

**ELEVENTH
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28-30 SEPTEMBER
2016

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT



Abstract deadline date – **Friday 29 April 2016**

Early registration and accommodation deadline – **Friday 24 June 2016**

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ESCP Meeting Overview

Time	Activity
TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2016	
ESCP Pre-Congress "hands-on" Courses Details of courses available on pages 5 and 6.	
09:30 - 16:00	Educational: Perianal Fistula Workshop
09:00 - 17:00	Educational: Laparoscopic Skills Workshop

WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2016	
08:00 - 11:30	Educational: 8th Ultrasound Workshop with Live Demonstrations
09:30 - 11:30	Educational: Core Subject Update
11:30 - 12:35	Official Opening, Symposium, Free Papers
12:35 - 13:30	Exhibition opens - Sandwich Lunch available
13:30 - 15:45	International Trials Results Forum, Video Surgery, ESCP Fellowship Update, Keynote Lecture
15:45 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 19:30	Symposium, Free Papers, Oral Posters
16:00 - 19:00	Educational Sessions: Activities in Coloproctology Around the Globe Best Publications of the Year Coloproctology - How to Start to Engage Online and Future Developments in Surgical Social Media
19:30 - 20:30	ESCP Welcome Reception

Time	Activity
THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2016	
07:30 - 10:45	Oral Posters, ESCP Guidelines Update, New Trials Forum, Keynote Lecture
07:30 - 10:15	Educational: Trainee Video Session
10:45 - 11:45	Long Coffee Break
10:45 - 11:45	Ethicon Satellite Symposium 
10:45 - 12:45	Educational: Trainee Round Table Session
11:45 - 13:00	The Six Best Free Papers
13:00 - 14:15	Long Lunch, Exhibition, Lunchtime Posters
13:00 - 14:15	Educational: Workshop for Authors
13:15 - 14:15	Medtronic Satellite Symposium 
14:15 - 15:45	Symposia, International Travelling Fellow Free Papers
15:45 - 16:15	Coffee Break
15:45 - 17:00	Educational: Interactive Trainee Workshop
16:15 - 18:15	Keynote Lectures, Free Papers
16:45 - 17:45	Ethicon Satellite Symposium 
18:15 - 18:55	ESCP Annual General Meeting
20:00	ESCP Conference Dinner

FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2016	
08:00 - 11:05	Symposia, Keynote Lecture, Oral Posters Awards: Honorary Members, Six Best Free Paper, Best New Trial Presentation ESCP Fellowship Update
11:05 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:15 - 12:15	Educational: Information on the EBSQ Examination
11:30 - 12:45	Oral Posters, Keynote Lecture
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch, Exhibition, Lunchtime Posters
12:45 - 13:45	Frankenman Satellite Symposium 
12:45 - 13:45	Educational: Controversies in New Technology: Robotics in Colorectal Surgery
13:45 - 16:15	Symposium, Lunchtime Posters Award, Consultants' Corner
16:15 - 16:20	Closing Ceremony
16:30	EBSQ Written Examination (Saturday individual exams will take place at Istituto Clinico Humanitas, Rozzano, Milan - see details on page 17)

ESCP 2016, Milan

We are delighted to invite you to attend ESCP's 11th Scientific and Annual meeting in Milan.

As many will be aware, the meeting was scheduled to take place in Istanbul; it was with great regret that the ESCP Executive decided not to proceed there in the current climate. For practical planning purposes, a timely decision was essential in February, and we thank our Turkish colleagues for their understanding. Our programme was well advanced, and we have been fortunate to find a good venue in MiCo Milan, and strong support from our Italian colleagues to advise us about local arrangements.

As usual, we have a full and fascinating programme. We will again be collaborating with S-ECCO and with EAES, in addition to the usual programme of outstanding keynote lectures, symposia, video surgery and research sessions. After the successful launch of last year's hands-on courses in Dublin, we will again run two courses on Tuesday, details of which are available on page 5.

Our educational programme goes from strength to strength and is packed with highly valuable content this year.

We do hope you will join us for ESCP 2016!




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REGISTRATION & EXHIBITION OPEN HOURS:

	Registration	Exhibition
Wednesday 28 September	07.30 - 19.00	12.30 - 20.30
Thursday 29 September	07.30 - 19.00	07.30 - 18.30
Friday 30 September	07.30 - 16.30	07.30 - 14.30

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Congress Venue

MiCo Congress Centre is located close to the city centre of Milan on the north west side. It comprises two buildings, and ESCP will be using the North Wing.

The venue is served by excellent public transport services which include a metro line linking it to the central tourist areas, and a shuttle bus direct to Malpensa Airport which is approximately 50 minutes away. There is an excellent range of good hotels within easy walking distance of MiCo, and many more just a few stops away by Metro or train. Details are available on the ESCP website from April onwards.

MICO MILANO CONGRESSI

North Wing

ESCP entrance on Via Gattamelata (entrance 14)
Milan 20149
Italy

Tel: +39 02 4997 6271

www.micomilano.it



ACCOMMODATION

DEADLINE DATE: FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2016

You can book your hotel within online registration, and rooms are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Details of ESCP hotels are available on the ESCP website from April 2016 with a map showing the hotel's location and instructions on how to get to the MiCo.

ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS

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Special rates have been agreed with all ESCP official hotels. However, due to limited availability at Milan hotels these rates are only valid for early bookings. Thereafter rates will be subject to availability at the time of booking and may increase significantly.

We STRONGLY recommend therefore that you book early in order to obtain your first choice of hotel.

Payment terms and conditions: full prepayment is required online at the time of booking; your booking will not be confirmed until full payment is received. Please read the accommodation terms and conditions before you book.

KEY DATES

Friday 29 April 2016

- Deadline for abstract submissions

Friday 24 June 2016

- Hotel booking and payment deadline date
- Deadline for early registration rate
- **Best rates for ESCP members end today!**

Friday 23 September 2016

- Deadline for late registration rate
- **Higher rates apply for registrations after 23 September!**

Pre-Congress Educational Courses:

Following the success of “hands on” courses introduced last year, the Education Committee are pleased to repeat the format of full-day Tuesday and Wednesday morning courses in Milan.

