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COLOPROCTOLOGY

NINTH SCIENTIFIC & ANNUAL MEETING

Barcelona

24-26 September 2014

2nd Announcement

ABSTRACT DEADLINE DATE:
WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2014

EARLY REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION DEADLINE:
MONDAY 16 JUNE 2014

GOOD NEWS! The new improved ESCP Website has arrived!
www.escp.eu.com

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If you plan to attend the Tripartite Colorectal Meeting in Birmingham (30 June - 3 July 14) and are a member of ESCP, you can obtain a discount for Barcelona - full details on page 8.

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Meeting Overview

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 23 September	18:00 – 20:00	EBSQ written exams (at CCIB)
Wednesday 24 September	MORNING 07:45 – 12:30 10:00 – 12:00 12:00 onwards AFTERNOON 12:30 12:35 onwards 16:00 – 17:00 18:00 – 19:00 19:00 – 20:30	EBSQ individual examinations (at CCIB) PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOPS 6th Anorectal & pelvic floor ultrasound course Core Subject Update Exhibition opens – light lunch available Opening ceremony Video surgery/ clinical trials update, satellite symposia, keynote lecture (1), symposia (2), free papers, oral posters Educational: Authors' workshop - how to write a paper Educational: Best publications of the year Welcome reception - drinks and canapés
Thursday 25 September	MORNING 07:45 onwards 07:45 – 10:00 10:30 – 11:30 11:30 – 13:00 AFTERNOON 13:00 – 14:30 13:00 – 14:30 14:30 onwards 17:30 – 18:30 18:30 – 19:15 20:00	Oral posters, research focus, keynote lectures (2), symposium (1) Educational: Trainees video session Long coffee break / Industry focus session (during coffee) Symposium & keynote lecture Long lunch/exhibition/lunchtime posters Educational: Trainee round table session 6 best papers, Visiting Fellow presentations, ESCP fellowship update, keynote lecture Educational: Interactive trainee workshop ESCP annual general meeting ESCP meal out at Can Travi Nou
Friday 26 September	MORNING 07:45 onwards AFTERNOON 12:45 – 14:10 14:10 – 16:00 16:00	Symposia (2), keynote lecture (1), free papers and oral posters Long lunch/exhibition/lunchtime posters Consultants' Corner, best lunchtime poster & EBSQ examination awards Closing ceremony



Changes to this year's timetable

There have been a few further changes to this year's timetable, please note:

- **Earlier exhibition open time Wednesday with lunch available:** the exhibition will open at the earlier time of 12:00 on Wednesday, and we will make a sandwich lunch available (please select this when you register, tickets will be required)
- **Welcome drinks on Wednesday evening** – we have returned to drinks and light nibbles leaving you free to take dinner in the city. There will not be a hot buffet meal this evening since feedback last year suggested that most would prefer to make their own arrangements.
- **Earlier finish on Friday afternoon: we will end at 16:00.** We hope very much that this will mean EVERYONE can stay to the end of the meeting, which will round off with a superb Consultants' Corner session, which is not to be missed! There are plenty of flights out of Barcelona if you need to leave on Friday, **please support the afternoon session!**

Dear Colleagues

We are delighted to invite you to ESCP's 9th Scientific and Annual meeting at the Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona (CCIB) in the wonderful city of Barcelona. ESCP is dedicated to promoting and advancing the science, knowledge and practice of Coloproctology with high quality multidisciplinary annual clinical and scientific meetings.

Education, education! You will see from the programme that there's a significant change to the amount of educational sessions available to younger surgeons this year. Wednesday pre-congress workshops are scheduled as usual, with a total of five further sessions in the programme throughout Wednesday and Thursday. Accommodation in Barcelona is reasonably priced, so why not travel on Tuesday evening in order to really make the most of this exciting pre-congress selection!

ESCP has moved into a new phase in its existence, with a brand new website, a trials registry and wider educational activities in the pipeline! These will feature strongly at the conference, making this the "must go" event of the year for all involved in coloproctology. Registration and hotel bookings will open in April 2014 so register early to take advantage of the best prices and don't forget... book your hotel and flights early too!

