

Thursday 24/09/2026

Start	Topic	Speaker	Moderation
14:00	Welcome & Course Introduction	Gereon Littl	
14:15	<i>Key Note Lecture Hernia</i>	Todd Heniford	
14:35	<i>Key Note Lecture Open Abdomen</i>	Tomasz Banasiewicz (tbc)	
14:55	Champions League: 4 Cases		Ramana Balasubramaniam
15:00	Case 1	Camilo Leonardo Bertoglio (tbc)	Team: Todd Heniford + Hari Kumar Team: Jan Kukleta + tbc Team: Ulla Volmer+Bob Bloemendaal
15:15	Case 2	Jens Dingemann	
15:30	Case 3	Sean Johnston	
15:45	Case 4	Tim van Smaalen	
16:00	End of session		
18:00	Shuttle		
19:00	Dinner	Location: Castle Lörfeld	

Friday 25/09/2026

Start	Topic	Speaker	Moderation
08:30	Getting started with fasciotens (fundamentals & refresher session)	Clemens Winkler	
	<i>Coffee</i>		
09:00	Welcome & Course Introduction	Dietmar Eucker	
	<i>AW: Anatomical &amp; Physiological Considerations</i>		Toby Hammond, Tuure Saarinen
09:10	Abdominal Wall Anatomy 2.0: Implications for Modern Repair	Miguel Angel Garcia Urena	
09:25	Form Follows Function: Understanding Abdominal Wall Physiology in Surgical Practice	Jan-Paul van Wingerden	
09:40	Intra-Abdominal Pressure Measurement: How to Influence Modern Therapy	Manu Malbrain	
09:55	Intra-Abdominal Hypertension: Recognising and Managing the Danger Zone Before ACS Strikes	tbc	
10:10	One Cough Too Many: Preventing Emergence Straining in Abdominal Wall Surgery	Nicholas Kiefer	
10:25	Hernia Classification: Why the Existing Systems Are No Longer Enough	Ramana Balasubramaniam	
10:40	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
	<i>Open Abdomen</i>		Arnulf Wilms, tbc
11:00	Case Report	Walter Brunner (tbc)	
11:15	Evolving Guidelines in Open Abdomen Management	Frederik Berrevoet	
11:30	RCT Open Abdomen	Sebastian Schaaf	
11:45	Indications for the different approaches in OA	Alessio Giordano	
12:00	Panel Discussion Open Abdomen	Everyone from the OA session	Gereon Littl
	Short Intro Lecture (3min): Awake or Intubated? Ventilatory Strategies During Open Abdomen Treatment	tbc	
	Short Intro Lecture (3min): Open Abdomen Care in the ICU: Nursing Perspectives on Interdisciplinary Management	tbc	
	Topic no. 3 (tbc)	tbc	
12:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
	<i>Complex Hernias</i>		Franz Mayer, Guido Woeste
13:30	Successful Implementation of a Reimbursement for Hernias in Czech Republic	Tomáš Paseka	
13:45	Pulmonary Embolism and Deep Vein Thrombosis in Complex Hernia Patients	Ulla Volmer	
14:00	Robotic Approaches and Cases in Complex Hernia Surgery	Krzysztof Nowakowski	
14:15	Small Stitches or Fat Sutures: What Really Works?	René Fortelny	
14:30	To Bridge or Not to Bridge: Decision-Making in Complex Hernia Repair	Todd Heniford	
14:45	Strategies to Achieve Fascial Closure: Evaluating Available Techniques	Neil Parry	
15:00	Closing the Abdominal Wall in infection: Strategies for Hostile Conditions	Marja Boormeester	
15:15	Closing	Dietmar Eucker	
15:30	End of Meeting		