

46th EHS ANNUAL CONFERENCE





SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

			WEDNESDAY, MAY 29		
	Congress Hall		South Hall 3AB		Chamber Hall
8:00	Opening ceremony Welcome Barbora East (Univ. Hospital Motol, Prague, Czechia), Maarten Simons (OLVG, Amsterdam, Netherlands), Andrew de Beaux (Spire Murrayfield Hospital, Edinburgh, UK), Filip Muysoms (Maria Middelares General Hospital, Ghent, Belgium)				
8:30			Break		
8:35	Empowering global hernia care: Insights from humanitarian missions and volunteerism	8:35	Enhancing patient-centred care in hernia surgery	8:35	Best video session (open/lap)
	Chairs: Maarten Simons (OLVG, Amsterdam, Netherlands), Barbora East (Univ. Hospital Motol, Prague, Czechia), Katherine Cordero (NYU, New York, USA)		Chairs: Sónia Ribas (ULS Póvoa de Varzim- Vila do Conde, Portugal), Rishabh Sehgai (Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, Exeter, UK), Jackie Bullock (patient organization, UK)		Chairs: Conrad Ballecer (Creighton Phoenix Division, Phoenix, USA), Victor Radu (Life Memorial Hospital – Medlife, Bucharest, Romania), Heather Bougard (New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa)
2	Introduction Maarten Simons (OLVG, Amsterdam, Netherlands)	10	What matters to patients? Irena Hrabincova (patient organization, Czechia)		Exploring the boundaries of the infinite loop: Limitations and real-world applications Conrad Ballecer (Creighton Phoenix Division, Phoenix, USA)
5	Hernia Hero Ruth Kummer (Hernia Heros, Switzerland) Myth-busting in global hernia surgery – long		Prospective cohort study of the Carolinas Equation for Quality of Life in multiple languages amongst the Asian population after		Intercostal post-traumatic hernia Clara Gené Skrabec
	term follow up of study participants in sub- Saharan Africa is a mission possible Jenny Löfgren	5	inguinal hernia surgery Hemaavathi Mani A Comparative analysis of four PROMs to	-	Abdominal wall reconstruction for giant bilateral subcostal incisional hernia
	Strengthening primary health care through a longstanding global health partnership: Charting the transition from short-term hernia missions to a self-sustaining hospital Robert Hicks		assess medium to long-term patient satisfaction following open midline incisional hemia repair Waad Attafi		Miguel Angel Garcia-Urena How to perform a cranial dissection of a Rives-Stoppa Carlota Tuñón Féquant
10	Hernia Help David Chen (UCLA Lichtenstein Amid Hernia Clinic, Los Angeles, USA)	5	Patient reported outcomes: Pilot analysis of 500 patients Marguerite Mainprize Pulsed radiofrequency or surgery for Anterior		Abdominal wall reconstruction after post- Rives injury of linea semilunaris Javier Lopez-Monclus
	Operation Hernia Chris Oppong (Plymouth Nuffield Hospital, Plymouth, UK)		Cutaneous Nerve Entrapment Syndrome: Long-term results of a randomized controlled trial Tom ten Have		Completely pre-peritoneal eMILOS for subxiphoid eventration Miguel Angel Garcia-Urena
	The rewards for surgeons volunteering Giampiero Campanelli (Università degli Studi dell'Insubria, Varese, Italy)	5	Visceral symptoms in abdominal wall pain Rudi Roumen		Hybrid approach for Madrid-PCS in lateral hernias Laura Román García de León
10	Addressing the burden of hernias in Africa: A comprehensive analysis of charity-driven	10	What and why do we need PROMs? Mário Rui Gonçalves (Hospital de Braga, Portugal)		A case of laparoscopic obturator hernia Luciano Ferrando
	surgical interventions – 15 years of charity surgery missions with Hernia International Jurij Gorjanc (Klinikum Klagenfurt am Wörthersee, Austria)		AI automated patient question reply service Alexis Theodorou (Ippokrateio University Hospital, Athens, Greece)		eTEP PAULI in a type IV parastomal hernia Oscar Alpizar-Rivas
5	How to become a humanitarian volunteer Ramia Stolt (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)		Feasibility of integrating Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) in a national inguinal hemia registry – a single-center pilot study Himaya Smit		Navigating Recurrent Parastomal Hernia: A Laparoscopic Sugarbaker Approach Marcus Wannberg Subcutaneous onlay laparoscopic approach (SCOLA) mesh repair for umbilical hernia and diastasis recti: Technical description
					Maroon Tohmeh
10:00	Optimising outcomes	10:30	Coffee break Advancements in abdominal wall reconstruction: Trends, techniques, and outcomes	10:30	JAWS session
	Chairs: Hakan Gök (Hernia Istanbul, Turkey), Ramia Stolt (University of Gothenburg, Sweden), Maciej Pawlak (Golden Jubilee National University Hospital, Clydebank, UK)		Chairs: Sebastian Schaaf (German Armed Forces Central Hospital, Koblenz, Germany), Jignesh Gandhi (Seth G S Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbal, India), Gabrielle van Ramshorst (Ghent University Hospital, Ghent, Belgium)		Chairs: Manuel López-Cano (Hospital Universitario Vall d'Hebrón, Barcelona, Spain), Andrea Quiroga-Centeno (Universidad Industrial de Santander, Colombia), Cesare Stabilini (University of Genoa, Italy)
10	Hernia as a day case – when, where and how Carlos Magalhães (Centro Integrado de Cirurgia de Ambulatório, Porto, Portugal)	5	Trends and prevalence of umbilical hernia repairs in Sweden: A nationwide population-based register-study Mathias Bergström The importance of hernia centers to improve	10	EIT ambivium, linea semilunaris, and fulcrum abdominalis Filip Muysoms (Maria Middelares General Hospital, Ghent, Belgium)
10	Local anaesthesia in hernia surgery Maarten Simons (OLVG, Amsterdam, Netherlands)	5	abdominal wall reconstruction outcomes: A systematic review and meta-analysis Carlos Silveira Hybrid operation techniques are a promising	10	Female groin hernia highlighted – 30 years of register data Ursula Dahlstrand (Karolinska Institutet,