These courses are primarily for Trainee Surgeons. The following courses are available:

PERIANAL FISTULA WORKSHOP

Tuesday 27 September / 09:30 – 16:00

Aimed at trainees and young consultants with a good understanding of anorectal anatomy and function as well as basic pathophysiology of cryptoglandular perianal fistulas, wishing to enhance their knowledge of new, as well as classic treatment modalities for fistulas, and to enhance their comprehension of surgical strategy and decision making.

Course content:

A morning of Expert video presentations & discussion followed by afternoon hands-on training.

Learning objectives:

To inform attendees about the possibilities and limitations of new and established techniques for fistula surgery, and to acquire operative techniques concerning fistulotomy, LIFT, flap, VAAFT and plug.

Location:

MiCo Convention Centre

Piazzale Carlo Magno, 1
20149 Milan, Italy

EBSQ Examination: Don't miss the new educational session!

This year for the first time, an EBSQ session on everything you need to know about it and how to prepare.

Friday 30 September at 11:15

LAPAROSCOPIC SKILLS WORKSHOP

Tuesday 27 September / 09:00 – 17:00

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Aimed at trainees who are competent with basic laparoscopic surgery (such as appendectomy), who have started to perform laparoscopic right hemicolectomy under supervision, and who wish to further their skills to laparoscopic right and left hemicolectomy, and potentially anterior resection.

Course content:

In two groups of 12, a half-day session Faculty “How I do it” lectures highlighting operative technique and strategy; the other half of the day will be hands-on practical sessions in pairs in wet lab with cadaver or animal model.

Learning outcomes:

Acquisition of operative techniques and appreciation of surgical strategies to allow candidates to progress right hemicolectomy, splenic flexure mobilisation and initial upper rectal mobilisation.

Location:

Humanitas Congress Centre

Istituto Clinico Humanitas
Hospital & Research Centre (IRCCS)
Via Manzoni 113
20089 Rozzano, Milano, Italy
www.humanitasedu.it/sedi/milano

8th ULTRASOUND WORKSHOP WITH LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

Wednesday 28 September / 08:00 – 12:30

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Course content:

Expert presentations with video link to live patient demonstrations.

Location:

San Raffaele Hospital

Via Olgettina, 60
20132 Milan, Italy

The number of places are limited for all courses other than core subject update. You must register and complete your main registration payment in order to be considered for a place.

Tuesday courses: places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis by country (one place per country, a second place per country only if application levels permit). Registration includes coffee breaks and a light working lunch.

Wednesday Ultrasound: the workshop is limited to 90 places due to auditorium capacity at San auditorium at San Raffaele Hospital. Registration includes a breakfast snack on arrival and mid-morning coffee. Bus transportation will be available from San Raffaele Hospital to MiCo after the course, but you are asked to make your own way there on Wednesday morning.

CORE SUBJECT UPDATE

Wednesday 28 September / 09:30 – 11:30

As in previous years, this session is designed to give those working actively in the field a comprehensive overview and an update on recent development and controversies on topics of specific interest.

Course content:

Expert presentations with video link to live patient demonstrations.

Location:

MiCo Convention Centre

Piazzale Carlo Magno, 1
20149 Milan, Italy

TUESDAY COURSE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Apply for your chosen course through the main congress registration; this does NOT guarantee you a place (no course fee will be charged at this point)
2. Pay for your main registration
3. **Complete your 1-page summary of experience and learning expectations and send to the ESCP Secretariat – Nicola@integrity-events.com**
4. Applications will be considered by the Education Committee after 1 June in order of receipt and country to ensure fair distribution of places across all ESCP member countries
5. Confirmed places will be notified by e-mail and charges will then be added to your online registration.
6. Payment for the course must be completed online within 7 days of notification.

Accommodation near to San Raffaele Hospital: the Hotel Rafael is located within the hospital complex. ESCP have arranged a special rate with the hotel for Tuesday 27 September, details of how to book and pricing can be found within the list of available hotels at www.escp.eu.com/escp-2016

Call for Main Abstracts

ABSTRACT DEADLINE DATE:

Saturday 29 April 2016

Abstracts on any topic in Coloproctology will be considered by the Programme Committee and may be selected for one of the following groups below.

Group 1: the 6 best oral presentations will be selected to be presented in a special plenary session on Thursday 29 September. Presenters are given a total of 10 minutes, 7 to present and 3 for questions.

Group 2: free paper presentations will be selected on merit from submitted abstracts to be presented in parallel sessions. Free paper presenters are given a total of 10 minutes, 7 to present and 3 for questions.

Group 3: oral poster presentations will be selected on merit from submitted abstracts and will be presented in parallel sessions. Oral poster presenters are given a total of 5 minutes, 3 to present and 2 for questions; these are also allocated a poster board. **Student posters** are invited again this year, and a session of 6 oral poster presentations is scheduled on Wednesday at 19:00.

Group 4: lunchtime posters a further 90 posters will be selected on merit for a lunchtime poster session (45 on Thursday, 45 on Friday) when authors (or a representative) are asked to be ready for review and discussion with appointed representatives of the Programme Committee.

Group 5: posters all other accepted abstracts should be prepared as posters (see www.escp.eu.com/escp-2016 for board specifications and times of access). There will be no set poster session time, and posters are available to all delegates throughout the meeting.

Details of prizes awarded for abstract submissions are detailed on page 8.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Main abstract submissions should be no longer than 200 words. You will be required to use the on-screen form provided, and you will not be able to include diagrams or graphs.

Step 1: go to www.escp.eu.com/escp-2016 and select the "abstracts" page

Step 2: click on the link to abstract submission

Step 3: register your details and await confirmation by e-mail that you have registered as a user

Step 4: using the link provided, return to online submission

Step 5: enter your co-authors (in the order they should be printed) and your abstract (200 words maximum)

Authors are kindly requested not to enter author names into the body of the abstract, please use the fields provided in the submission form. **Please do NOT use upper case letters in the title of your abstract!**

TIMETABLE FOR ABSTRACTS

Friday 29 April 2016 at 23:00 (CET)

Abstract deadline

Monday 2 May – Monday 23 May 2016

Marking and review by Programme Committee

Monday 30 May 2016

Latest estimated notification date for all authors

Conference registration will be available to MAIN authors at the early registration rate until **31 August 2016. The early rate will not be available after this date.** If a selected author cannot attend the conference, the ESCP should be notified with the name of the replacement presenter within 48 hours.

CALL FOR NEW TRIALS FORUM SUBMISSIONS

Deadline Date: 29 April 2016

Date and time of session:

Thursday 29 September 08:45 – 10:15

Submissions are invited for consideration by the Research Committee chaired by Dion Morton.