We look forward to welcoming you to Barcelona! With best wishes.



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Important: Early accommodation deadline – Monday 16 June 2014

Special rates have been agreed with all ESCP official hotels. However due to limited availability at the hotels within walking distance of the CCIB, these rates are only valid for early bookings. Thereafter rates

will be subject to availability at the time of booking and may increase significantly.

We STRONGLY recommend therefore that you book early in order to book your first choice of hotel.

You can book accommodation through online registration and full details of available hotels will be on the ESCP website when registration opens in April.

Early registration and accommodation deadline:
Monday 16 June 2014

Visit www.escp.eu.com/barcelona for more information and to register online (from April 2014)

Abstract submissions available online now at:
www.escp.eu.com/barcelona

Abstract deadline date:
Wednesday 7 May 2014

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Congress Venue

The Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona (CCIB) is located in Barcelona's Forum area, close to the beach, in Diagonal Mar, with views of the sea. The building itself is adjacent to the famous blue building designed by architects Herzog and Meuron.

The venue is served by excellent public transport services and the journey to Barcelona city centre is 25 – 30 minutes. The nearest Metro station is El Maresme Fórum on the Line L4 (Yellow) which is only 3-4 minutes' walk from the CCIB. It is also just 30 minutes by taxi from Barcelona El Prat Airport.

There is an excellent choice of good hotels within easy walking distance of the CCIB, and many more just a few stops away by Metro or tram. Details will be available on the ESCP website in the coming months (see page 17 for details about how to book your room in online registration, available April onwards).

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Call for Main Abstracts

Abstract Deadline Date: Wednesday 7 May 2014

Abstracts on any topic in Coloproctology will be considered by the Programme Committee and may be selected for one of the following groups below.

- **Group 1: the 6 best oral presentations** will be selected to be presented in a special plenary session on Thursday 25 September
- **Group 2: oral presentations** will be selected on merit from submitted abstracts and will be presented in parallel sessions, either as Free Papers or Oral Posters (Free Papers will not be allocated a poster board, but Oral Posters will this year for the first time)
- **Group 3: lunchtime posters:** a further 90 posters will be selected on merit for a lunchtime poster session (45 on Thursday, 45 on Friday) when authors (or a representative) are asked to be ready for review and discussion with appointed representatives of the Programme Committee
- **Group 4: posters:** all other accepted abstracts should be prepared as posters (see www.escp.eu.com/barcelona for board specifications and times of access). There will be no set poster session time, and posters are available to all delegates throughout the meeting.

Prizes for the winners of groups 1 and 3 will be awarded in the main auditorium; see programme for timings.

How to submit

Main abstract submissions should be no longer than 200 words. You will be required to use the on-screen form provided, and you will not be able to include diagrams or graphs. Please go to www.escp.eu.com/barcelona

- **Step 1:** go to www.escp.eu.com/barcelona and select the "abstracts" page
- **Step 2:** click on the link to abstract submission
- **Step 3:** register your details, enter your co-authors (in the order they should be printed)
- **Step 4:** await confirmation by e-mail that you have registered as a user
- **Step 5:** using the link provided, return to online submission to enter your abstract

Authors are kindly requested not to enter author names into the body of the abstract, please use the fields provided in the registration form. **Please do not use upper case letters in the title of your abstract!**

Timetable for abstracts

Wednesday 7 May at 23:00 (CET)	Main abstract deadline
Friday 9 – Tuesday 20 May	Marking and review by Scientific Committee
Monday 2 June	Latest estimated notification date for all authors

Conference registration will be available to authors at the early registration rate **until 31 August 2014**. **The early rate will not be available after this date.** If a selected author cannot attend the conference, the ESCP should be notified with the name of the replacement presenter within 48 hours.

Call for Video Surgery session submissions

Deadline date 28 May 2014

Date and time of session:

Wednesday 24 September at 12:35 – 14:00

Submissions are invited for consideration by the Website Committee chaired by Miklos Kassai.

TO SUBMIT: submissions must be made using the online form available on the ESCP website. Please go to www.escp.eu.com/barcelona, and select Video Surgery submissions.