5	Security analysis of a no-admission circuit in high-intermediate-risk patients with inguinal hernia Miriam Alvarez Aguilera		nyonio operationi techniques are a promising option in the repair of ventral abdominal wall hernias: A systematic review and meta-analysis Lucas Visscher	10	Lasarettet i Enköping, Solna, Sweden) Laparoscopic vs. open approach in emergent inguinal hernia
5	Laparoscopic inguinal hernia surgery can be safely performed in a day surgery centre	5	Long term recurrence rates after elective ventral, incisional and parastomal hernia repairs		Inguina Herina Francisco Moreno-Suero (Virgen del Rocio University Hospital, Seville, Spain)
5	Romilly Hayward Doctors' orders: A review on postoperative instructions provided to patients after abdominal wall reconstruction (AWR)	5	Nadia Henriksen (Herlev Hospital, University of Copenhagen, Denmark) IPUM: Dead for good or alive and well	10	Preformed hernia patch repair for small umbilical hernia Tero Rautio (Oulu University Hospital, Oulu,
	Alexis Holland		Luis Alfonso Martin del Campo Gonzalez		Helsinki)

10	Robotic hernia repair significantly shortens the length of stay Filip Muysoms (Maria Middelares General Hospital, Ghent, Belgium)		BIG DEBATE: Intraperitoneal mesh placement	20	UEMS subspecialty in abdominal wall surgery - necessity and importance Ferdinand Köckerling (Vivantes Clinic Spandau, Berlin, Germany)
10	Marginal gains in AWR Eva Barbosa (Centro Hospitalar de São João, Porto, Portugal)		Intraperitoneal mesh is great, but do a LIRA Salvador Morales-Conde (University Hospital Virgen Macarena, Seville, Spain)		Spandad, Scillin, Germany)
	Drain on not to drain? The issue with chronic seroma Cesare Stabilini (University of Genoa, Italy)		IPUM is often my first option Brian Jacob (Laparoscopic Surgical Center of New York, USA)		
			Intraperitoneal mesh should be always avoided Conrad Ballecer (Creighton Phoenix Division, Phoenix, USA)		
			Why I always avoid intraperitoneal mesh placement Wolfgang Reinpold (Hamburg Hernia Center at Helios Mariahilf Hospital, Hamburg, Germany)		
			What do registries know about intraperitoneal mesh? Nadia Henriksen (Herlev Hospital, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)		
12:00	Lu	nch bre	ak	12:15 13:15	Industry symposium (not entitled to accreditation)
13:30	Preventing perioperative disasters	13:30	HERnia	13:30	Radiology
	Chairs: Sónia Ribas (ULS Póvoa de Varzim- Vila do Conde, Portugal), David Lourié (Huntington Health, Pasadena, USA), Lauren Lahav (Meir Medical Center, Kfar Saba, Israel)		Chairs: Pilar Hernández-Granados (Hospital Universitario Fundación Alcorcón, Madrid, Spain), Sara Capoccia Giovannini (Universitaria San Martino di Genova, Genova, Italy), Aali Sheen (Manchester Foundation NHS Trusk, Man		Chairs: Eva Barbosa (Centro Hospitalar de São João, Porto, Portugal), Bernd Stechemesser (Hernienzentrum, Cologne, Germany), Ioannis Gerogiannis (Kingston Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Kingston upon Thames, UK)
	BJS Lecture: Precision beyond the scalpel: Innovations in non-technical skills and surgical sabermetrics Steven Yule (University of Edinburgh, UK)		The FemRep study. A randomised controlled trial on open groin hernia repair in women Alphonsus Matovu		Can surgeons accurately identify mesh type when interpreting computed tomography scans after ventral hernia repair Nir Messer (Cleveland Clinic Foundation,
20	NOTSS - the good, the bad, and the ugly Simon Paterson-Brown (University of Edinburgh, UK)		Groin lumps during pregnancy: Exploring the knowledge gap among surgeons and obstetricians regarding round ligament varicosities Zaid Malaibari	5	Cleveland, USA) Functional CT in laparoendoscopic abdominal wall surgery. Mesures, key points and surgical application Jorge Zárate Gómez
	Perioperative music reduces pain, stress, anxiety and sleep disorder Johannes Jeekel (Erasmus University Medical Centre, Rotterdam, Netherlands)	5	Incidence of groin hernia repair and parity: A population-based cohort study in Sweden Alphonsus Matovu	5	Application of three-dimensional visualization technology in preoperative planning of complex abdominal wall defect repair and reconstruction
	Why does diversity matter in hernia surgery Gina Adrales (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA)		The importance of evidence-based surgery – the case of female groin hemia Ursula Dahlstrand (Karolinska Institutet, Lasarettet i Enköping, Solna, Sweden)	5	Yan Gu Utility of the Carbonell's rule in eTEP ventral hemia repair: A multicenter retrospective study Sergio Salido
		5	Risk of ventral hernias in relation to parity in women: A population-based study Asmatullah Katawazai	10	What can CT tell us about abdominal wall hernias Eric Pauli (Penn State Health, Reading, USA)
		10	Robot-assisted repair of post-gestational rectus diastasis with the TARUP approach – a retrospective evaluation of patient satisfaction Josephine Rothman Ventral bernias and prepnancies	10	What can MRI tell us about abdominal wall hemias that CT cannot? Shirin Towfigh (Beverly Hills Hemia Center, Los Angeles, USA)
		10	Ventral hernias and pregnancies Nadia Henriksen (Herlev Hospital, University of Copenhagen, Denmark) Groin pain in women	10	What groins need an ultrasound scan? Henning Niebuhr (Hamburger Hernia Center, Hamburg, Germany)
			Shirin Towfigh (Beverly Hills Hernia Center, Los Angeles, USA)	5	The influence of ultrasound in the choice of surgical technique to repair inguinal hernia: Prospective multicentric cohort study Mafalda Sampaio-Alves
		10	The issue of a femoral hernia Jan Kukleta (Hirslanden Clinic, Zurich, Switzerland)		
15:00			Coffee break		

15:30	Managing perioperative disasters	15:30		15:30	Abdominal wall reconstruction: Holistic approach
	Chairs: Simon Paterson-Brown (University of Edinburgh, WK), Knut Borch (Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark), Archana Ramaswamy (University of Minnesota Physicians, Minneapolis, USA)		Chairs: Salvador Morales-Conde (University Hospital Virgen Macarena, Seville, Spain), Julie De Deken (Klinikum Saarbrücken, Germany), Artur Zanellato (University of Edinburgh, UK)		Chairs: Jackie Bullock (patient organization, UK), Ralph Lorenz (Hernia cente) 3+CHIRURGEN, Berlin, Germany), Srinivas Chintapatla (York Abdominal Wall Unit, York, UK)