TO SUBMIT:

Submissions must be made using the online form available on the ESCP website. Please go to www.escp.eu.com/escp-2016 and select **New Trials Forum submissions**.

Submissions are invited relating to trials that are either **new OR ongoing** but which require further recruitment on a national or international basis. The best will be selected on merit for presentation of protocol during the session. Those selected will also be asked to provide a 200-word abstract for inclusion in a *Colorectal Disease* supplement available at the meeting.

The selected trials will be presented for review by a panel of Experts and a prize will be awarded for the best presentation.

CALL FOR VIDEO SURGERY SESSION SUBMISSIONS

Deadline Date: 29 April 2016

Date and time of session:

Wednesday 28 September 13:30 – 15:00

Submissions are invited for consideration by the Programme Committee.

TO SUBMIT:

Submissions must be made using the online form available on the ESCP website. Please go to www.escp.eu.com/escp-2016 and select Video Surgery submissions.

Enter the URL link for your video, together with a 200-word abstract. If your video is selected, the abstract will be published in a *Colorectal Disease* supplement available at the meeting.

A step-by-step guide to video submissions is provided on the submissions web-page.

ABSTRACT PRIZES

Prizes are awarded for abstracts presented in three categories as follows:

Best of the Six Best receives the opportunity to present their paper at the ASCRS meeting (supported by ESCP) plus £600 (GBP) awarded by the BJS Society.

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Best Lunchtime poster receives a prize of €300 awarded by ESCP.

Best New Trial presentation receives a prize of €200 awarded by ESCP.

FUTURE ESCP CONGRESS DATES

2017	20 – 22 September CityCube, Berlin, Germany
2018	26 – 28 September Acropolis Convention Centre, Nice, France
2019	25 – 27 September
2020	23 – 25 September
2021	22 – 24 September
2022	28 – 30 September
Venues from 2019 still to be announced	

ESCP Conference Registration Fees

ESCP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Conference registration must be completed online via the ESCP website and paid by credit card. To register online, please visit www.escp.eu.com/escp-2016 and select **Registration**.

MEMBER CONFERENCE RATES

Best value conference rates are available if you are a member, and you register before the early deadline!

ESCP member conference rates are accessed by using a "coupon code". All those subscribed when the system goes live will be notified. Anyone paying a subscription from that time will receive notification of the coupon code with e-mailed confirmation of membership. **The coupon code should be entered on the screen immediately after you have entered your personal details.**

Please note that member conference rates are not available to ESCP online-only or trial members. If you hold an online-only or a trial membership and you would like to benefit from reduced member conference rates, please upgrade your membership at www.escp.eu.com or contact the ESCP Secretariat.

To become an ESCP member, visit www.escp.eu.com/members/join. Please contact us at info@escp.eu.com or dial +44 131 624 6040 if you need further assistance.

YOUR DATA

All attendees are asked to note that details of registered delegates will be made available to participating exhibitors in the period leading up to the meeting. If you do not wish your details to be divulged at this point, please ensure you opt out during registration.

At the meeting, a QR code will be printed on the reverse side of your badge, giving you the option to present it to exhibitors, or not if you prefer.

ESCP represents a significant investment for companies whose support is very valuable and enables us to keep registration rates down (and lower!). Your cooperation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

REDUCED REGISTRATION FEES

Please note the following countries only are eligible:

Albania	Georgia	Serbia
Belarus	Macedonia	Turkey
Bosnia	Moldova	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Montenegro	
Egypt	Romania	

CPD POINTS

Please refer to the ESCP website for further details about CPD points. ESCP will be applying again through the Royal College of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland.

CONGRESS LANGUAGE

The official language of the meeting is English. There will be no facilities for simultaneous interpretation.

ESCP Conference Registration Fees

	Early registrations received by 24 June		Late registrations received from 25 June to 23 September inclusive		On-site registration* (from 24 September)	
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
Full registration	€400	€550	€520	€680	€560	€700
Full registration – reduced	€200	€400	€325	€485	€370	€530
Trainee/Affiliate/Nurse/Senior	€190	€300	€295	€395	€340	€440
One-day registration	€250	€340	€350	€400	€350	€400
Laparoscopic skills course	€100	€120	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Laparoscopic skills - reduced	€50	€60	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Perianal Fistula Workshop	€100	€120	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Perianal Fistula Workshop - reduced	€50	€60	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ultrasound course	€70		€85		€90	
Ultrasound course - reduced	€45		€55		€60	
Wednesday welcome reception (additional tickets)	€25		€30		€30	
Thursday conference dinner	€70		€85		€85	

* **On-site registration rates** apply from close of business on Friday 23 September onwards. Online registration will be open until 13:00 CET on Monday 26 September; after that time, registration must be done at the registration desk in Milan.

The registration fee includes admission to all scientific sessions (unless registered for one day only), a final programme* and abstract book*, welcome reception on Wednesday evening, a light lunch on Wednesday, full lunch on Thursday and Friday, and a certificate of attendance with CPD points (see previous page).

Most Educational workshops are free of charge but you do need to SELECT ONLINE if you wish to attend.

The ESCP Executive have increased the number of complimentary registrations available to undergraduate (but not PhD) medical students to 50 in total; applications are invited from those with a specific interest in coloproctology by email at info@escp.eu.com before 31 August 2016. **Applicants must submit a letter from their head of faculty confirming their student status, together with a brief CV.**

Conference registration cancellation: in the event of cancellation of registration up to 1 August 2016, an administrative charge of €50 will apply, and refunds will be made after the conference. We regret that we cannot make any refunds on registrations cancelled after 1 August.

ESCP CONFERENCE APP

We will be using a conference app this year that will be available in the period leading up to and at the event. Please check the ESCP website for further updates.

*If you prefer to go “less-paper” at the event, please indicate when you register by ticking “no” to final programme and/or abstract book.

EBSQ Examinations

EBSQ examinations will be held on Friday 30 September and Saturday 1 October 2016. The timetable is provisionally as follows:

Written examination

Date/time	Friday 30 September at 16:30
Location	MiCo (main congress venue)

Individual oral examinations

Date/time	Saturday 1 October from 08:30
Location	Istituto Clinico Humanitas, Hospital and Research Center (IRCCS) Rozzano, Milan

ESCP is pleased to support those who pass the exam by providing one free year of membership with ESCP, and recognition as "ESCP Fellows".