Enter the URL link for your video, together with a 200-word abstract that will, if your video is selected, be published in a *Colorectal Disease* supplement available at the meeting.

Call for Clinical Trials Update submissions

Deadline date: 28 May 2014

Date and time of session:

Wednesday 24 September at 12:35 – 14:00

Submissions are invited for consideration by the Research Committee chaired by Dion Morton.

TO SUBMIT: submissions must be made using the online form available on the ESCP website. Please go to www.escp.eu.com/barcelona, and select Clinical Trials submissions.

Submissions are invited relating to trials that are either new OR ongoing and that require further recruitment on a national or international basis.

Trials submissions should be no longer than 200 words and should be structured in the following way:

1. Background
2. Objectives and research questions
3. Methods:
 - Design
 - Inclusion/exclusion criteria
 - Primary and secondary outcome parameters
 - Group size calculation
4. Time frame & funding

The best submissions will be selected on merit for presentation of protocol during the session and will have their abstracts included in a *Colorectal Disease* supplement available at the meeting.

The format of presentations for those selected will be advised after selection.

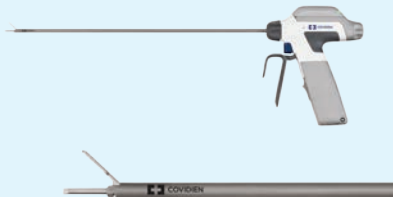
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Your data

All attendees are asked to note that details of registered delegates will be made available to participating exhibitors in the period leading up to the meeting. If you do not wish your details to be divulged at this point, please ensure you opt out during registration.

At the meeting, barcode or QR codes will be printed on the reverse side of your badge this year, giving you the option to present it to exhibitors, or not if you prefer.

ESCP represents a significant investment for companies whose support is very valuable and enables us to maintain lower registration rates. Your cooperation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

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Please note the following countries only are eligible:

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If you are attending both events, a discount of €75 (full registration) or €40 (reduced registration) is available to you on the Barcelona registration fee. This will be applied immediately after the Tripartite meeting when refunds will be made against your credit card.



ESCP Conference Registration Fees

	Early registrations received by 16 June		Late registrations received from 17 June to 17 September inclusive		On-site registration (from 18 September)	
	Member	Non- Member	Member	Non- Member	Member	Non- Member
Full registration	€400	€550	€520	€680	€560	€700
Full registration - reduced	€250	€400	€325	€485	€370	€530
Trainee/Affiliate/Nurse/Senior	€190	€300	€295	€395	€340	€440
One-day registration	€250	€340	€350	€400	€350	€400
Ultrasound course	€70	€70	€85	€85	€90	€90
Ultrasound course reduced	€45	€45	€55	€55	€60	€60
Wednesday welcome reception (additional tickets)	€25		€30		€30	
Thursday meal out	€80		€90		€100	

The registration fee includes admission to all scientific sessions (unless registered for one day only), a final programme* and abstract book*, welcome reception on Wednesday evening, a light lunch on Wednesday, full lunch on Thursday and Friday, and a certificate of attendance with CME points (see page 17).

Most Educational Workshops are free of charge but you do need to **SELECT ONLINE** if you wish to attend.

A limited number of complimentary registrations are available to medical students with an interest in coloproctology, applications should be made by email at info@escp.eu.com before 31 August 2014.

Conference registration cancellation: in the event of cancellation of registration up to 1st August 2014, an administrative charge of €50 will apply, and refunds will be made after the conference. We regret that we cannot make any refunds on registrations cancelled after 1st August.

ESCP Conference App

For the first time, we'll be using a conference app this year that we expect to make available from April onwards leading up to and at the event.

If you prefer to go "less-paper" at the event, please

indicate when you register by ticking "no" to Final Programme. At the time of going to print, we don't know if the App will work with Windows telephones, it will work with android or Apple phones. Please check the ESCP website for further updates.

