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50 CONGRESS TVL SURGICAL ASSOCIATION

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS IN SURGERY

**PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS
ALEXANDER PERATHONER**

**IN MERANO, ITALY
SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2026**
Sala Conferenze | Kurhaus

PRESENTATION

The 50th Congress of the TVL Surgical Association provides an opportunity for scientific update and international exchange on key topics in modern surgery.

The program focuses on major areas such as hepatobiliary, pancreatic and oncologic surgery, transplant medicine, and the management of surgical complications, with particular attention to quality outcomes.

Special emphasis is placed on technological innovation, including robotic surgery and artificial intelligence, highlighting their impact on clinical practice and surgical training. The participation of leading European experts and dedicated sessions for young surgeons further enhance the educational and multidisciplinary value of the event.

INVITED SPEAKERS

Laura ALAIMO | Verona
Ruben BELLOTTI | Innsbruck
Luigi BOCCIA | Mantova
Tommaso CAMPAGNARO | Verona
Benno CARDINI | Innsbruck
Alessandro CARRARA | Trento
Simone CONCI | Verona
Amedeo ELIO | San Bonifacio
Antonio FRENA | Bolzano
Elisabeth GASSER | Innsbruck
Simone GIACOPUZZI | Verona
Alfredo GUGLIELMI | Verona
Reinhold KAFKA-RITSCH | Innsbruck
Oliver KOCH | Kufstein
Alfred KÖNIGSRAINER | Merano/Stuttgart
Marco LINARES | Merano

Manuel MAGLIONE | Innsbruck
Federico MARTIN | Bolzano
Rupert OBERHUBER | Innsbruck
Dietmar ÖFNER | Innsbruck
Corrado PEDRAZZANI | Trento
Alexander PERATHONER | Merano
Heinrich PERNTHALER | Bolzano
Andreas PIRCHER | Merano
Johann PRATSCHKE | Berlin
Andrea RUZZENENTE | Verona
Stefan SCHNEEBERGER | Innsbruck
Guido SCHUMACHER | Bressanone
Günther SITZMANN | Brunico
Giuseppe TIRONE | Trento
Josef WIDMANN | Bolzano

AGENDA

08:45 **OPENING CEREMONY, INTRODUCTION | A. Perathoner**

SESSION I

Chairmen | **A. Perathoner, A. Ruzzenente, S. Schneeberger**

09:00 **T. Campagnaro** | SURGERY OF LIVER METASTASES: FROM A PALLIATIVE SITUATION TO A CURATIVE TREATMENT.

09:20 **A. Königsrainer** | STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE RESECTABILITY IN LIVER SURGERY.

09:40 **A. Frena** | HOW TO START AND IMPLMENT A ROBOTIC SURGERY PROGRAM.

09:55 **R. Oberhuber** | TRANSPLANT MEDICINE: A STORY OF CONTINUOUS INNOVATION IN SURGERY.

10:10 Coffee break

SESSION II

Chairmen | **A. Guglielmi, J. Pratschke, G. Sitzmann**

10:40 **L. Boccia** | DIFFICULT CHOLECYSTECTOMY AND MANAGEMENT OF BILE DUCT INJURY.

11:00 **M. Maglione** | TIPS & TRICKS IN PANCREATIC SURGERY.

11:20 **S. Conci** | THE IMPACT OF ROBOTIC SURGERY ON THE FUTURE OF HPB SURGERY AND SURGICAL TRAINING.

11:35 **G. Schumacher** | QUALITY INDICATORS IN MODERN SURGERY.

KEYNOTE LECTURE

11:35 **J. Widmann** | 50 YEARS OF TVL CONGRESSES: TVL HISTORY AND PERSONAL MEMORIES.

12:10 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

12:20 **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

13:00 Lunch

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SESSION III

Chairmen | **A. Ruzzenente, S. Schneeberger**

14:00 **A. Pircher** | YOUNG TVL: QUICK SHOT ABSTRACT.

14:10 **R. Bellotti** | YOUNG TVL: QUICK SHOT ABSTRACT.

14:20 **L. Alaimo** | YOUNG TVL: QUICK SHOT ABSTRACT.

SESSION IV

Chairmen | **A. Elio, R. Kafka-Ritsch, H. Pernthaler**

14:30 **E. Gasser** | MULTIMODAL THERAPY OF RECTAL CANCER: A LARGE SELECTION FROM UPFRONT SURGERY TO NON OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT.

14:50 **C. Pedrazzani** | VIDEO PRESENTATION: CHALLENGES IN LAPAROSCOPIC AND ROBOTIC COLORECTAL SURGERY.

15:10 **M. Linares** | THE DEVELOPMENT OF DIVERTICULITIS TREATMENT OVER THE LAST DECADES.

15:25 **O. KOCH** | PREVALENCE AND IMPACT OF FRAILTY IN OLD PATIENTS: HOW OLD IS TOO OLD FOR SURGERY? ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN SURGERY: EVOLUTION, TRENDS, AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS.

15:40 Coffee Break

SESSION V

Chairmen | **F. Martin, D. Öfner, G. Tirone**

16:10 **S. Giacopuzzi** | STILL CONTROVERSIES IN THE SURGICAL TREATMENT OF THE GASTROESOPHAGEAL JUNCTION CANCER?

16:30 **A. Carrara** | INCISIONAL HERNIA: SURGICAL MANAGEMENT AND MESH SELECTION.

16:50 STATE OF THE ART IN THYROID SURGERY.

17:05 **B. Cardini** | HOW CAN SURGERY REMAIN ATTRACTIVE FOR YOUNG COLLEAGUES?

17:20 Closing remarks | **A. Perathoner**

INFORMATION

PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS

Alexander PERATHONER

Director of the Department of Surgery | Merano Hospital

CONGRESS VENUE

Sala Conferenze for the congress

Sala Ohmann for sponsors and networking

Kurhaus Merano | Corso Libertà, 33 | 39012 Merano | Italy

CONGRESS REGISTRATION

Congress registration is free

CME CREDITS (valid for Italians only)

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