TO APPLY FOR THE EXAMINATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Natalia Kandinskaja

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Those wishing to obtain further information before application should contact:

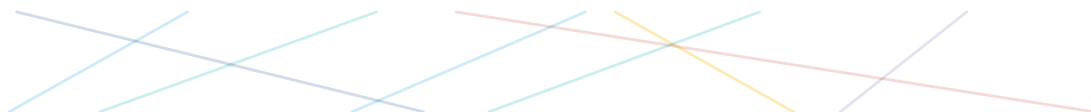
Prof Dr. Dieter Hahnloser

University Hospital CHUV, Lausanne
email: dieter.hahnloser@chuv.ch

The EBSQ examination is the certifying examination leading to the Diploma of EBSQ (Coloproctology) of the European Board of Surgery. This is the only form of certification in the specialty in Europe. Please visit www.uemssurg.org for more information.

Scientific Programme

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER			
ESCP Pre-Congress “hands-on” Courses			
09:30 - 16:00		09:00 - 17:00	
Perianal Fistula Workshop Course organisers: Prof Klaus Matzel (<i>Germany</i>), Dr David Zimmerman (<i>The Netherlands</i>) Local organisers: Prof Paola De Nardi (<i>Italy</i>), Prof Filippo La Torre (<i>Italy</i>)		Laparoscopic Skills Course Location: Istituto Clinico Humanitas Congress Centre Course organiser: Mr Mark Potter (<i>UK</i>) Local organiser: Prof Antonino Spinelli (<i>Italy</i>) and other International Experts	
09:15	Registration and coffee		
09:30	Expert presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Imaging techniquesFistulotomyTransanal advancement flap repair Short coffee break (10:45 – 11:00) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ligation of intersphincteric fistula tract (LIFT)Fistula plug		
11:50 - 12:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">VAAFTLaser treatment of perianal fistula (FILAC)Permacol paste		
12:40 - 13:45	Lunch		
13:45 - 14:45	Discussion forum		
14:45 - 16:00	Hands on <ul style="list-style-type: none">Probing and seton placementFistula plug placementPaste injectionFistuloscopyLaser weldingAdvancement flap		
09:00	Welcome and overview		
	GROUP A	GROUP B	
09:15 - 12:45	Lectures	Hands on skills	
12:45 - 13:15	Lunch		
13:15 - 16:45	Hands on skills	Lectures	
16:45 - 17:00	Summing up and close of workshop		



Time	Event
WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2016	
08:00 - 12:30	<p>8th Ultrasound Workshop with live Demonstrations</p> <p>San Raffaele Hospital, Milan</p> <p>Course directors: Anders Mellgren (<i>USA</i>), Giulio Santoro (<i>Italy</i>)</p> <p>Local organiser: Paola De Nardi (<i>Italy</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: course objectives - Anders Mellgren (<i>USA</i>) & Giulio Santoro (<i>Italy</i>) • Normal ultrasound anatomy of the anal canal and rectum - Paola De Nardi (<i>Italy</i>) • Ultrasound evaluation of fistula and abscess - Carlo Ratto (<i>Italy</i>) • Live demonstration fistula and abscess - Anders Mellgren (<i>USA</i>) • Ultrasound evaluation of faecal incontinence - Bruno Roche (<i>Switzerland</i>) • Live demonstration faecal incontinence - Liliana Bordeianou (<i>USA</i>) • Ultrasound in preoperative staging of rectal cancer - Johan Nordenstam (<i>USA</i>) • Live demonstration rectal cancer - Paola De Nardi (<i>Italy</i>) • Tea/Coffee • Ultrasound of anterior compartment disorders - Pawel Wieczorek (<i>Poland</i>) • Ultrasound of posterior compartment disorders - Giulio Santoro (<i>Italy</i>) • Live demonstration pelvic floor - Giulio Santoro (<i>Italy</i>) & Pawel Wieczorek (<i>Poland</i>) • The use of ultrasound in the clinical decision-making - Liliana Bordeianou (<i>USA</i>)
09:30 - 11:30	<p>Educational: Core Subject Update</p> <p>Chairs: Pierpaolo Sileri (<i>Italy</i>), Yves Panis (<i>France</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haemorrhoidal disease - Alexander Herold (<i>Germany</i>) • Guidelines on abdominal Crohn's - Willem Bemelman (<i>The Netherlands</i>) • AIN - Daniel Dindo (<i>Switzerland</i>) • Colorectal neuro endocrine tumours - Steven Wexner (<i>USA</i>), Mariana Berho (<i>USA</i>) • Abdomen: management of the abdominal wall - Marja A. Boermeester (<i>The Netherlands</i>)
11:30 - 11:35	Official Opening
11:35 - 12:35	<p>Symposium: Diverticulitis</p> <p>Chairs: Yury Shelygin (<i>Russia</i>), Sebastiano Biondo (<i>Spain</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of non complicated diverticulitis - Nikolas Gouvas (<i>Greece</i>) • Management of complicated diverticulitis - Tom Øresland (<i>Norway</i>) • Indications for elective surgery - Patricia Roberts (<i>USA</i>) <p>Free Papers</p> <p>Chairs: Roland Scherer (<i>Germany</i>), Alex Moskalev (<i>Russia</i>)</p>
12:35 - 13:30	Exhibition opens - Sandwich lunch available
13:30 - 15:00	<p>International Trials Results Forum</p> <p>Presentation of completed trials with Expert commentary</p> <p>Chair: Thomas Pinkney (<i>UK</i>)</p> <p>Expert Panel: Willem Bemelman (<i>The Netherlands</i>), Michele Rubbini (<i>Italy</i>), Jérémie Lefevre (<i>France</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four trial results presentations will include the first international presentation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETHOS results - Angus Watson (<i>UK</i>) • HUBBLE results - Steven Brown (<i>UK</i>) <p><i>Further trial presentations to be identified in due course</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of ESCP 2016 pan-European snapshot audit of closure of intestinal stoma - Oded Zmora (<i>Israel</i>) <p>Video Surgery</p> <p>Chairs: Mark Katory (<i>UK</i>), Julius Orhalmi (<i>Czech Republic</i>), Samson Tou (<i>UK</i>)</p>
15:00 - 15:15	<p>ESCP Fellowships Update</p> <p>Chairs: David Zimmerman (<i>The Netherlands</i>), Klaus Matzel (<i>Germany</i>)</p>