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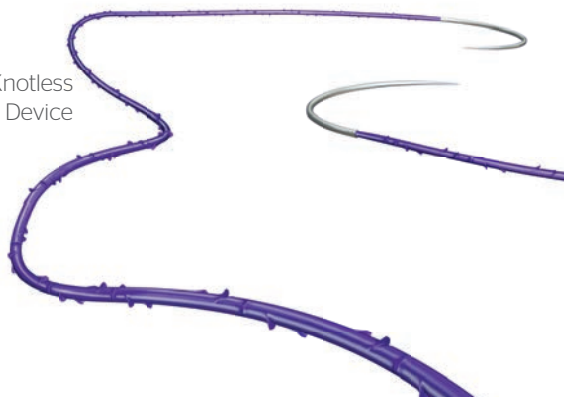
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Meeting Overview

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

07:45 - 12:30	ESCP WORKSHOP - 6th ANORECTAL AND PELVIC ULTRASOUND COURSE Course directors: <i>Anders Mellgren (USA)</i> , <i>Giulio Santoro (Italy)</i> • Introduction: Course objectives • Normal ultrasound anatomy of the anal canal and rectum • Normal ultrasound anatomy of the pelvic floor • Ultrasound evaluation of fistula and abscess • Ultrasound evaluation of faecal incontinence • Ultrasound in preoperative staging of rectal cancer • Coffee/tea • Ultrasound of anterior compartment disorders • Ultrasound of posterior compartment disorders • How can ultrasound change the clinical decision-making? • How I do it (videos) • Case discussions <i>Supported by  bk medical</i> <i>Anders Mellgren (USA), Giulio Santoro (Italy) Liliana Bordeianou (USA) Giulio Santoro (Italy) Carlo Ratto (Italy) Bruno Roche (Switzerland) Anders Mellgren (USA) Pawel Wieczorek (Poland) Giulio Santoro (Italy) Liliana Bordeianou (USA)</i>
10:00 - 12:00	CORE SUBJECT UPDATE Chairs: <i>Ethem Gecim (Turkey)</i> , <i>Gervasio Salgado (Spain)</i> Surgical options in the treatment of anal strictures Understanding pelvic MRI in rectal cancer and anal fistulas Treatment of anal condilomata European guidelines in ulcerative colitis Complex abdominal reconstruction <i>Attila Bursics (Hungary) Xavier Merino Casabiel (Spain) Massimiliano Mistrangelo (Italy) Willem Bemelman (Netherlands) Ian Daniels (UK)</i>
12:00 onwards	EXHIBITION OPENS - Sandwich lunch available (if selected in online registration, tickets required)
12:30 - 12:35	OFFICIAL OPENING
12:35 - 14:00	VIDEO SURGERY Chairs: <i>Miklos Kassai (UK)</i> , <i>Mark Katory (UK)</i>
12:35 - 14:00	CLINICAL TRIALS UPDATE Presentation and review of new trials in the ESCP Chair: <i>Dion Morton (UK)</i> Panel: <i>Donato Altomare (Italy)</i> , <i>Willem Bemelman (Netherlands)</i> , <i>Eric Rullier (France)</i> , <i>Carolynne Vaizey (UK)</i> Guidelines synthesis report Chair: <i>André D'Hoore (Belgium)</i> Guideline synopsis of perianal fistula and perianal Crohn's disease <i>Willem Bemelman (Netherlands)</i> Discussion of studies for perianal fistula and perianal Crohn's disease

To submit a video or trials abstract, please visit www.escp.eu.com/barcelona. Deadline for submissions: Wednesday 28 May 2014. Further details about videos and trials that have been selected will be available online from June 2014.

