.50-13.00

Let's talk about technique: focus on parapharyngeal space surgery and beyond!

Lecture ► *Conventional vs inside-out anatomy of parapharyngeal space*

Pearls and pitfall ► *Transcervical robotic approach to parapharyngeal space*

Pearls and pitfall ► *Transoral robotic/combined approach to parapharyngeal space*

Pearls and pitfall ► *Robotic Neck dissection*

Pearls and pitfall ► *Robotic thyroidectomy*

David Viros Porcuna

Yoon Woo Koh

Mohssen Ansarin

Luiz Paulo Kowalski

Dana Hartl

Discussion

### ► Lunch with live surgery - Chair: Mohssen Ansarin

13.00-14.00

Live from Pietro and Michele Ferrero Hospital

3-DES procedure (Surgeons: Giorgio Peretti / Marta Filauero)

(only the central steps of the procedure)

### ► Session 3 - Chair: Christian Simon

14.00-16.00

Conventional transoral robotic surgery: up to date.

Tonsil cancer

Tongue base cancer

Supraglottis- hypopharynx

Benign tumors treated by robotic surgery

John de Almeida

Somiah Siddiq

Se-Heon Kim

Tom Vauterin

Panel discussion - Chair: Scott Magnuson

Have we already reached the break even for transoral robotic surgery?

Vincent Vander Poorten, Georges Lawson, Giuseppe Spriano, Sylvain Morinière, Fernando Luis Dias

► **Session 4** - Chair: **Vinidh Paleri**

**16.05-17.20**

**Trials, big data management, recurrent disease**

Lecture ► *Update on completed and ongoing trials*  
Lecture ► *What can we learn from big data in robotic surgery?*  
Lecture ► *RE-CUT: Robotic surgery for recurrent disease*

**Vincent Vander Poorten**  
**Hisham Mehanna**  
**Christian Simon**

Discussion

► **Session 5** - Chair: **Wojciech Golusinski**

**17.25-19.00**

**New robots on the block**

Introduction  
Lecture ► *Da Vinci SP*  
Lecture ► *CMR Versius system*

**Se-Heon Kim**  
**Asit Arora**

Discussion

**Leonardo Da Vinci Lecture**

**OSAS: to TORS or not to TORS, that is the question!**  
**Claudio Vicini**



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## DAY 2 - 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

► **Session 6** - Chair: **Sylvain Morinière**

**08.00-09.00**

**What I wouldn't do again in robotic surgery**

Contributes ► **Fernando Luis Dias, Philippe Gorphe, Wojciech Golusinski, Tom Vauterin, Scott Magnuson**

► **Session 7** - Chair: **Cesare Piazza**

**09.05-11.00**

**Technological alternatives to robotic surgery: 3D transoral exo/endoscopic surgery**

Lecture ► *Technologies and setting*  
Lecture ► *3D Exoscopic approach*  
Lecture ► *3D Endoscopic approach*

**Giorgio Peretti**  
**Erika Crosetti**  
**Mario Fernandez Fernandez**

Panel discussion - Chair: **Cesare Piazza**

**The strenghts and weaknesses of 3-DES**

**Giorgio Peretti, Giovanni Succo, Mario Fernandez Fernandez, Armando De Virgilio**



► **Session 8 - Chair: Vincent Vander Poorten**

**11.05-13.00**

**Scientists' corner: a picture of the future.**

Lecture ► *Toward increasingly smart TORS: update on I-knife project*

Lecture ► *Coupling AI and Robotic surgery: is it a dream or a reality?*

Lecture ► *Question to engineer: is there a new generation of Robot on the horizon?*

Lecture ► *Remote surgery, teleproctoring, telementoring, telelearning: are we equipped for?*

**Vinidh Paleri**

**Chris Holsinger**

**Fernando Rodriguez y Baena**

**Scott Magnuson**

Discussion

► **Lunch with live surgery - Chair: Piero Nicolai**

**13.00-14.00**

**Live from Pietro and Michele Ferrero Hospital**

*Robotic procedure 3D broadcast (Surgeons: Yoon Woo Koh / Erika Crosetti)*  
(only the main steps of the procedure)

► **Session 9 - Chair: Giovanni Succo**

**14.00-15.10**

**The EU-Robot session** (open discussion with the audience)

Lecture ► *Trying to organize an international network of robotic surgery: the UGIRA experience*  
**Richard Van Hillegersberg**