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15:15 - 15:45	Keynote Lecture: Defunctioning Stoma - Old Problems, New Solutions Chair: Peter Matthiessen (<i>Sweden</i>) Speaker: Peter Kienle (<i>Germany</i>)
15:45 - 16:00	Coffee Break / Exhibition / Posters
16:00 - 17:00	Free Papers Chairs: Mariana Berho (<i>USA</i>), Nir Wasserberg (<i>Israel</i>)
	Educational: Activities in Coloproctology around the Globe Chairs: Paul Antoine Lehur (<i>France</i>), Klaus Matzel (<i>Germany</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daisies in the Desert: Lynch Syndrome management in a resource constrained environment - Paul Goldberg (<i>South Africa</i>) Fistula Clinic Ethiopia – an endeavour that is making a difference - Fekade Ayenachew Akililu (<i>Ethiopia</i>)
17:00 - 18:00	Symposium: Cryptoglandular Fistula in Ano Chairs: Alexander Herold (<i>Germany</i>), Emre Balik (<i>Turkey</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for surgery - Carlo Ratto (<i>Italy</i>) Can we individualise treatment? - Paola De Nardi (<i>Italy</i>) Recurrence and functional failure - Lilli Lundby (<i>Denmark</i>)
	Educational: Best Publications of the Year Presentation and discussion of the last year's best papers and their clinical impact Chair: Neil Smart (<i>UK</i>) Speakers: Stefan Post (<i>Germany</i>), Jarno Melenhorst (<i>The Netherlands</i>)
18:00 - 19:00	Free Papers Chairs: Aldo Infantino (<i>Italy</i>), Gabriella Palmer (<i>Sweden</i>)
	Free Papers Chairs: Tryggvi Stefansson (<i>Iceland</i>), Pavle Košorok (<i>Slovenia</i>)
	Educational: Coloproctology - How to Start to Engage Online and Future Developments in Surgical Social Media Chairs: Steven Wexner (<i>USA</i>), Richard Brady (<i>UK</i>) Introduction - Steven Wexner (<i>USA</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current state of the nation regarding colorectal social media: uptake and cautions - Richard Brady (<i>UK</i>) Facts, favourites and fame - how and why I use social media in my practice - Julio Mayol (<i>Spain</i>) Collaboratives, colleagues and campaigns: connecting trainees across social media - Edward Fitzgerald (<i>UK</i>) The other side of the firewall - social media developments in other specialties - Marie Ennis-O'Connor (<i>Ireland</i>) Panel discussion
19:00 - 19:30	Student Oral Posters Chairs: Pamela Buchwald (<i>Sweden</i>), Zbigniew Lorenc (<i>Poland</i>)
	Oral Posters Chairs: Jared Torkington (<i>UK</i>), Tadas Latkauskas (<i>Lithuania</i>)
	Oral Posters Chairs: Niels Wijffels (<i>The Netherlands</i>), Zuzana Serclöva (<i>Czech Republic</i>)
19:30 - 20:30	ESCP Welcome Reception

Time	Event
THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2016	
07:30 - 08:45	Oral Posters Chairs: Dimitri Christoforidis (<i>Switzerland</i>), Ole Helmer Sjø (<i>Norway</i>)
	Oral Posters Chairs: Conor Shields (<i>Ireland</i>), Anna Lepistö (<i>Finland</i>)

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07:30 - 10:15	Educational: Trainee Video Session Chairs: Gabriela Möslin (Germany), Baljit Singh (UK) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential anatomy in TME - Ahyan Kuzu (Turkey) Intra-operative bleeding and management during laparoscopic surgery - Dursun Bugra (Turkey) Abdominal wall treatment - Neil Smart (UK) To do and not to do anal sepsis - David Zimmerman (The Netherlands) Pilonidal disease: Limberg flap - Lukas Marti (Switzerland) High tie of the middle colic artery: open access, laparoscopic access - Klaus Weber (Germany), Amjad Parvaiz (UK) Delmore procedure for rectal prolapse - Pierpaolo Sileri (Italy) Stoma: do's and don'ts - Harald Rosen (Austria)
08:00 - 08:45	ESCP Guidelines Update Chairs: Carolynne Vaizey (UK), Yves Panis (France) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intestinal failure guidelines update - Carolynne Vaizey (UK) Proposed haemorrhoidectomy scoring system - Stephanie Breukink (The Netherlands) ECCO/ESCP surgical guidelines on Crohn's disease - André D'Hoore (Belgium) ESCP's future guidelines priorities: interactive debate
08:45 - 10:15	New Trials Forum Chair: Dion Morton (UK) Expert panel: André D'Hoore (Belgium), Peter Christensen (Denmark), Carolynne Vaizey (UK), Oded Zmora (Israel) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New trials presentations: three proposals reviewed by an Expert panel - trials will be selected in June 2016 and available on the ESCP website from that time. A €200 prize will be awarded for the winning proposal as judged by our Experts. Guidelines synthesis: guideline synopsis on rectal preserving treatment options - Pieter Tanis (Netherlands) Announcing the ESCP cohort study for 2017
10:15 - 10:45	Keynote Lecture: Cytoreductive Surgery and HIPEC in Colorectal Cancer Chair: Selman Sokmen (Turkey) Speaker: Olivier Glehen (France)
10:45 - 11:45	Long Coffee Break / Exhibition / Posters / Lunchtime Posters
10:45 - 11:45	Ethicon Satellite Symposium 
10:45 - 12:45	Educational: Trainee Round Table Session <i>For trainees only: case presentations and table discussion with experts</i> Chair: Dieter Hahnloser (Switzerland) Case Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulminant toxic colitis - Feza Remzi (USA) Haemorrhoidal disease - Carlo Ratto (Italy)
11:45 - 13:00	The Six Best Free Papers <i>Details of presentations will be available on the ESCP website from June 2016.</i> Chairs: Stefan Post (Germany), Anna Martling (Sweden)
13:00 - 14:15	Long Lunch / Exhibition / Posters / Lunchtime Posters
13:00 - 14:15	Educational: ESCP Workshop for Authors: How to Write a Paper Chairs: Neil Mortensen (UK), Steven Wexner (USA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to write an original research paper - John Nicholls (UK) How to write a systematic review - Omar Faiz (UK) How to review a paper - Neil Smart (UK) How to prepare and submit a video - Ronan Cahill (Ireland) What the Editors expect - Alexander Engel (Australia) <div> supported by Colorectal Disease  </div>
13:15 - 14:15	Medtronic Satellite Symposium 