14:00 - 14:30	KEYNOTE LECTURE: SILS: WHERE ARE WE? Chair: <i>Antonio Lacy (Spain)</i> Speaker: <i>Marat Khaikin (Israel)</i>	Supported by Colorectal Disease 
14:30 - 15:30	SYMPOSIUM: PROCTOLOGIC COMPLICATIONS / RECURRENCES Chairs: <i>Christoph Isbert (Germany), Anders Mellgren (USA)</i> After haemorrhoid surgery After anal fistula surgery After surgery for obstructed defecation	<i>Gabriele Naldini (Italy)</i> <i>Roland Scherer (Germany)</i> <i>Claudio Wainstein (Chile)</i>
15:30 - 15:45	FELLOWSHIP UPDATE	
15:45 - 16:00	COFFEE BREAK	
16:00 - 17:00	FREE PAPERS	
16:00 - 17:00	ETHICON SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM	
16:00 - 17:00	WORKSHOP FOR AUTHORS: How to write a paper Chairs: <i>Najib Haboubi (UK), John Nicholls (UK)</i> For programme details, go to www.escp.eu.com/barcelona	
17:00 - 18:00	SYMPOSIUM: INTESTINAL POLYPOSIS Chairs: <i>Sue Clark (UK), Dragomir Dardanov (Bulgaria)</i> New, non-invasive screening tools for colonic polyps Familiar polyposis coli and related syndromes The malignant rectal polyp: big operation, small operation or no operation?	<i>Tim De Meij (Netherlands)</i> <i>Yann Parc (France)</i> <i>Graham Williams (UK)</i>
18:00 - 18:30	ORAL POSTERS	
18:00 - 19:00	BEST PUBLICATIONS OF THE YEAR Presentation and discussion of the last year's 4 best papers and their clinical impact Chair: <i>John Nicholls (UK)</i> IBD, rectal cancer, functional disease Colon cancer, proctology, benign colonic disease	<i>Ronan O'Connell (Ireland)</i> <i>Daniel Dindo (Switzerland)</i>
18:30 - 19:30	FREE PAPERS	
18:30 - 19:30	COVIDIEN SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM	
19:00 - 20:30	WELCOME RECEPTION	

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

07:45 - 09:00	ORAL POSTERS
07:45 - 10:00	TRAINEES VIDEO SESSION Standardized step-by-step teaching videos Chairs: <i>Mike Parker (UK), David Zimmerman (Netherlands)</i> Topics: Hand-sewn anastomosis after right hemicolectomy <i>Eloy Espin (Spain)</i> Stapler anastomosis after right hemicolectomy <i>Martin Hübner (Switzerland)</i> Open hemorrhoidectomy <i>Paul-Antoine Lehur (France)</i> Stapled hemorrhoidectomy <i>Simona Giuratrabocchetta (Italy)</i> Advancement flap for anal fistula <i>Bruno Roche (Switzerland)</i> Anal fistula plug <i>Giordano Pasquale (UK)</i> Laparoscopic ventral mesh rectopexy <i>Guillaume Meurette (France)</i> Laparoscopic lavage for acute diverticulitis <i>Willem Bemelman (Netherlands)</i>
09:00 - 10:00	RESEARCH FOCUS Symposium: New strategies in early rectal cancer Chairs: <i>Mario Morino (Italy), Eric Rullier (France)</i> TEM and irradiation vs TME for T1T2: The UK TREC trial <i>Simon Bach (UK)</i> Local excision vs TME after downstaged T2T3: The French GRECCAR 2 trial <i>Quentin Denost (France)</i> Wait and see after complete response: the Dutch strategy <i>Gerard Beets (Netherlands)</i>
10:00 - 10:30	KEYNOTE LECTURE: RECTAL PROLAPSE: WHICH CHOICE? Chair: <i>André D'Hoore (Belgium)</i> Speaker: <i>Evaghelos Xynos (Greece)</i>
10:30 - 11:30	LONG COFFEE BREAK
10:45 - 11:30	INDUSTRY FOCUS SESSION
11:30 - 12:30	SYMPOSIUM: FUNCTIONAL DISORDERS FOLLOWING INTESTINAL RESECTION Chairs: <i>Marek Szczepkowski (Poland), Yehiel Ziv (Israel)</i> Ileal pouch dysfunction <i>Tom Øresland (Norway)</i> LARS score <i>Katrine Emmertsen (Denmark)</i> Short bowel syndrome <i>Yves Panis (France)</i>
12:30 - 13:00	KEYNOTE / ASCRS LECTURE: FELLOWSHIP TRAINING IN COLOPROCTOLOGY Chair: <i>Ronan O'Connell (Ireland)</i> Speaker: <i>Terry Hicks (USA)</i> 
13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH/EXHIBITION/POSTERS