	Disaster panel: David Chen (UCLA Lichtenstein Amid Hernia Clinic, Los Angeles, USA), Vedra Augenstein (Atrium Health, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, USA), Jan Kukleta (Hirslanden Clinic, Zurich,		Poor surgical technique or poor quality patient – the main cause? Elena Schembari (Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, Exeter, UK)	5	Incisional hernia and its influence on abdominal wall strength: A case-control study Ana Lopez Huerta
5	Switzerland), Marja Boermeester (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands), Andrew de Beaux (Spire Murrayfield Hospital, Edinburgh, UK) The EHS learning culture	5	Efficacy and safety of bilayered polypropylene mesh for temporary abdominal closure: A prospective multicentric study	10	Clinical impact and natural evolution of a patient with a loss of domain Todd Heniford (Atrium Health,Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, USA)
	Knut Borch (Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark)	10	Joaquin Munoz-Rodriguez Open abdomen guidelines	10	Biomechanics of an abdominal wall with a hernia
10	My worst ever nightmare Giampiero Campanelli (Università degli Studi dell'Insubria, Varese, Italy)		Manuel López-Cano (Hospital Universitario Vall d´Hebrón, Barcelona, Spain)		Friedrich Kallinowski (Universitätsklinikum Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany)
10	Operating on colleagues David Chen (UCLA Lichtenstein Amid Hernia Clinic, Los Angeles, USA)	10	Handling the burst abdomen René Fortelny (Sigmund Freud Private University Vienna, Austria)	10	It is not in the stitches Jan-Paul van Wingerden (Spine & Joint Centre, Rotterdam, Netherlands)
10	Parastomal complications Eric Pauli (Penn State Health, Reading, USA)		Handling the open abdomen after trauma Gina Adrales (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA)	10	Science behind peritoneal flap repair Sarfaraz Baig (Digestive Surgery Clinic, Kolkata, India)
10	Bowel injuries Vedra Augenstein (Atrium Health, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, USA)	10	The EHS open abdomen registry Sebastian Schaaf (German Armed Forces Central Hospital, Koblenz, Germany)	10	Core stability and function post AWR Jonathan Douissard (Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland)
10	Heart perforation Ramana Balasubramaniam (Goulburn Valley Health, Shepparton, Australia)				
35	Disaster videos to the panel Knut Borch (Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark)				
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	Congress Hall		THURSDAY, MAY 30 South Hall 3AB		Chamber Hall
		7:00	Expert debate: IPUM, the sequel	7:00	Meet the expert: Robotics - How do I start?
			PUM – yes, no, maybe? Rodrigo Galhego (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), Conrad Ballecer (Creighton Phoenix Division, Phoenix, USA)		Filip Muysoms (Maria Middelares General Hospital, Ghent, Belgium), Mette Willaume (Zealand University Hospital University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
7:55 8:00	Prevention – laparotomy closure – suture	8:00	Break Botulinum toxin	8:00	Mesh infection, biofilms
	Chairs: Gabrielle van Ramshorst (Ghent University Hospital, Ghent, Belgium), Maciej Pawlak (Golden Jubilee National University Hospital, Clydebank, UK), Tomáš Paseka (SurGal Clinic, Brno, Czechia)		Chairs: Guillaume Passot (Hospices civils de Lyon, France), Mateusz Zamkowski (Świssmed Hospital, Gdansk, Poland), Julie de Deken (Klinikum Saarbrücken, Germany)		Chairs: Diego Cuccurullo (AORN Ospedali dei Colli, Naples, Italy), Pericles Chrysoheris (YTEIA / Hygieia Hospita, Marousi, Grece), Carmen Luz Maillo Oliva (Hospital Lusiadas, Lisbon, Portugal)
	Closure time is not coffee time Johannes Jeekel (Erasmus University Medical Centre, Rotterdam, Netherlands)	5	Pharmacology of botulinum toxin and products currently available Frederik Berrevoet (UZ Ghent, Belgium)	20	Biofilm, mesh infection and ATB therapy Jana Kudlackova (Institute of Immunology and Microbiology, 1st Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, Prague, Czechia)
	The enigma of incisional hernia prediction unravelled: External validation of a prognostic model in colorectal cancer patients Laurie Smith	10	The various protocols, their pros and cons Osvaldo Santilli (Centro de Patología Herniaria Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina)	10	The cost of a mesh infection Todd Heniford (Atrium Health,Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, USA) (TBC)
5	Anatomical and mechanical properties of different abdominal wall closure methods: The new dawn of the mechanical closure of the abdominal wall	5	Prevention of component separation in complex abdominal wall surgery by botox prehabilitation: A propensity-matched study Dite de Jong	10 5	Oral health and mesh infection Mauro Podda (University of Cagliari, Italy) Surface modification of artificial implants by hybrid nanolayers – antimicrobial surface finishing tests, strength tests, leachates and
5	Thiago Costa Suture techniques and materials for fascial closure of abdominal wall incisions: How do they compare in a systematic review and meta-analysis?		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	5	scanning electron microscope analysis Jiří Škach Topical antimicrobial treatment of mesh for the reduction of surgical site infections after
5	Lucas Visscher Reduced incisional hernia incidence after colorectal cancer surgery – the Rein4CeTo1		Mateusz Zamkowski (Swissmed Hospital, Gdansk, Poland)		hernia repair: A systematic review and meta- analysis Nathan Bontekoning