*Future Initiatives*

*Independent training*

*General Assembly*

*Next Eu-Robot Meeting*

► **Session 10 - Chair: Erika Crosetti**

**15.15-17.15**

**The corner of industries**

*Question time*

**17.15-17.30**

**Meeting official photo**

**Session 11 - Chair: Giuseppe Spriano**

**17.35-18.10**

**EU-Robot lecture**

► *TORS vs TOLM in Head and Neck surgery: parallel, diverging or converging roads?*

*Thoughts about the past and the future*

**Georges Lawson**

**18.15**

**Best free communication, best virtual poster and best video awards**

**Closing remarks**

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08.45-10.45	<p><b>Current role of robotic surgery in the multidisciplinary approach to Head and Neck cancer</b> Chair: René Leemans Speakers: John De Almeida, Vincent Grégoire, René Leemans</p> <p><b>What have we learned in 20 years of Head and Neck robotic surgery? Tips for beginners</b> Chair: Christian Simon Discussants: Chris Holsinger, René Leemans, Vincent Grégoire, Luiz Paulo Kowalski, Yoon Woo Koh, Wojciech Golusinski</p>	Virtual posters session
10.50-13.00	<p><b>Let's talk about technique: focus on parapharyngeal space surgery and beyond!</b> Chair: Philippe Gorphe Speakers: David Viros Porcuna, Yoon Woo Koh, Mohssen Ansarin, Luiz Paulo Kowalski, Dana Hartl</p>	
13.00-14.00	<p><b>Lunch with live surgery</b> Chair: Mohssen Ansarin Surgeons: Giorgio Peretti, Marta Filauro</p>	
14.00-16.00	<p><b>Conventional transoral robotic surgery: up to date.</b> Chair: Christian Simon Speakers: John de Almeida, Somiah Siddiq, Se-Heon Kim, Tom Vauterin</p> <p><b>Have we already reached the break even for transoral robotic surgery?</b> Chair: Scott Magnuson Discussants: Vincent Vander Poorten, Georges Lawson, Giuseppe Spriano, Sylvain Morinière, Fernando Luis Dias</p>	Virtual posters session
16.05-17.20	<p><b>Trials, big data management, recurrent disease</b> Chair: Vinidh Paleri Speakers: Vincent Vander Poorten, Hisham Mehanna, Christian Simon</p>	
17.25-19.00	<p><b>New robots on the block</b> Chair: Wojciech Golusinski Speakers: Se-Heon Kim, Asit Arora</p> <p><b>Leonardo Da Vinci lecture</b></p> <p><b>OSAS: to TORS or not to TORS, that is the question!</b> Speakers: Claudio Vicini</p>	



## DAY 2 - 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

	AUDITORIUM	ALTAIR
08.00-09.00	<b>What I wouldn't do again in robotic surgery</b> <i>Chair:</i> Sylvain Morinière <i>Contributes:</i> Fernando Luis Dias, Philippe Gorphe, Wojciech Golusinski, Tom Vauterin, Scott Magnuson	Free video session
09.05-11.00	<b>Technological alternatives to robotic surgery: 3D transoral exo/endoscopic surgery</b> <i>Chair:</i> Cesare Piazza Giorgio Peretti, Erika Crosetti, Mario Fernandez Fernandez  <b>The strenghts and weaknesses of 3-DES</b> <i>Chair:</i> Cesare Piazza <i>Discussants:</i> Giorgio Peretti, Giovanni Succo, Mario Fernandez Fernandez, Armando De Virgilio	
11.05-13.00	<b>Scientists' corner: a picture of the future</b> <i>Chair:</i> Vincent Vander Poorten <i>Speakers:</i> Vinidh Paleri, Chris Holsinger, Fernando Rodriguez y Baena, Scott Magnuson	
13.00-14.00	<b>Lunch with live surgery</b> <i>Chair:</i> Piero Nicolai  <b>Robotic procedure 3D broadcast</b> <i>Surgeons:</i> Yoon Woo Koh, Erika Crosetti	
14.00-15.10	<b>The EU-Robot session</b> <i>Chair:</i> Giovanni Succo <i>Speakers:</i> Richard Van Hillegersberg	Free communication session
15.15-17.15	<b>The corner of industries</b> <i>Chair:</i> Erika Crosetti	
17.15-17.30	<b>Meeting official photo</b>	
17.35-18.10	<b>EU-Robot lecture</b> <i>Chair:</i> Giuseppe Spriano <i>Speaker:</i> Georges Lawson	Free video session
18.15	<b>Best free communication, best virtual poster and best video awards</b>	
18.30	<b>Closing remarks</b>	