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14:15 - 15:15	ESCP/ECCO Symposium: What's New in IBD? Chairs: Tom Øresland (Norway), Steven Wexner (USA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAMIS pouch surgery: a new paradigm? - Janindra Warusavitarne (UK) Irritable pouch syndrome, cuffitis and pouchitis: what to do - Ailsa Hart (UK) Surgical causes and (TAMIS) solutions for pouch dysfunction - Willem Bemelman (The Netherlands) 	An ESCP session developed in collaboration with ECCO 
	ESCP/EAES Symposium: Minimally Invasive Procedures for Rectal Prolapse Chairs: Eduardo Targarona (Spain), Roberto Bergamaschi (USA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview on functional outcome and recurrence - Alexander Engel (Australia) Laparoscopic /robotic ventral approach - André D'Hoore (Belgium) Posterior approach - Eduardo Targarona (Spain) 	A jointly organised EAES/ESCP session 
15:15 - 15:45	International Travelling Fellow Free Papers Chairs: Emmanuel Tiret (France), Claudio Wainstein (Chile)	
15:45 - 16:15	Coffee Break / Exhibition / Posters / Lunchtime Posters	
15:45 - 17:00	Educational: Interactive Trainee Workshop Chair: David Zimmerman (The Netherlands) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal rectal prolapse - Pierpaolo Sileri (Italy) Malignant polyps: colorectal - Mark Potter (UK) Colorectal trauma - Hugh Gallagher (UK) 	
16:15-16:45	Keynote Lecture: Surgical Management of Intestinal Failure Chair: Yves Panis (France) Speaker: Iain Anderson (UK)	supported by a grant from 
16:45 - 17:45	Free Papers: Randomised Clinical Trials Chair: Oded Zmora (Israel) Co-chairs: Thomas Pinkney (UK), Søren Laurberg (Denmark) Free Papers Chairs: Dursun Bugra (Turkey), Gunnar Baatrup (Denmark) Ethicon Satellite Symposium	
17:45 - 18:15	Keynote Lecture: Multidisciplinary Management of Perianal Crohn's Disease Chair: Zoran Krivokapic (Serbia) Speaker: André D'Hoore (Belgium)	supported by Colorectal Disease 
18:15 - 18:55	ESCP Annual General Meeting	
20:00	ESCP Conference Dinner - see details on page 20	

Time	Event
FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2016	
08:00 - 09:00	Symposium: New Methods in Low Rectal Cancer Chairs: Eric Rullier (France), Michel Adamina (Switzerland) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transanal TME - technique step-wise approach - Antonio Lacy (Spain) Transanal TME - what can go wrong - Albert Wolthuis (Belgium) Individualised APE - Petr Tsarkov (Russia)
08:00 - 08:45	Oral Posters Chairs: Marc Duinsleager (Belgium), Goran Barisic (Serbia)
09:00 - 09:30	Keynote Lecture: Neuropelveology: New Ground-breaking Discipline in Medicine Chair: Donato Altomare (Italy) Speaker: Marc Possover (Switzerland)

09:30 - 09:45	ESCP Honorary Member Awards	
09:45 - 09:50	ESCP Best Paper and Best New Trial Presentation Awards	The ESCP best paper award is also supported by a grant from BJS
09:50 - 10:05	ESCP Fellowship Update Chairs: Stefan Post (<i>Germany</i>), Filippo La Torre (<i>Italy</i>)	2015-2016 ESCP Fellowships are supported by educational partners ETHICON Medtronic
10:05 - 11:05	Symposium: Anastomotic Leak in Rectal Surgery Chairs: Feza Remzi (<i>USA</i>), Ronan P. O'Connell (<i>Ireland</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevention - Frederic Ris (<i>Switzerland</i>)• How to handle the acute leak? - Gordon Carlson (<i>UK</i>)• How to handle the chronic leak? - Pieter Tanis (<i>The Netherlands</i>)	
11:05 - 11:30	Coffee Break / Exhibition / Posters / Lunchtime Posters	
11:15 - 12:15	Educational: Information on the EBSQ Examination Chair: Janindra Warusavitarne (<i>UK</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UEMS and EBSQ: what are they all about? - Klaus Matzel (<i>Germany</i>)• Mock exam - Dieter Hahnloser (<i>Switzerland</i>)• Mock exam - John Nicholls (<i>UK</i>)	
11:30 - 12:15	Oral Posters Chairs: Karen Nugent (<i>UK</i>), Alexandre Duarte (<i>Portugal</i>)	
12:15 - 12:45	Keynote Lecture: Clinical Importance of Somatic Mutations in Colorectal Cancer Chair: Alexander Engel (<i>Australia</i>) Speaker: Jan-Paul Medema (<i>The Netherlands</i>)	
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch / Exhibition / Posters / Lunchtime Posters	
12:45 - 13:45	Frankenman Satellite Symposium	FRANKENMAN International Limited
12:45 - 13:45	Educational: Controversies in New Technology: Robotics in Colorectal Surgery Chairs: Adam Dziki (<i>Poland</i>), Mike Parker (<i>UK</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pro robotic in colorectal surgery - Paolo Pietro Bianchi (<i>Italy</i>)• Contra robotic in colorectal surgery - Steven Wexner (<i>USA</i>)	
13:45 - 14:45	Symposium: Treatment for Colon Cancer - Time for a Change? Chairs: Werner Hohenberger (<i>Germany</i>), Ismail Gogenur (<i>Denmark</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Management of locally advanced colonic cancers - Dion Morton (<i>UK</i>)• What is CME? - Ayhan Kuzu (<i>Turkey</i>)• Critical appraisal of CME: surgery for locally advanced colonic cancers - Des Winter (<i>Ireland</i>)	
14:45	ESCP Lunchtime Poster Award	
14:45 - 16:15	Consultants' Corner Facilitators: Evangelos Xynos (<i>Greece</i>), Sebastiano Biondo (<i>Spain</i>) Panel: Patricia Roberts (<i>USA</i>), Lene Iversen (<i>Denmark</i>), Feza Remzi (<i>USA</i>), Marek Szczepkowski (<i>Poland</i>), Willem Bemelman (<i>The Netherlands</i>), Giovanni Romano (<i>Italy</i>), Steven Wexner (<i>USA</i>)	
16:15 - 16:20	Closing ceremony	

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Milan is the bustling financial and industrial powerhouse of Italy and is renowned globally as the cosmopolitan capital of fashion and design.