	randomized controlled trial Charlotta Wenzelberg		Surgeon performed abdominal wall botulinum toxin A injection in the outpatient setting may result in significant reduction of complex logistics and costs Willem Zwaans (Máxima Medical Center, Eindhoven, Netherlands)	10	Surgical management of infected mesh Jenny Shao (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA)
		5	Use of botulinum toxin A in hernia surgery – results of a survey among certified German hemia centers Sebastian Schaaf (German Armed Forces Central Hospital, Koblenz, Germany)		
		5	The impact of preoperative botulinum toxin A (BTA) injection on subxiphoid (M1) hernia repairs Alexis Holland	I	
		10	Practicial guide to step by step botulotoxin application Vedra Augenstein (Atrium Health, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, USA)		
			Does botulotoxin produce reliable lateral abdominal wall lengthening? Marja Boermeester (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)		
	Industry lecture (not entitled to accreditation)				
9:30 10:00	Industry lecture (not entitled to		Coffee break		
10:15	accreditation) Prevention – mesh augmentation	10:15	Loss of domain	10:15	Patient vs. mesh interaction,
	Chairs: René Fortelny (Sigmund Freud Private University, Vienna, Austria), Petr Bystřický (Hospital, České Budějovice, Czechia), Zuzana Musilová (Hospital, Ivančice, Czechia)		Chairs: Gina Adrales (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA), André Oliva (Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal), Frederik Berrevoet (UZ Ghent, Belgium)		autoimmunity Chairs: Shirin Towfigh (Beverly Hills Hernia Center, Los Angeles, USA), Marc Miserez (UZ Leuven, Belgium), Paula Goss (patient, London, UK)
5	Short-term outcomes using novel mesh suture device for abdoinal wall closure Paige Hackenberger	5	Progressive preoperative pneumoperitoneum. A safe technique in a home care hospitalization setting Oriol Crusellas	5	Incidence of autoimmune disease after placement of a polypropylene mesh: Cohort study using a national hospital billing database
	The impact of a closing protocol (CP) implementation on wound morbidity in abdominal wall reconstruction (AWR) with mesh	5	Intraoperative fascial traction for the treatment of large hernias – results of a multicentre study Guido Woeste	5	Maurits-Jan Gielen Autoimmune reaction to hernia mesh Barbora Jisova (University Hospital Motol, Prague, Czechia)
5	William Lorenz Prevention of incisional hernia with prophylactic onlay and sublay mesh reinforcement versus primary suture only in midline laparotomies (PRIMA): Long-term outcomes of a multicentre, double-blind,	10	The GRIP principle and its clinical implications Friedrich Kallinowski (University Hospital Heidelberg, Germany)	5	Mesh removal due to foreign body reaction and mesh infection in groin hemia surgery: A long-term nationwide population-based register study
5	randomised controlled trial Johannes Jeekel		Is there anything we can do to prevent the defect from getting larger? Marie Vitujova (2nd Faculty of Medicine	10	Maria Melkemichel Autoimmunity and genes Pavel Tesner
	Independent patient data meta-analysis of prophylactic mesh placement for incisional hernia prevention (after abdominal aortic aneurysm surgery): A collaborative European Hernia Society project (I-PREVENT-AAA)	10	Charles University, Prague, Czechia) Core stability and missing abdominal wall Jan-Paul van Wingerden (Spine & Joint Centre, Rotterdam, Netherlands)	10	Do surgical implants degrade? Lucie Bacakova (Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czechia)
5	Rudolf van den Berg Results of onlay self-gripping polyester mesh in incisional hernia prophylaxis José Carlos Castillo Acosta	10	Skin management in the complex abdominal wall defect David Ross (London Clinic, London, UK)	10	Mesh destiny Mateusz Zamkowski (Swissmed Hospital, Gdansk, Poland)
5	Prophylactic mesh-related reoperations and mesh-related problems during re-laparotomy: Long-term results from the PRIMA trial	5	BIG DEBATE We know how to calculate loss of domain Victor Radu (Life Memorial Hospital – Medlife, Bucharest, Romania)	20	Autoimmunity, allergy and other inflammations – don't confuse them! Jirina Bartunkova (2nd Faculty of Medicine Charles University, Czechia)
	Rudolf van den Berg				

5	WOLVERINE study Gabrielle van Ramshorst (University Hospital in Ghent, Belgium)	5	The danger of operating by numbers in incisional hernia repair Andrew de Beaux (Spire Murrayfield Hospital,		
10	Introducing the EHS Prevention Registry Julie de Deken (Klinikum Saarbrücken, Germany)		Edinburgh, UK)		
11:30 11:45 12:45	Industry symposium (not entitled to accreditation)		Lunch break	11:45 12:45	Industry symposium (not entitled to accreditation)
13:00	Component separation	13:00	Pre-operative optimisation:	13:00	Mesh of the future
	Chairs: Archana Ramaswamy (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA), Eva Barbosa (Centro Hospitalar de São João, Porto, Portugal), Conard Ballecer (Creighton Phoenix Division, Phoenix, USA)		Patient factors Chairs: Sarfaza Baig (Digestive Surgery Clinic, Kolkata, India), Julie de Deken (Klinikum Saarbrücken, Germany), Manuel López-Cano (Hospital Universitario Vall d'Hebrón, Barcelona, Spain)		Chairs: Maciej Śmietański (Medical Univeristy of Gdansk, Poland), Shirin Towfigh (Beverly Hills Hernia Center, Los Angeles, USA), Willem Zwaans (Máxima Medical Center, Eindhoven, Netherlands)
10	BIG DEBATE TAR - When, how and why Yuri Novitsky (Columbia University Irving		How can surgeons help patients achieve their pre-op targets? Jackie Bullock (patient organization, UK)	5	The fragility of randomized controlled trials (RCTs) comparing biologic versus synthetic mesh in abdominal wall reconstruction (AWR) William Lorenz
