

**HOW TO BECOME
A SAILOR AND
NOT A PIRATE**

**PRELIMINARY
SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM**

MAY | 22ND - 23RD | 2025

**ISSA INTERNATIONAL HANDS-ON BASIC AND
ADVANCED INTENSIVE, CADAVERIC COURSE
ON RETROPERITONEAL SURGICAL ANATOMY
FOR A SAFE LAPAROSCOPIC NAVIGATION.**

VERONA, ITALY



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THURSDAY, MAY 22ND

CHAIRS: TBD

08.30 am - 08.40 am

WELCOME & COURSE OPENING

08.40 am - 09.05 am

The bricks in the wall: Abdominal wall anatomy for minimally-invasive accesses **F. Bruni**

09.05 am - 09.30 am

How to become a sailor and not a pirate: Cartography of retroperitoneal anatomy for a safe laparoscopic navigation **E. Olearo**

09.30 am - 09.55 am

Deep diving in the retroperitoneal seas: Laparoscopic surgical anatomy of pelvic & paraaortic lymphadenectomy **A. Puppo**

09.55 am - 10.20 am

How to make it easy and easier. Laparoscopic surgical anatomy and different strategies of hysterectomy in easy and challenging settings: when anatomy and ergonomics count **W. Tawfik**

10.20 am - 10.50 am

Keynote Lecture

“Have you ever been to electric Ladyland?” Laparoscopic surgical anatomy of visceral and somatic pelvic innervation for a safe and nerve-sparing radical pelvic surgery **M. Ceccaroni**

10.50 am - 11.10 am

Coffee break

11.10 am - 11.35 am

The front doors. Surgical anatomy of the anterior compartment in deep endometriosis surgery: Urinary tract surgery means parametrial surgery **M. Manzone**

11.35 am - 12.00 pm

The back doors: Surgical anatomy of the posterior compartment for gynecological procedures (rectum, douglas pouch, recto-vaginal septum, utero-sacral and parametrial ligaments, posterior broad ligaments) and different types of rectal surgery **M. Ceccarello**



THURSDAY, MAY 22ND

12.00 pm - 12.30 pm

Keynote Lecture

Laparoscopic nerve-sparing eradication for deep endometriosis with segmental, rectal and parametrial resection according to the Negrar Method: a “touchless” procedure **G. Roviglione**

12.30 pm - 01.00 pm

Video Presentation: Minimally-Invasive treatment of deep endometriosis of the somatic nerves **G. D’Ancona**

01.00 pm - 02.00 pm

Lunch Break

02.00 pm - 02.10 pm

Dissection template highlights and chair/tutor recommendations **M. Ceccaroni**

02.10 pm - 02.40 pm

When death helps life: Live Pre-recorded Keynote Cadaveric Dissection **M. Ceccaroni**

02.40 pm - 05.30 pm

Hands-on Laparoscopic Dissections on Cadavers
All Faculty

05.30 pm - 06.00 pm

Discussion, update and conclusion

FRIDAY, MAY 23RD

09.00 am - 01.30 pm

Hands-on Laparoscopic Dissections on Cadavers
Supervising Tutors: **M. Ceccaroni**
Tutors: **All Faculty**

01.30 pm - 02.30 pm

Lunch Break

02.30 pm - 06.00 pm

Hands-on Laparoscopic Dissections on Cadavers
Supervising Tutors: **M. Ceccaroni**
Tutors: **All Faculty**



DISSECTION TOPICS

Topographic and Surgical Anatomy of the Anterior Abdominal Wall:

Vessels, muscles and sheaths, nerves, laparotomic and laparoscopic accesses.

Topographic and Surgical Anatomy of the Upper Abdomen

(sobra-mesocolic space): Embryologic tips, diaphragm, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, spleen, blood and lymphatic vessels, nerves, sheaths, spaces, connectives, retroperitoneum. Surgical anatomy of diaphragm and of hepatic ligaments and segments. Left and right bowel mobilization for colo-rectal radical surgery.

Topographic and Surgical Anatomy of the Lower Abdomen

(infra-mesocolic space): Embryologic tips, kidneys, adrenal glands, ureters, small bowel, colon-rectum, blood and lymphatic vessels, nerves, sheaths, spaces, connectives, retroperitoneum. Radical abdominal and bowel surgery.

Anatomy and surgical techniques in pelvic radical surgery


Deep infiltrating endometriosis, cervical cancer, endometrial cancer, ovarian cancer, colo-rectal cancer (different types of radical hysterectomy, radical oophorectomy according to Hudson-Delle Piane, pelvectomy), inguinal anatomy, anatomy of the Scarpa's triangle.

Nerve-sparing laparoscopic pelvic surgical procedures and techniques

Nerve-sparing radical hysterectomy, nerve sparing rectal resection for deep endometriosis.

PRACTICAL TUTORIALS AND TRAINING:

BASIC: Tips and tricks in minimally invasive accesses to the abdominal cavity: the Veress needle, the umbilical access, the "open" access, the Palmer's access, surgical anatomy of appendectomy, surgical anatomy of cholecystectomy, opening of peritoneum and identification of retroperitoneal structures, identification and isolation of uterine artery, identification and isolation of pelvic ureter, basic principles for ureterolysis, appendectomy. Surgical anatomy for adnexal surgery: ovarian cysts approaches, tubal surgery, salpingo-oophorectomy. Surgical anatomy for simple hysterectomy. Surgical anatomy for large uteri hysterectomy. Surgical anatomy of ureter for endometriosis eradication, surgical anatomy of pelvic vessels, surgical anatomy of the bladder in endometriosis surgery.



ADVANCED: Intestinal mobilization, liver and spleen mobilization, Cattel-Valdoni, Mattox, Jinnai and Kocher maneuvers, inferior mesenteric vessels ligation, radical infra-colic and gastro-colic omentectomy, splenectomy and spleno-pancreasectomy, diaphragmatic stripping, resection and suture, hepatic surgery techniques, nephrectomy, adrenalectomy, intestinal lesions repairing, colo-rectal nerve-sparing resection. Vascular suturing techniques, artery and veins anastomoses techniques, graft anastomosis technique. Parametrial preparation according to different types of radical hysterectomy, bowel resection, ureteral and bladder resection, pelvic exenteration, surgical approaches for ovarian, endometrial and cervical cancer. Principles of pelvic nerve sparing techniques. How to prevent nerve lesions in pelvic surgery, inguinal lymphadenectomy. Sacral promontorium exposition, opening of the anatomical spaces, hypogastric vessels ligation, obturative nerve isolation and iatrogenic lesions repairing.

PANEL ACTIVITIES

Interactive video-sessions (presentation of laparoscopic cases)
All tutors



GENERAL INFORMATION

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REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee of Eur 3.000,00 + 22% VAT includes:

- Theoretical lessons
- Practical training
- Disposable materials
- Didactic materials
- Insurance at the *Cadaver Lab*
- Coffee breaks & Lunch
- Certificate of attendance
- EACCME Education credits/ crediti ECM



EDUCATIONAL CREDITS

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