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### 8:00 Opening ceremony

**Welcome**
Barbara East (Univ. Hospital, Prague, Czechia), Margreet Soeters (LUMC, Amsterdam, Netherlands), Andrew de Beauw (Monmouth Hospital, Edinburgh, UK), Filip Ruysschaert (Marie Filidonna General Hospital, Ghent, Belgium)

### 8:30 Empowering global hernia care: insights from humanitarian missions and volunteerism

**Chairs:** Maarten Simoes (LUMC, Amsterdam, Netherlands), Barbara East (Univ. Hospital, Prague, Czechia), Katherine Cardoso (NYU, New York, USA)

1. **Introduction**
   Maarten Simoes (LUMC, Amsterdam, Netherlands)

2. **What matters to patients?**
   Jana Wiedenhof (patient organization, Germany)

3. **What do we need PROMs?**
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### 9:00 Coffee break

### 9:30 Optimising outcomes

**Chairs:** Laser Gök (Hernia Istanbul, Turkey), Olivier Krastinska (LUMC, Amsterdam, Netherlands), Nancy Beale (Golden Jubilee National University Hospital, Clydebank, UK)

1. **Recurrent hernia as a day case – when, where and how**
   Carlos Magalhães (Centro Integrado de Cirurgia, Porto, Portugal)

2. **Preformed hernia patch repair for small ventral, incisional and parastomal hernias**
   Peter Engels (National University Hospital, Seville, Spain)

3. **Abdominal wall reconstruction outcomes: Trends, techniques, and outcomes**
   Christine Schulz (Smålandsregionstjänsten, Borås, Sweden)

4. **Development of a comprehensive analysis of charity-driven surgical interventions – 15 years of charity surgery missions with Hernia International**
   M. G. Gorgerin (Klinikk Våpenkvarn ft Österåker, Sweden)

5. **How to become a humanitarian volunteer**
   Alexa Smith (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)

### 10:00 Enhancing patient-centred care in hernia surgery

**Chairs:** Djuna Stolt (University of Gothenburg, Sweden), Ramia Stolt (University of Gothenburg, Sweden), Maciej Pawlak (Golden Jubilee National University Hospital, Clydebank, UK), Jackie Bullock (patient organization, UK)

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### 10:30 JAWS session

**Chairs:** Maribel Lopez-Cano (Hospital Universitario La Paz, Madrid, Spain), Andrea Quaggini (Universidade Federal de São Carlos, Brazil), Cesare Stigliani (University of Genoa, Italy)

1. **Abdominal wall reconstruction: Trends, techniques, and outcomes**
   Christine Schulz (Smålandsregionstjänsten, Borås, Sweden)

2. **Trends and prevalence of umbilical hernia repairs in Sweden: A nationwide population-based register-study**
   Matthias Bergerstrom

3. **Local anesthesiia in hernia surgery**
   Maarten Simoes (LUMC, Amsterdam, Netherlands)

4. **Hybrid operation techniques are a promising option in the repair of ventral abdominal wall hernias: A systematic review and meta-analysis**
   Luise Wiescher

5. **Laparoscopic inguinal hernia surgery can be safely performed in a day surgery centre**
   Dorothy Hayward

6. **Doctor’s orders: A review of preoperative instructions provided to patients after abdominal wall reconstruction (AIRE)**
   Alexis Holland

7. **Best video session (open/lap)**
   Chairs: Conrad Ballecer (Creighton Phoenix Division, Phoenix, USA), Victor Reis (LV Memorial Hospital – Madele, Bucharest, Romania), Heather Bousfield (New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa)
7:00 | Expert debate: IPUM, the sequels…

RUD – yes, no, maybe?

Rodrigo Galhego (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), Jennifer Behrner (Brighton Phoenix Citizens, Phoenix, USA)

7:00 | Meet the expert: Robotics – How do I start?