13:00 - 14:30	TRAINEE ROUND TABLE LUNCH SESSION For trainees only. Case presentation and table discussion with Experts Chairs: <i>Klaus Matzel (Germany), Baljit Singh (UK)</i> Case presentations: Strategy in hereditary colorectal cancer <i>Gabriela Moeslein (Germany)</i> Cancerous polyps: what is the next step? <i>Gabriela Moeslein (Germany)</i> Complete mesocolic excision: sometimes or always? <i>Harald Rosen (Austria)</i> Strategy in perianal Crohn's disease <i>Harald Rosen (Austria)</i> Participating Experts will be announced ahead of the meeting, see www.escp.eu.com/barcelona
13:30 - 14:30	ETHICON SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM 
14:30 - 15:30	THE SIX BEST FREE PAPERS Chairs: <i>Ronan O'Connell (Ireland), Yury Shelygin (Russia)</i>
15:30 - 15:45	FELLOWSHIP UPDATE
15:45 - 16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00 - 17:00	VISITING FELLOW FREE PAPERS ASCRS Visiting Fellow free paper Chinese Visiting Fellow free paper Japanese Visiting Fellow free paper Korean Visiting Fellow free paper Latin American Visiting Fellow free paper
17:00 - 17:30	KEYNOTE LECTURE: RECTAL CANCER: IS IT TIME TO DO LESS? Chair: <i>Anna Martling (Sweden)</i> Speaker: <i>Eric Rullier (France)</i> Supported by a grant from 
17:30 - 18:30	FREE PAPERS
17:30 - 18:30	INTERACTIVE TRAINEE WORKSHOP Interactive case presentations Chairs: <i>Katherine Gash (UK), Dieter Hahnloser (Switzerland)</i> Topics: Anastomotic leakage <i>Annika Sjövall (Sweden)</i> Anal pain <i>Ethem Gecim (Turkey)</i> Acute diverticulitis <i>Des Winter (Ireland)</i>
18:30 - 19:15	ESCP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
20:00	ESCP MEAL OUT AT CAN TRAVI NOU

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

07:45 - 08:45	FREE PAPERS
08:45 - 09:45	SYMPOSIUM: NON IBD COLITIS Chairs: <i>João Pimentel (Portugal), Zilvinas Saladzinskas (Lithuania)</i> Ischaemic colitis <i>Zoran Krivokapic (Serbia)</i> Microscopic colitis <i>Najib Haboubi (UK)</i> Infective colitis <i>Dursun Bugra (Turkey)</i>
09:45 - 10:00	HONORARY MEMBER AWARDS
10:00 - 10:30	KEYNOTE LECTURE: TIMING OF SURGERY IN CROHN'S DISEASE Chair: <i>John Nicholls (UK)</i> Speaker: <i>Feza Remzi (USA)</i>
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 - 11:45	ORAL POSTERS
11:45 - 12:45	SYMPOSIUM: MULTIMODAL APPROACH TO METASTATIC COLORECTAL CANCER Chairs: <i>Giovanni Romano (Italy), Petr Tsarkov (Russia)</i> Multivisceral resection <i>Torbjörn Holm (Sweden)</i> Treatment of liver metastasis <i>René Adam (France)</i> Treatment of lung metastasis <i>Gaetano Rocco (Italy)</i>
12:45 - 14:10	LUNCH/EXHIBITION/POSTERS
14:10 - 15:40	CONSULTANTS' CORNER Facilitators: <i>Sebastiano Biondo (Spain), Søren Laurberg (Denmark)</i> Panel: <i>Sergey Achkasov (Russia), Adam Dziki (Poland), Stanley Goldberg (USA), Terry Hicks (USA), Charles Knowles (UK), Thomas Schiedeck (Germany)</i>
15:40 - 16:00	LUNCH TIME POSTER + 6 BEST AWARDS + EBSQ EXAM PRESENTATIONS
16:00	CLOSING CEREMONY

EBSQ Examinations

EBSQ examinations will be held on Tuesday 23 (written) and Wednesday 24 (individual) September 2014 at CCIB. To apply for the examination, please contact

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The EBSQ examination is the certifying examination leading to the Diploma of EBSQ (Coloproctology) of the European Board of Surgery. This is the only form of certification in the specialty in Europe. Please visit www.uemssurg.org for more information.

