ERAS – International Workshop on “Endoscopic Rectal and Anal Surgery”

State-of-the-art Presentations, Hands-on Training and Live Surgeries

7th – 8th April 2011
Cluj Napoca, Romania

University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj Napoca
1st Clinic of Surgery
The “Iuliu Hatieganu” Foundation
Center for Experimental Medicine and Medical Training
We continue to be amazed how fast the field of endoscopic surgery is growing. Nowadays it allows surgeons to offer least invasive treatment modalities for diseases that in former times required extensive surgical procedures.

I have the pleasure to invite you to take part in a workshop that addresses the new developments of endoscopic treatment for rectal and anal diseases. With the support of KARL STORZ we offer you the possibility to take part in theoretical sessions presented by experienced international experts, we offer you hands-on practical courses with the TEO® (Transanal Endoscopic Operations) and VAAFT (Video-Assisted Anal Fistula Treatment) systems and live operations performed by the invited experts.

Cluj Napoca is also an interesting city where the Romanian, Hungarian and German communities have created together a warm and cosy atmosphere.

I invite you to come to Cluj for a successful professional and interesting personal experience.

I am sure that your time spent as participant at this workshop will be a rich investment in your future professional development.

Prof. Dr. med. Constantin Ciuce
President of the Workshop,
Chief of the 1st Surgical Clinic
Rector of the University of
Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj Napoca
Continuous development of minimally invasive surgical techniques opened new perspectives for the local treatment of anal and rectal diseases.

In the ’90s Buess described the principles of transanal endoscopic surgery which allowed adequate access to middle and upper rectal tumors for proper dissection, excision and suturing. Now, with the TEO® set developed by KARL STORZ you have all the instruments you need to resect “full-thickness” rectal tumors in “one-piece” by a minimally invasive transanal approach, avoiding the morbidity of a transabdominal access and the risks of “piece meal” endoscopic resections.

Conventional surgical management of anal fistulas is often hampered by the risk of iatrogenic sphincter injuries and the high rate of local recidive. The VAAFT set facilitates identification of the internal opening and debridement of the fistula tract under constant vision and is expected to set up new standards for the surgical treatment of this disease.

We offer you a two-day workshop intended to give you an extensive insight of these two indications and their surgical management. Apart from the possibility to benefit from hands-on practice with the TEO® and VAAFT sets, the highlight of this course is the presence of two renowned international experts: Dr. X. Serra is one of the most experienced European transanal endoscopic surgeons in the field of TEO® technique while Dr. P. Meinero is the inventor of the VAAFT technique.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Cluj Napoca.

Dr. med. Vasile Bintintan, PhD
Director of the Workshop,
1st Surgical Clinic
University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj Napoca
The course is certified with CME points granted by the Romanian College of Medical Practitioners (Colegiul Medicilor din Romania)

Objectives of the workshop

• Provide the participant with theoretical and practical knowledge of the diagnosis and current endoscopic treatment of rectal tumors and anal fistulas

• Demonstration of the TEO® and VAAFT instrumentation and its proper handling

• Hands-on training with the TEO® and VAAFT sets on ex-vivo tissues

• Demonstration of the procedures in live surgery

Thursday, 7th of April 2011
Transanal Endoscopic Operations

09:00  Welcome message
Prof Dr. C. Ciuce

09:05  Surgical anatomy of the rectum
G. Dindelegan

09:20  Endoscopic diagnosis and treatment of rectal tumors
R. Chira

09:35  Chromoendoscopy magnification and endosonography with miniprobes for diagnosis and staging of superficial rectal neoplasia
A. Tantau

09:50  Staging of rectal tumors: the role of endoscopic ultrasound, CT and rectal MRI
N. Rednic, S. Manole
10:10  Round table discussion: Imaging of mesorectal lymph nodes – the clinical significance  
N. Rednic, S. Manole, L. Ciule, V. Bintintan

10:30  Coffee break

10:45  Endoscopic mucosal resection of early rectal cancer  
M. Tantau

11:00  Local excision of rectal tumors  
G. Dindelegan

11:15  Transanal endoscopic local surgical excision of rectal tumors: History, principles, operative technique, indications and present day experience  
V. Bintintan

11:35  TEO® Transanal endoscopic operations: Instrumentation  
D. Steidle, J. Holz