The city, the capital of The Lombardy region and the second most populous in Italy, is home to the Borsa Italia (Italy's main stock exchange) and headquarters of the largest banks and companies. Milan is also a leading city of culture; the Piazza del Duomo, arguably its most famous building, is situated in the heart of the city and is a magnificent example of Neo-Gothic architecture. Impressive art galleries are in abundance, most notably The Santa Maria delle Grazie, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, adorned with historical artefacts and paintings, including Leonardo Da Vinci's fresco 'The Last Supper'.

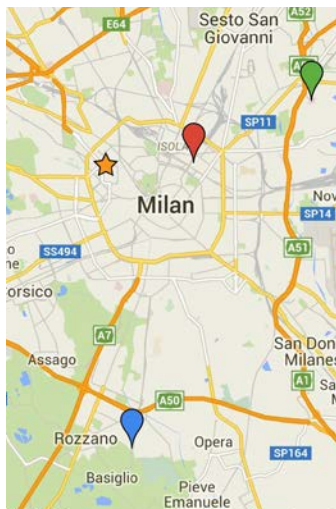
MILAN WEATHER

Visitors will enjoy a temperate climate in September; average temperatures are 20c/68f but can feel warmer due to the high humidity levels. Milan has on average 10 days of rainfall in September, so do remember to pack a small umbrella!

CURRENCY

The Euro is the currency used in Milan. Banks are usually open Monday to Friday between 8.35am and 1.35pm and again from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

MAP



- ★ **MiCo Congress Centre**
 - ESCP main congress venue
 - Anal fistula workshop Tuesday
 - EBSQ written exam Friday
- 📍 **San Raffaele Hospital**
 - Ultrasound workshop Wednesday
- 🏥 **Humanitas Congress Centre**
 - Istituto Clinico Humanitas
 - Laparoscopic skills workshop Tuesday
 - EBSQ individual exams Saturday
- 🍷 **Osteria del Treno restaurant**
 - Thursday dinner

Evening Events

WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Welcome drinks reception at MiCo

Time: 19:30 – 20:30

Cost: Included for delegates. Additional tickets - **€25** (early) / **€30** (late or onsite, if available).

All delegates are invited to attend this event which is included in the registration fee. Additional tickets may be purchased online if you wish to bring a guest.

The event will take place in the exhibition area following the close of conference sessions. Delegates are then free to make their own arrangements for dinner after the reception. A list of recommended restaurants in Milan can be obtained from the Information Desk.

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

ESCP Dinner at Osteria del Treno

Time: 20:00

Cost: ticket price **€70** (early) / **€85** (late, and on-site if available)



What better thing to do in Milan than to eat good Italian food without any interruptions other than the company of good friends?! Our venue for the evening comes highly recommended by our local friends.

This excellent restaurant is conveniently situated not far from Milan's Central Station. The restaurant is highly regarded by locals in Milan, and is well known for its use of the best and freshest ingredients, simply prepared with care, and with regard to both classic and contemporary tastes.

Ticket price includes: a welcome drink, 3-course dinner with coffee, ½ bottle of wine per person.

How to get there: the restaurant can easily be reached using public transport, or is a 20 minutes taxi ride from MiCo.

Travel information

MILAN TRAVEL INFO

Milan has excellent air links with the rest of Europe with direct flights from many European cities. There are three airports: Malpensa [MXP], Linate [LIN], and Orio al Serio (also known as Bergamo) [BGY].

You can find information and search flight routes for each airport at:

Malpensa (MXP) – www.airportmalpensa.com/

Linate (LIN) – www.milanolate-airport.com/en

Orio al Serio – Bergamo (BGY) – www.orioaeroporto.it/en/

TRAVEL BETWEEN AIRPORT AND CITY

Malpensa is the largest airport in the Milan area and is located approximately 50 km north-west of Milan, just a few kilometres south of Lake Maggiore. Linate is smaller city airport, just a few km east of the city centre. Orio al Serio is located near the town of Bergamo, some 50 km East of Milan and is generally used by budget airlines.

AIRPORT TRAIN

Malpensa

Take the Malpensa Express from Malpensa Airport to Milano Centrale (main rail station). The train station is located in Terminal 1 on level -1. If you land in Terminal 2, there is a free shuttle bus connecting Terminal 1 with Terminal 2 every 20 minutes 24 hours a day. Trains to Milan city centre run every half hour and cost approximately €12.00.

Linate

There is no railway station at Linate airport, but there is a bus to the city centre that runs to the Central Station which can easily be found from the Arrivals hall.

Orio al Serio (Bergamo)

There is no railway station at Bergamo airport, however it is possible to catch the train to Milan from Bergamo town. The airport is connected to the town by bus which goes directly to the station.

AIRPORT BUS

Malpensa

Several companies provide buses between Malpensa and Milan city centre so there are departures every 10 minutes to the central rail station. Overnight, departures are every 30 minutes. The journey time between Malpensa and Milano Centrale FS is about 50 minutes and costs €8.00.

Linate

Buses depart every 30 minutes from the bus stands outside the arrivals hall and terminate at Milano Centrale FS, which is the main railway station of Milan. Buses to and from Linate do not travel through the night, the first bus departs at 06:05 and the last at 23:45. A single fare is €5.00 and you can buy the ticket on the bus.

Orio al Serio (Bergamo)

There are several companies that provide a bus service from Bergamo Airport to Milano Centrale FS. Buses depart every 20 minutes and cost about €10.00.

TAXIS

Malpensa

Taxis are located in front of the exits from the arrivals halls in both Terminals 1 and 2. The journey time to central Milan is approximately 50 minutes. A set fare of €100 is available into the city centre and you are advised to confirm this before starting your journey.

Linate

Linate Airport taxi offers reasonable charges from the airport to the center of Milan City and it only takes about 10 minutes depending on the traffic. Taxi ranks are located directly outside the arrivals terminal. Taxis charge an average of €20.00 from Linate to Milan City Centre.

Orio al Serio (Bergamo)

A taxi from Bergamo airport to Milan city centre is expensive, it's advisable not to take a journey on the meter but to negotiate the price with the driver. Some drivers may refuse and insist on a metre price, whilst others may accept a fixed price of about €100.00.