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## • CONGRESS VENUE

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## • CONGRESS SECRETARIAT OPENING HOURS

At the congress venue, the Secretariat will work at the following times:

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 2.30 pm to 6 pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30 am to 7 pm
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30 to 7 pm

## • CONGRESS REGISTRATION

Registration must be made through the appropriate online registration system.  
The methods and terms of registration are illustrated on the website [www.ehns.org](http://www.ehns.org)  
Registration for the congress will close on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.  
After the closure of online registration, it will be possible to register only at the congress venue.

## • REGISTRATION FEES:

Senior 350,00 €  
Resident (with proof) 250,00 €  
Gala dinner 70,00 €  
IHNS Meeting + Eu-Robot Workshop senior fee 500,00 €  
IHNS Meeting + Eu-Robot Workshop resident fee 300,00 €  
Registration fees include 22% VAT.

The registration fee for the Congress includes:

- participation in scientific works
- the congress folder
- the certificate of attendance
- lunches and coffee breaks

The payment of the registration fee can be made by bank transfer or by credit card.  
The Scientific Committee will award free registration to the under 40 colleagues/residents who have submitted a scientific contribution - free communication, virtual poster or video - judged to be of particular importance.  
All information is published on the EHNS website: [www.ehns.org](http://www.ehns.org)

## • CANCELLATION

Any cancellation must be communicated in writing to the Organizing Secretariat.  
Cancellations made by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 will entitle you to a refund equal to 70% of the amount paid.  
No refund is foreseen for cancellations received after this date or for lack of communication.



## • **SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTION**

Members can submit their scientific contribution in the form of free communication, virtual poster or video. The works must comply with the characteristics illustrated in the appropriate Scientific Contribution Proposal form (Abstract form), which can be downloaded from the website [www.ehn.org](http://www.ehn.org); the abstracts must reach the organizing secretariat before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

Participants presenting a scientific contribution must be up-to-date with their registration for the Congress within 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

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## • **FREE COMMUNICATION / VIRTUAL POSTER**

Each member of the Congress can submit one or more free communications or virtual posters on topics of robotic surgery or related technologies in head and neck oncology.

Posters will be displayed in automatic presentation mode with timed slides (30 sec./slide) projected in a dedicated room via a PC provided by the Organization. A slide center where you can deposit your poster up to one hour before the presentation session will be in operation at the congress venue. The use of personal computers is not permitted. The poster session provides for the continuous and automatic projection of the posters.

## • **VIDEO**

Each member of the Congress can submit one or more videos on topics of robotic surgery or related technologies in head and neck oncology. The video should last a maximum of 10 minutes and be preferably accompanied by an audio commentary in English. Video projection via a PC provided by the Organization is foreseen.

A slide center where you can deposit your poster up to one hour before the video session will be in operation at the congress venue. The use of personal computers is not permitted. The video session provides for the continuous and automatic projection of the videos.

## • **FREE COMMUNICATION AWARD, VIRTUAL POSTER AWARD AND VIDEO AWARD**

The prizes will be delivered to the winners at the end of the Meeting.

## • **CME**

The Congress will be accredited by EACCME and by Age.Na.S and will generate CME points.

The accreditation request has been forwarded for the following categories: Otolaryngology, Oncology, Radiotherapy, Maxillofacial Surgery, General Surgery, Pathology, Radiodiagnostics, Nurses.

## • **BADGE**

All participants and accompanying persons will be given a badge without which access to the scientific sessions, the exhibition area, the social program is not permitted.

Credits will not be granted to those who are not present at 90% of the scientific programme (as per the CME directive).

## • **PROGRAM CHANGES**

The Organizing Committee, the Scientific Secretariat and the Organizing Secretariat reserve the right to make changes to the program deemed necessary for scientific, technical or organizational reasons.

## • **HOTEL RESERVATION**

Hotel reservations can be made independently or by contacting the Langhe Monferrato Roero Tourist Consortium at [info@langhe-experience.it](mailto:info@langhe-experience.it)



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