10	Medical Center, New York, USA) Madrid posterior component separation Miguel Angel Garcia-Urena (Hospital Universitario del Henares, Madrid, Spain)		Evaluating the impact of lifting mandatory smoking cessation prior to elective abdominal wall reconstruction. A single-center experience Nir Messer (Cleveland Clinic Foundation,	5	Lightweight: The fragility of randomized controlled trials (RCTs) utilizing mesh in abdominal wall reconstruction (AWR) Sullivan Ayuso
10	TAR should be avoided Frederik Berrevoet (UZ Ghent, Belgium)	5	Cleveland, USA)	10	How does mesh work and could it be configured differently? Heather Bougard (New Somerset Hospital,
10	Why I believe in ACS Lars Nannestad Jorgensen (Digestive Disease Center, Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen,		The benefits of preoperative smoking cessation on abdominal wall reconstruction (AWR) outcomes: An examination of abstinent versus never smokers	10	Cape Town, South Africa) Meshes currently available
10	Denmark) Peritoneal flap repair Andrew de Beaux (Spire Murrayfield Hospital, Edinburgh, UK)	5	William Lorenz The impact of smoking on ventral and inguinal hernia postoperative outcomes: A systematic review and meta-analysis	10	Marc Miserez (UZ Leuven, Belgium) Nanotechnology: Its limits and possibilities Evzen Amler (Charles University, Prague, Czechia)
5	Sequential surgeries following transversus abdominis release for abdominal wall	10	Diego Lima	50	BIG DEBATE Representatives of the industry will debate
	reconstruction insights from a single-center analysis <i>Nir Messer (Cleveland Clinic Foundation,</i> <i>Cleveland, USA)</i>		DISCUSSION: Is smoking really so bad?	-	the process of getting new mesh to the market, how difficult it is to come up with a new polymer or mesh type, and what has to happen before a product is recalled from the
5	Can we predict the need of performing a component separation technique? Anicet Le Ruyet		The incidence and severity of anxiety, pain, subclinical stress, sleep disturbances, and delirium in the surgical population: A prospective cohort study Roos Geensen		market
			Complications and reconsultation patterns in preoperative weight optimization for complex abdominal wall hernia surgery: A prospective observational study Sofia Maria Jaume Bottcher		
		10	Nutrition and surgery Marie Vitujova (2nd Faculty of Medicine Charles University, Prague, Czechia)		
			Concomitant versus staged repair of ventral hemias during bariatric surgery: A systematic review Nicole Lyons		
14:30			Break		
14:45	Subcostal and lateral hernias Chairs: Yun Novitsky (Columbia University Irving Medical Center, New York, USA), Nadia Henriksen (Herlev Hospital, University of Copenhagen, Denmark), Jorge Daes (Clinica Bautista, Barranquilla, Colombia)	14:45	Divarication Chairs: Pilar Hernández-Granados (Hospital Universitario Fundación Alcorcón, Madrid, Spain), David Ross (London Clínic, UK), Bara' ah Omar Tatwany (Saudi Arabia)	14:45	Parastomal hernias Chairs: Stavros Antoniou (Papageorgiou General Hospital, Pavlos, Greece), Filip Muysoms (Maria Middelares General Hospital, Ghent, Belgium), Ramia Stolt (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
10	Preperitoneal space and intermuscular planes of the lateral abdominal wall David Kachlik (2nd Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, Prague, Crachia)	5	Linea alba 3D morphometric variability by CT scan exploration Pierre Gueroult	5	Unprepared for the emergence of a parastomal bulge – a qualitative study into patients' perspectives Marianne Krogsgaard
10	Charles University, Prague, Czechia) The challange of liver and kidney transplant incisional hernias		Minimally invasive bilayer suturing technique for the repair of concomitant ventral hernias and diastasis recti Phillippe Ngo	5	Prophylactic mesh does not prevent parastomal hernia at long-term: Meta- analysis and trial sequential analysis Mireia Verdaguer
-	André Oliva (Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, Portugal)	5	Treatment of postpartal rectus diastasis with symptomatic umbilical and / or epigastric hernia plus excessive / redundant skin –	5	Early outcomes of robotic Pauli for parastomal hernia repair Alberto G. Barranguero
5	Delphi consensus statement for understanding and managing the subcostal hernia: SubCostal Hernias cOLLAborative Report (SCHOLLAR study) Gaurav Kulkarni	5	procedure and outcome Beatrice Reiners LAP-T (Laparoscopic Abdominoplasty Pozzi Technique) in women with post-partum rectus	5	The Local Parastomal (LoPa) repair: A novel approach to parastomal hernia repair Ali Al Mukhtar
5	Endoscopic retromuscular mesh repair of subcostal incisional hernia – our experience and early outcome Mukund Khetan		muscle diastasis and hernia. 1 305 patients treated, monitoring and follow-up on 53 women with subsequent pregnancy. Single surgeon setting Giuseppe Pozzi	5	Laparoscopic parastomal hernia repair with a funnel intraperitoneal mesh device Alexander Pietsch

5	Lateral incisional hernia. EVEREG registry analysis Pilar Martínez López (Hospital Universitario Fundación Alcorcón, Madrid, Spain)	5	Minimizing seroma incidence by quilting in endoscopic repair of concomitant ventral hernias and diastasis recti Jean-Pierre Cossa	5	Open Parastomal Hernia Repair (OPSHR): Techniques and outcomes at a tertiary hernia center Alexis Holland
5	Robot-assisted extraperitoneal ventral hernia repair – experience from the first 160 consecutive operations with lateral eTEP and eTAR techniques		Primary fascial closure in laparoscopic ventral hemia repair. The PROSECO-trial: A randomised double-blinded multicentre trial Mikael Lindmark	10	Contemporary concepts of parastomal hernia repair Gabrielle van Ramshorst (University Hospital in Ghent, Belgium)
	Björn Mück		PPAWI		Pauli repair – step by step
	BIG DEBATE		Maciej Śmietański (Medical Univeristy Gdansk, Poland)		Eric Pauli (Penn State Health, Reading, USA)
6	Intermuscular space is easy and useful		rodney		
	Andrew de Beaux (Spire Murrayfield Hospital, Edinburgh, UK)		A symptom or a disease? Jan-Paul van Wingerden (Spine & Joint Centre, Rotterdam, Netherlands)		