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CHRISTIAN BUCHLI

From: Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden

Visited: Universitair Ziekenhuis Leuven, Belgium under the direction of Prof André D'Hoore



ELROY PATRICK WELEDJI

From: Department of Surgery, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Buea; Regional Hospital, Buea, Cameroon

Visited: Kantonsspital, St. Gallen, Switzerland, under the direction Dr Lukas Marti

In December 2015 I had the privilege to visit the Coloproctology unit at UZ Leuven under the auspices of Professor André D'Hoore for two weeks. This tertiary referral unit treats patients presenting with the whole spectrum of pathologies in Coloproctology performing proctological procedures in the outpatient clinic to cytoreductive surgery with HIPEC. The unit is internationally renowned for laparoscopic surgery, which gave me the unique opportunity to assist in a broad variety of laparoscopic procedures. I was most impressed by the skilful dissections in the correct anatomical plane and the rational intraoperative decision making exhibited by the surgeons in charge. The highlights were several transanal TMEs, the scope of my visit at Leuven. After two fantastic weeks in Leuven, I had learned a lot, from big procedures to small details within the operating theatre. I have already applied some laparoscopic techniques with success, and we are working hard now to advance our transanal skills at home.

My thanks go to the ESCP for organising and supporting this kind of clinical visit, and creating the possibility for such an experience that will have a profound impact on my future life as surgeon. The warm generosity of Professor André D'Hoore and the entire staff at Leuven enabled a unique and realistic insight in an academic unit at the leading-edge of Coloproctology. Last but not least, I would like to thank Professor Per Nilsson, head of my department at Karolinska, for encouraging and supporting this observership.

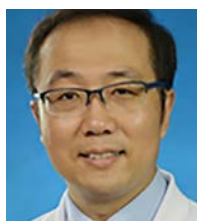
I would like to express my gratitude to ESCP and Medtronic for offering me a clinical observership in pelvic floor surgery at a center of excellence in Europe, St Gallen Switzerland. I am the first non-European member of ESCP from Cameroon, West Africa and it was thus a great privilege to spend a month at the Coloproctology unit of St Gallen. I was supervised by the dedicated Dr Lukas Marti who ran the pelvic floor unit and the dynamic Dr Walter Brunner who led the colorectal cancer section. The collaboration and team work in the unit was remarkable.

The pelvic floor unit was well-equipped for instant assessment with endoanal manometry and endosonography of anorectal disorders including anal sepsis and fistulas. I observed the indications, applications and outcome of four sacral nerve stimulation (SNS) and two posterior tibial nerve stimulation (PTN) procedures all sponsored by Medtronic. The importance of circumferential perianal biopsies of suspicious premalignant, intraepithelial neoplasia and Paget's was well appreciated. The European school of thought, which prefers a more conservative approach in the treatment of anal fissure by simple fissurectomy with botox injection, and thus avoids the risk of a permanent internal sphincter damage, was appreciated.

Within a month I was very fortunate to observe several state-of-the-art sessions on transanal TME of rectal cancer demonstrated by Dr Brunner and Dr Marti to international visitors. This will definitely be the future for the surgical management of rectal cancer with respect to the minimally

invasive approach without oncological compromise. Being a center of excellence with prominent surgeons, I took the opportunity to observe robotic-assisted colon resections by the Head of Surgery -Prof B. Schmied -robotic resections of a superior mediastinal parathyroid adenoma, thyroid adenoma and prostate cancer.

ZHANLONG SHEN



From: Department of Gastroenterological Surgery, Peking University People's Hospital, China.

Visited: St Mark's Hospital, London UK, under the direction of Miss Carolynne Vaizey

I am grateful to the European Society of Coloproctology and to Ethicon and Medtronic, who offered me a great opportunity to experience and observe as a surgeon in a British hospital for one month. From visiting St Mark's Hospital, I not only gained knowledge and techniques but also got to know the medical system in the UK. Indeed, this programme give us an opportunity to learn from each other both in surgery and in culture between UK and China.

During my observership at St Mark's, my director, Miss Carolynne Vaizey, was very kind and took great care of me. I observed several of her operations for complicated Crohn's disease and MDT discussion. She also kindly recommended other professors who practice colorectal cancer surgery, including Professor Kennedy, Mr Jenkins and Mr Warusavitarne. They showed me great technique in laparoscopy with clear anatomical dissection. I was so impressed by right hemicolectomy by Professor Kennedy, and have brought back some of his tips on this technique. I have also changed my style of lymphadenectomy since returning to my hospital. I also now know Mr Warusavitarne well, because we are both interested in taTME. I had several cases and experience in taTME before I visited the UK, so we had great discussion and exchanged ideas about this technique. I recommend all young colorectal surgeons to visit St Mark's - thank you for the opportunity.



JELENA PETROVIC

From: University Hospital for Digestive Surgery, First Surgical Clinic, Clinical Center of Serbia

Visited: Geneva University Hospital, Switzerland, under the supervision of Prof Bruno Roche and Dr Frederic Ris

In 2015 I was fortunate enough to be granted a three-month scholarship in laparoscopic surgery that was conducted from October till December at The Geneva University Hospital.

The Geneva University Hospital is the biggest healthcare institution in Geneva Canton, at a disposal to almost half a million of inhabitants. It is very well equipped and organized, and its reputation brings people from many other countries in search of adequate treatment for rare and complex conditions. Professor Roche work represents state of the art in diagnostics and treatment of pelvic floor disorders both in laparoscopic and perineal approach, combining office day, ambulatory/one day and inpatient approach with careful selection and treatment tailoring.

Under the mentorship of Dr Ris I was introduced, step by step, into the world of laparoscopic colorectal surgery. Under his patient and thorough approach and his friendly attitude, my involvement included much more than just camera handling and observation, but also an active role in tissue dissection and organ division. I have learned to broaden my views on patient suitability for laparoscopy, my surgical skills improved and I have already successfully applied them in my practice. I also had a pleasure of being acquainted with basics of the robotic surgery.

I am very grateful to ESCP and Fellowship sponsor companies for their support and this fantastic opportunity. Prof. Bruno Roche and Dr Frederic Ris were very friendly, but also professional mentors, and I can warmly recommend their team and Geneva University Hospital as a supreme educational and modern training center.

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