11:45  Transanal endoscopic surgery of rectal tumors: State-of-the-art  
Dr. X. Serra

12:15  Roundtable discussion

12:30  Lunch break – Restaurant of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy

14:00  1st surgical session: Live TEO® operation  
– Presentation of the surgical case  
– Interactive discussions with the surgeon  
Dr. X. Serra

16:00  TEO® hands-on practice  
Supervisors:  
Dr. X. Serra, V. Bintintan, G. Dindelegan, R. Seicean, A. Biro, M. Valea

19:00  End of the practical session
VAAFT: Video Assisted Anal Fistula Treatment

A new and effective minimal-invasive method for the treatment of anal fistulas
Friday, 8th of April 2011
VAAFT treatment of anal fistula

09:00    Anal fistula: Pathogenesis, clinical presentation, diagnosis and classification
           R. Seicean

09:15    Imaging of anal fistulas
           N. Rednic, S. Manole

09:35    Treatment strategies for anal fistulas
           G. Dindelegan

09:50    Presentation of the VAAFT set
           D. Steidle, J. Holz

10:05    VAAFT treatment of anal fistula: Indications, surgical technique
           V. Bintintan

10:20    VAAFT treatment of anal fistula: State-of-the-art
           Dr. P. Meinero

10:50    Discussions

11:00    Coffee break

11:30    2nd Surgical session: Live VAAFT operation
           – Presentation of the surgical case
           – Interactive discussions with the surgeon
           Dr. P. Meinero

12:00    Lunch break
Friday, 8th of April 2011
VAAFT treatment of anal fistula

14:00 3rd Surgical session: Live VAAFT
– Presentation of the surgical case
– Interactive discussions with the surgeon
   Dr. P. Meinero

16:00 TEO® and VAAFT Hands-on practice
Supervisors:
   Dr. P. Meinero, V. Bintintan, G. Dindelegan, R. Seicean, A. Biro, M. Valea

19:00 End of the practical session
First Choice For Transanal Rectal Surgery

The Video Rectoscope From KARL STORZ
General Information

FACULTY

Romeo Chira, 1st Medical Clinic, Cluj Napoca
Larisa Ciule, Department of Oncology, Cluj Napoca
Simona Manole, Department of Radiology, Cluj Napoca
Nicolae Rednic, 4th Medical Clinic, Cluj Napoca
Alina Tantau, 4th Medical Clinic, Cluj Napoca
Marcel Tantau, 3rd Medical Clinic, Cluj Napoca
Radu Seicean, 1st Surgical Clinic, Cluj Napoca
George Dindelegan, 1st Surgical Clinic, Cluj Napoca
Prof. Dr. Constantin Ciuce, Chief of 1st Surgical Clinic, Cluj Napoca
Vasile Bintintan, 1st Surgical Clinic, Cluj Napoca
Xavier Serra, Department of Coloproctology, Hospital de Sabadell Barcelna, Spain
Piercarlo Meinero, Chief of Department of Proctology, Lavagna Hospital, Italy

WORKSHOP COMITTEE

V. Bintintan, R. Seican, G. Dindelegan, C. Precup, A. Biro, D. Gonganau
M. Valea, I. Cordos, X. Serra, P. Meinero, H. Urs, D. Steidle, J. Holz

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Course Dinner: 8th of April, 8 pm
Classical music Concert followed by Cocktails at the Romanian Art Museum

Group or individual visiting tours of Cluj Napoca, its surroundings and the rest of Transylvannia can be arranged upon request.

LOCATION

Theoretical lectures and live surgery – max. 120 participants
University of Medicine and Pharmacy
1st Clinic of Surgery – Amphitheatre
No. 3-5 Clinicilor Street, 400006 Cluj Napoca, Romania

Hands-on practice – max. 20 participants
Center for Experimental Medicine and Training in Medicine
No. 6 Pasteur Street, Cluj Napoca

Lunch break
Restaurant of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj Napoca
No. 13 Victor Babes Street, Cluj Napoca
WORKSHOP FEES

Early Registration – until 1st March 2011

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Late Registration – from 1st March 2011

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Registration fees includes: Congress material, badge, coffee and lunch breaks and Certificate of attendance.

TEO® and VAAFT hands-on fee offers access to the ex-vivo animal training models, 2 participants per working station.

Further information and online registration for ERAS Cluj Napoca 2011

www.endorect Surg.org