6	Never go between the muscles!				
	Miguel Angel Garcia-Urena (Hospital Universitario del Henares, Madrid, Spain)	10	Is divarication a surgical diagnosis? Jonathan Douissard (Geneva University Hospitals, Switzerland)		
6	eTEP approach to lateral hernias Victor Radu (Life Memorial Hospital – Medlife, Bucharest, Romania)		, , , ,		
6	TAPP approach to lateral hernias Flavio Malcher				
16:15			Coffee break		
16:45	EHS General Assembly	16:45	Hernia surgery beyond Europe	16:45	Best e-poster session
	Chairs: EHS Board		Chairs: Archana Ramaswamy (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA), Ramana Balasubramaniam (Goulburn Valley Health, Shepparton, Australia), David Moss (Middlemore Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand)		Chairs: Davide Lomanto (National University Singapore, Singapore), Heather Bougard (New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa)
			Open versus laparoscopic incisional hernia repair following liver transplantation: An update of systematic review and meta- analysis Diego Lima		Laparoscopic totally extraperitoneal repair of inguinal hemias in female patients: Does older age influence incidental findings and quality-of-life? Christophe Berney
		5	Increasing the efficiency in the robotic assisted PCS surgeries by optimising the work flow	4	A new model to learn and teach Marcello Calabrò
			Saurabh Misra		Interfascial blockages of the abdominal wall with the ERAS protocol in videolaparoscopic
			Defect size and biologic mesh overlap: Does it influence outcomes in complex abdominal wall (AWR)?		surgery in inguinal hernia Ruslan Lysenko
		5	William Lorenz Laparoscopic versus open inguinal hernia repair in elderly patients: ACS NSQIP analysis of 35 539 cases		Hernia repair surgery in international cooperation programs in Africa Francisco Miguel González Valverde
		10	Christophe Berney The view of hernia surgery from North America		Trans-abdominal pre-peritoneal laparoscopic hernia repair learning curve: A single center experience Karolina Havlova
			Flavio Malcher (NYU Langone Health, New York, USA)	4	Hernia recurrence after laparoscopic mesh removal for chronic postoperative inguinal pain following preperitoneal repair: Long-term
		10	Approaches to atypical hernias Vijay Borgaonkar (Krupamayi Hospital, Aurangabad, India)	4	outcomes Jonas Rops
		10	Do Asians have less chronic pain after groin hernia repair?		Textbook outcome in W3 incisional hernia repair. National multicenter study Carmen Zaragoza Zaragoza
			Sarfaraz Baig (Digestive Surgery Clinic, Kolkata, India)		Effectiveness of eMILOS surgery in patients with diastasis recti combined with umbilical hernia
		10	Approaches to liver transplant incisional hemia Rajesh Shrivastava (Vedanta Institute of Medical Sciences, Maharashtra, India)	4	Yaroslav Feleshtynsky The incidence of additional hernia defects in a diastatic linea alba, not reported on preoperative CT imaging Amit Sharma
				4	Should we repair diastasis when is associated to primary ventral hernia? Gemma Bosch Silvela
18:15				4	Simulated abdominal wall – a valuable educational tool for abdominal wall reconstruction and small bite closure techniques Olivia Smith

			FRIDAY, MAY 31		
	Congress Hall		South Hall 3AB		Chamber Hall
				7:00	Meet the expert: eTEP masterclass Jorge Daes (Clinica Bautista, Barranquilla,
					Colombia), Victor Radu (Life Memorial Hospital – Medlife, Bucharest, Romania)
7:55 8:00	Devil is in the detail – groin hernias	8:00	Break Emergency hernias	8:00	Hiatal hernias
	Chairs: Brian Jacob (Laparoscopic Surgical Center of New York, USA), Nadia Henriksen (Herlev Hospital, University of Copenhagen, Demark), Alexis Theodorou (Ippokrateio University Hospital, Athens, Greece)		Chairs: Cesare Stabilini (University of Genoa, Italy), Heather Bougard (New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa), Sudhir Kalhan (Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, India)		Chairs: Umberto Bracale (University of Salerno, Fisciano, Italy), Gina Adrales (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA), Kanagavel Manickavasagam (St Isabel Hospital, Chennai, India)
10	Lichtenstein repair today and what not to do! David Chen (UCLA Lichtenstein Amid Hernia	5	Persistent more emergency hernia repair beyond the pandemic Dite de Jong	10	Anatomy of hiatal hernia Yohann Renard (Reims University, France)
10	Clinic, Los Angeles, USA) Laparoscopic groin hernia repair – devil is in the anatomical detail!	5	Surgical practices in emergency umbilical hernia repair and implications for trial design Josephine Walshaw	Ů	Incidental large para-oesophageal hernias - do they need repair? Ferdinand Köckerling (Vivantes Clinic Spandau, Berlin, Germany)
5	David Lourié (Huntington Health, Pasadena, USA) Laparoscopic (L) versus open inguinal hemia		Bilateral inguinal hernioplasty in emergency surgery is feasible. Comparative retrospective study using propensity score matching Alejandro Bravo Salvá		Current dilemmas in the surgical repair para- oesophageal hernias Salvador Morales-Conde (University Hospital Virgen Macarena, Seville, Spain)
	repair (OIHR): How robust is the data? A systematic review and fragility assessment of randomized controlled trials comparing laparoscopic and open inguinal hernia repair Alexis Holland	5	A meta-analysis of emergency incisional hernia repair: Do outcomes differ from elective surgery? Andrea Quiroga-Centeno	5	Acute trans hiatal wrap migration following Laparoscopic fundoplication: Our experience at a tertiary care center Vishakha Kalikar