TFZ: Ryszard (Maria Ludwigsdorfer General Hospital, Ghent, Belgium), Matte Bollwede (Erasmus University Hospital, Rotterdam, Netherlands)

8:00 | Botulinum toxin

Chairs: Gabrielle van Rijkelhoff (Ghent University Hospital, Ghent, Belgium), Mads Madsen (University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark)

5 | Pharmacology of botulinum toxin and products currently available

Federico Barroso (UZ Ghent, Belgium)

10 | The various protocols, their pros and cons

Davide Santilli (Centro di Ricerca Biomédica dell’Assis, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

5 | Prevention of component separation in complex abdominal wall surgery by tissue prehydration: A propensity-matched study

Diego de Jong

5 | The impact of botulinum toxin A application on reducing the necessity for "component separation techniques" in giant abdominal hernias: A dual-center, Polish-Ukrainian, retrospective cohort study

Mariusz Zambos (Swissmed Hospital, České Budějovice, Czechia)

5 | The impact of preservative botulinum toxin A (BTA) injection on subxiphoid (M1) hernia repair

Alexis Holland

5 | Practical guide to step by step botulotoxin application

Walter Augustinus (Atrium Health, Charlotte, USA)

10 | Does botulinum toxin produce reliable lateral abdominal wall lengthening?

Nico Barmeester (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)

5 | Surfacer modification of artificial implants by the functionalized hybrid nanolayers – antimicrobial surface – design and properties

Carmen Luz Maillo Oliva (Hospital Lusiadas, Lisbon, Portugal)

5 | Mesh removal due to foreign body reaction

Maurice van den Berg (Erasmus University Medical Center, Rotterdam, Netherlands)

5 | Does botulinum toxin prevent incisional hernia prophylaxis

Coimbra, Portugal, Frederik Berrevoet (UZ Ghent, Belgium)

5 | Autoimmune reaction to hernia mesh

Barbora Jisova (University Hospital Motol, Prague, Czechia)

5 | meshes are not entitled to accreditation

Nathan Bontekoning

5 | Surgical management of infected mesh

Jane Shih (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA)

5 | Does botulinum toxin mesh augmentation

Paige Hackenberger

5 | Are the results of a survey among certified German hernia surgeons

Sebastian Schaefer (German Armed Forces Medical Center, Berlin, Germany)

5 | The cost of a mesh infection

Todd Hendfors (Atrium Health, Charlotte, USA)

5 | Surgical outcomes using novel mesh technology

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5 | Preventing incisional hernia and mesh infection

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Barbora Jisova (University Hospital Motol, Prague, Czechia)

5 | Do surgical implants degrade?

Rodrigo Galhego (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), Andre Oliva (Center for Surgical Care, Los Angeles, USA), Marc Miserez (UZ Ghent, Belgium)

5 | Incidence of autoimmune disease after placement of a polypropylene mesh: Cohort study using a national hospital billing database

Maurice van den Berg (Erasmus University Medical Center, Rotterdam, Netherlands)

5 | Mesothoracic reaction to hernia mesh

Barbara Savory (University Hospital Motal, Malmö, Sweden)

5 | Autoimmunology and genes

Rosal Tison

5 | Do surgical implants degrade?

Judith Beckman (Canuck Academy of Science, Prince George, Canada)

5 | Autoimmunity, allergy and other inflammations – how do we handle them?

Vladimir Bartunek (2nd Faculty of Medicine Charles University, Prague, Czechia)
Lateral incisional hernia. EVEREG registry analysis

Minimizing seroma incidence by quilting in endoscopic repair of concomitant ventral hernias and diastasis recti

Primary fascial closure in laparoscopic ventral hernia repair. The PROSECO-trial: A randomized double-blinded multicentre trial

Open Parastomal Hernia Repair (OPSHR): Techniques and outcomes at a tertiary hernia center

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Contemporary concepts of parastomal hernia repair

Robot-assisted extraperitoneal ventral hernia repair – experience from the first 160 consecutive operations with lateral eTEP and eTAR techniques

Open versus laparoscopic incisional hernia repair following liver transplantation: An update of systematic review and meta-analysis

Laparoscopic totally extraperitoneal repair of inguinal hernias in female patients: Does older age influence incidental findings and quality-of-life?