5	Surgical unit volume and reoperation for recurrence following totally extra-peritoneal groin hernia repairs Maria Melkemichel	5	Risk factors for incarceration/strangulation in patients with groin hernia: A prospective observational study Hande Kandemir	5	Slowly resorbable mesh for giant paraoesophageal hernias – the way of the future? Sarah Mahmood
	Effectiveness of total extraperitoneal hernia correction for clinically occult inguinal hernia (EFFECT-trial) – a multicentre randomized controlled trial	5	Have we forgotten about TAXIS? Maciej Pawlak (Golden Jubilee National University Hospital, Clydebank, UK)	5	Anterior reconstruction of the esophageal hiatus: A novel approach for the repair of large diaphragmatic hernias Nir Messer (Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, USA)
5	Richtje Meuzelaar		Can we accurately diagnose infarcted bowel in a hernia?	5	·
	Comparison of non-mesh Desarda technique versus Lichtenstein technique for inguinal hernia repair: A systematic review and meta-		Barbora East (Univ. Hospital Motol, Prague, Czechia)	Ĵ	Use of mesh repair in hiatal hernias: Our experience Eugenio Licardie Bolaños
	analysis of 14 comparative studies Mohamed Talaat Mohamed Issa		Save life, save bowel, save the abdominal wall		Initial experience in the approach TATHIR (Trans-Abdominal Thoracic Hiatus Hernia Repair)
	BIG DEBATE: Do we need open preperitoneal approaches?		Andrew de Beaux (Spire Murrayfield Hospital, Edinburgh, UK)	8	EAES guidelines for the treatment of hiatal
	Anterior is for lichtenstein and posterior is for TEP/TAPP Maarten Simons (OLVG, Amsterdam, Netherlands)		The use of mesh in emergency hernia surgery Sara Capoccia Giovannini (University of Genoa, Italy)		hernias Stavros Antoniou (Papageorgiou General Hospital, Pavlos, Greece)
5	No no no – anterior and posterior is for open pre-peritoneal Manuel López-Cano	10	Emergency hernia surgery – have we come full circle? Heather Bougard (New Somerset Hospital,		
	TIPP versus TAPP/TEP for primary inguinal hernia repair: A systematic review and meta- analysis Ana Rasador		Cape Town, South Africa)		
	Summing up arguments Maarten Simons (OLVG, Amsterdam, Netherlands)				
1	Summing up arguments Manuel López-Cano				
9:30	Chronic pain	10:00	Coffee break	10.00	Artificial intelligence
10:00	Chronic pain	10:00	Aesthetic techniques in abdominal surgery: From principles to controversies	10:00	Artificial intelligence
	Chairs: Jackie Bullock (patient organization, UK), Yohann Renard (Reims University, France), David Lourié (Huntington Health, Pasadena, USA)		Chairs: Mette Willaume (Zealand University Hospital University of Copenhagen, Denmark), Andrew de Beaux (Spire Murrayfield Hospital, Edinburgh, UK), Vishakha Kalikar (Zen Hospital, Mumbai, India)		Chairs: Eric Pauli (Penn State Health, Reading, USA), Roxana Cràciun (University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania), Marc Miserez (UZ Leuven, Belgium)
10	Chronic pain – the silent killer Brian Jacob (Laparoscopic Surgical Center of New York, USA)	10	Principles of abdominoplasty David Ross (London Clinic, UK) MILA	5	Examining the role of AI in the evaluation of scientific abstracts Jack Cavanagh
10	Key history and examination to identify the diagnosis of hernia surgery chronic pain Willem Zwaans (Máxima Medical Center, Eindhoven, Netherlands)	10	Rodrigo Galhego (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) Principles of paniculectomy Gregory Dumanian (Northwestern University, Evanston, USA)	5	AI, MD: A pilot study utilizing large language models to write medical abstracts Alexis Holland A.I. machine learning model reliably predicts
10	Does radiology help with the diagnosis? Maciej Pawlak (Golden Jubilee National University Hospital, Clydebank, UK)	10	Preventing a hypertrophic scar Monika Arenbergerova (Kralovske Vinohrady University Hospital, Prague, Czechia)		success of inguinal hernia repair to resolve chronic pelvic and groin pain Desmond Huynh
5	Neurosensory alterations following anterior open inguinal hernioplasty: An inconvenient truth		BIG DEBATE: Competencies in abdominoplasty	5	The new era of 3D-printing techniques in a medical setting: Earlier experience with the use of botulinum toxin for complex ventral hernia
	Irene Gómez Torres	5	Abdominoplasty is for plastic surgeons only		Riccardo Caruso

5	Long term inguinal pain comparing TEP to Lichtenstein repair – the TEPLICH RCT 8 years follow-up Allan Gutlic		Archana Ramaswamy (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA)	5	Preliminary experience with wireless surgical head set display implementation in laparoscopic inguinal hernia surgery Stefano Gidaro
5	Allah Guul		NO, it is not rocket science! Maciej Śmietański (Medical Univeristy of Gdansk, Poland)	8	Herniapedia Hakan Gök (Hernia Istanbul, Turkey)
	Surgical technique and chronic postoperative inguinal pain in patients undergoing open inguinal hernioplasty in Portugal – a prospective multicentric cohort study Irène Santos	1	Summing up arguments Archana Ramaswamy (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA)	10	The limits of artificial inteligence and machine learning today Magda Gregorova (Faculty of Computer
	Risk factors for chronic pain following laparoscopic groin hernia repair in the Swedish Hernia Registry: 1. Preoperative predictors		Summing up arguments Maciej Śmietański (Medical Univeristy of Gdansk, Poland)		Science and Business Information Systems, Würzburg, Germany) BIG DEBATE: Artificial intelligence
10	Bengt Novik Treatment David Chen (UCLA Lichtenstein Amid Hernia Clinic, Los Angeles, USA) (TBC)			5	Surgeons should use AI tools for their practice Alexis Theodorou (Ippokrateio University Hospital, Athens, Greece)
				5	Surgeons should remain and rely on human decisions only Simon Paterson-Brown (University of Edinburgh, UK)
				1	Summing up arguments Alexis Theodorou (Ippokrateio University Hospital, Athens, Greece)
				1	Summing up arguments Simon Paterson-Brown (University of Edinburgh, UK)
11:30			Coffee break		
12:00	The enigma of the sportsman hernia	12:00	Best video session (lap/robot)	12:00	eTEP and beyond
	Chairs: Jonathan Douissard (Geneva University Hospitals, Switzerland), Shirin Towfigh (Beverly Hills Hernia Center, Los Angeles, USA), Hakan Gök (Hernia Istanbul, Turkey)		Chairs: Bob Bloemendaal (Reinier de Graaf Gasthuis Delft, Netherlands), Archana Ramaswamy (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA), Filip Muysoms (Maria Middelares General Hospital, Ghent, Belgium)		Chairs: Jakub Wolesky (University Hospital Motol, Prague, Czechia), Eva Barbosa (Centro Hospitalar de São João, Porto, Portugal), Dana Sochorova (University Hospital Brno, Czechia)
	History and examination of the patient with groin, pain (elite athletes) Aali Sheen (Manchester Foundation NHS Trust, Manchaster, UK)		eTEP: Straight stick or a robot? Victor Radu (Life Memorial Hospital – Medlife, Bucharest, Romania)		The key steps to safe eTEP Jorge Daes (Clinica Bautista, Barranquilla, Colombia)
10	Is it groin or hip pain? Hannu Paajanen (Mikkeli Central Hospital,		Lindblom hernia: Ureter incarceration in left sciatic foramen. Laparoscopic approach José Luis García Galocha		Handling the surgical complications of eTEP Conrad Ballecer (Creighton Phoenix Division, Phoenix, USA)
10	Muscle rehabilitation for sportsman's groin Moshe Dudai (Hadassah University Medical Center, Jerusalem, Israel)		Finding of chylous ascites secondary to mesenteric compression due to giant inguinal hernia: TAPP approach Laura Román García de León		Comparative analysis of peritoneal flaps (PF) and endoscopic transversus abdominis release (eTAR) for midline restoration in eTEP incisional hernia repair
10	Physical therapy of chronic groin pain in elite athletes		Total extraperitoneal endoscopic inguinal hemioplasty (TEP). Dealing with the round ligament Jorge Zárate Gómez	5	Jenny Guevara Martínez Evolution of the eTEP technique for ventral hernia repair: Six-year single-surgeon experience with technical advancements and
	Filip Hrdlicka (AC Sparta Praha, Prague, Czechia)		eTEP Rives-Stoppa vs. total visceral sac separation (TVS) technique: Differences between two minimally invasive sublay		adaptations Sergio Salido Fernandez
	Differential diagnosis for a sportsman hernia and treatment options		approaches for midline hernias Christian Jorge Robles Bardales	10	BIG DEBATE: eTEP – isn't it overkill? eTEP is the best approach to ventral hernia
	Brian Jacob (Laparoscopic Surgical Center of New York, USA)	5	Laparoscopic eTEP Rives-Stoppa for the treatment of Pfannenstiel incisional hernia associated with bilateral inguinal hernia and	10	Victor Radu (Life Memorial Hospital – Medlife, Bucharest, Romania)
	What to do when surgery fails to resolve groin pain		diastasis recti Petra Friedova	10	Not eTEP, eMILOS! Wolfgang Reinpold (Hamburg Hernia Center at Helios Mariahilfe Hospital, Hamburg,
	Carlos Magalhães (Centro Integrado de Cirurgia de Ambulatório, Porto, Portugal)		e-TEP TAR in a L4W3 right post nephrectomy hernia	10	Germany) No need for eTEP – go pre-peritoneal
	Future research in sportsman's hernia – the next steps André Oliva (Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, Portugal)	5	Oscar Alpizar-Rivas Postoperative interstitial hernia after e-TEP causing intestinal obstruction		Vedra Augenstein (Atrium Health, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, USA)
		5	Right inguinoscrotal hernia with irreductible sigmoid neoplasm: Oncological resection and concomitant complex robotic hernia repair Carmen Gallana-Montiel		
		5	Robotic inguinal hernia mesh repair (rTAPP) post robotic assisted radical prostatectomy Ashish Vashistha		
		5	Robotic triple neurectomy for postoperative inguinal pain Rafael Noe Villalobos Mori		
		5	Robotic Morgagni hernia repair in an infant Arvind Sinha		
			Robotic transabdominal preperitoneal diaphragmatic hernia repair (Morgagni hernia) Christian Gröger		
13:25			Break		

3:30	Closing ceremony and awards
	Final words from the Conference President
	Barbora East (Univ. Hospital Motol, Prague, Czechia)
	Presentation of Best Presentation Prizes – oral, e-poster, video
	Barbora East (Univ. Hospital Motol, Prague, Czechia)
	Presentation of FEBS AWS Certificates Ferdinand Köckerling
	Presentation of IAWS Prize
	Manuel López-Cano
	Presentation of BJS Prizes
	Sónia Ribas (ULS Póvoa de Varzim-Vila do Conde, Povoa de Varzim, Portugal)
	EHS 2025 in Paris
	Guillaume Passot (Hospices civils de Lyon, France)
	Closing remarks and thanks
30	Maarten Simons (OLVG, Amsterdam, Netherlands)