Increasing the efficiency in the robotic assisted PCS surgeries by optimising the workflow

Inferential taxonomies of the abdominal wall with the DIAS protocol in videolaparoscopic surgery in inguinal hernia

A new model to learn and teach

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Collett site and biologic mesh overlap: Does it influence outcomes in complex abdominal wall (AWR)?

Laparoscopic versus open inguinal hernia repair in elderly patients: ACS NSQIP analysis of 35,539 cases

The view of hernia surgery from North America

The incidence of additional hernia defects in a diastatic linea alba, not reported on pre-operative CT imaging

Open Peritoneal Hernia Repair (OPPHR): Techniques and outcomes at a tertiary hernia center

A symptom or a disease?

Never go between the muscles!

eTEP approach to lateral hernias

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Intermuscular space is easy and useful

Interfascial blockages of the abdominal wall with the ERAS protocol in videolaparoscopic surgery in inguinal hernia

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Effectiveness of total extraperitoneal hernia repair with slowly resorbable mesh for giant persistent more emergency hernia repair: A systematic review and fragility assessment of randomized controlled trials comparing laparoscopic and open inguinal hernia repair.

Laparoscopic groin hernia repair - does it hinder the anatomic detail?

Laparoscopic (L) versus open inguinal hernia repair (OHR): How robust is the evidence?

Laparoscopic versus open pre-peritoneal approaches?

A meta-analysis of emergency incisional hernia repair: Do outcomes differ from elective surgery?

Surgical unit volume and reoperation for groin hernia repairs - how robust is the evidence?

Comparing non-mesh Desarda technique versus Lichtenstein technique for inguinal hernia repair: A systematic review and meta-analysis of four new comparative studies.

BIG DEBATE: Do we need open propping approaches?

Surgical unit volume and reoperation for groin hernia repairs: A systematic review and meta-analysis of ten comparative studies.

Anatomy of hiatal hernia: Use of mesh in emergency hernia surgery.

Have we forgotten about TAXIS?

Laparoscopic repair today and what not to do!

Surgical practice in emergency umbilical hernia repair and implications for trial design.

Bilateral inguinal hernioplasty in emergency surgery is feasible. Comparative retrospective study using propensity score matching.

Comparison of non-mesh Desarda technique versus Lichtenstein technique for inguinal hernia repair: A systematic review and meta-analysis of 14 comparative studies.

Use of mesh in hiatal hernia surgeries: Our experience. Can we accurately diagnose infected bowel in a hernia?

What is the best way to do it?

Risk factors for incarceration/strangulation in hiatal hernias.

Acute trans hiatal wrap migration following laparoscopic fundoplication: Our experience.

Anterior reconstruction of the esophageal wall.

Principles of abdominoplasty: From principles to controversies.

Principles of paniculectomy: Principles of abdominoplasty.

Chronic pain - the silent killer.

Key history and examination to identify the diagnosis of hernia surgery chronic pain.

Does radiology help with the diagnosis?

Neurovascular aberrations following anterior open inguinal hernioplasty: An inconvenient truth.

BIG DEBATE: Competencies in abdominoplasty.

A.I. machine learning model reliably predicts outcomes of inguinal hernia repair to resolve chronic pelvic and groin pain.

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Use of mesh in hiatal hernia repairs: Outcomes do vary from elective surgery.

Use of mesh in emergency hernia surgery: A prospective observational study.

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Anterior reconstruction of the esophageal wall. A novel approach for the repair of large diaphragmatic hernias.

Anterior reconstruction of the esophageal hiatus: A novel approach for the repair of large diaphragmatic hernias.

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Poster, an antecolic, anterograde approach for laparoscopic fundoplication: Our experience.

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