Key Dates

Wednesday 7 May 2014
Deadline for abstract submission

Wednesday 28 May 2014
Deadline for Video Surgery and Clinical Trials submissions

Monday 16 June 2014
Hotel booking and payment deadline date
Deadline for early registration rate
Best rates for ESCP members end today!

Wednesday 17 September 2014
Deadline for late registration rate
Higher rates apply for registrations after 17 September!

About Barcelona

Barcelona is the capital city of the Spanish Province Catalonia and the second largest city in the Peninsula Iberica, with an urban area population of around 4.5 million - the sixth-most populous urban area in the European Union.

Barcelona is a trendy, modern and traditional city; a true cultural magnet and European metropolis. It is the home city to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including world-famous landmarks designed by Catalonia's most eminent architect, Antoni Gaudí. The most famous of these is arguably the Basílica de la Sagrada Família which remained unfinished at the time of Gaudí's death but on which work still continues. Each district in Barcelona has something unique. The Gothic Quarter, the historical city centre, is a vibrant and touristic area in which lots of tasteful restaurants, tapas bars and shops can be found in the many narrow streets or on the famous squares. Other attractions include the Parc de Montjuïc which includes a treasure trove of gardens, the museum of Olympic Sport and the FC Barcelona museum.

Barcelona Weather

Barcelona has a Mediterranean climate of hot summers and mild winters. During July and August the temperature can rise up to 30°C. However, low humidity and a steady breeze help to keep the temperature comfortable and September temperatures are usually between 19.0 - 23.0°C. Please note that CCIB's location by the shores of the Mediterranean means that it can often be windier in this area.

September is generally the wettest month in the year. However, the rainfall, though heavy, is usually brief, and makes Barcelona's surrounding areas as green as they are!

Money

The official currency used in Spain is the Euro (€).

Banks

There are several banks within 10 minutes' walk of the CCIB. Opening hours are generally Monday to Friday from 8.30 to 14.00 hrs. The nearest cash machine is on the lower ground floor of the Diagonal Mar Shopping Center, opposite the CCIB.

Important

We advise caution due to pickpockets in Barcelona. There is an excellent police force in Barcelona but they are at the mercy of politicians who have failed to toughen laws to punish pickpockets (when the police arrest a thief, he/she is freed within 30 minutes to continue stealing!) and so, Barcelona is a paradise for thieves! Pickpockets target people when they are leaving or entering the Metro and sometimes on the street (especially in Las Ramblas). Please take care of your personal belongings, particularly your wallet, cell phone and luggage.

Registration & Exhibition Open Hours:

	Registration	Exhibition
Wednesday 24 September	08:00 - 19:00	12:00 - 20:30
Thursday 25 September	07:30 - 19:00	07:30 - 18:30
Friday 26 September	07:30 - 16:30	07:30 - 14:30



General Information

CME Points

Please refer to the ESCP website for further details about CME points. This year, ESCP will be applying through the Royal College of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland.

Accommodation

Deadline date: Monday 16 June 2014

You can book your hotel through the ESCP Secretariat, and rooms are available online on a first-come-first-served basis.

Details of ESCP hotels will be available on the ESCP website from April 2014 with a map showing location and clear instructions about how to get to the CCIB. Taxis are very affordable in Barcelona, but the Metro service is also extremely good and easy to use.

Accommodation Bookings

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Special rates have been agreed with all ESCP official hotels. However, due to limited availability at the hotels within walking distance of the CCIB, these rates are only valid for early bookings. Thereafter rates will be subject to availability at the time of booking and may increase significantly.

We **STRONGLY** recommend therefore that you book early in order to book your first choice of hotel.

Payment terms and conditions: full prepayment is required online (as part of your registration). Please refer to the ESCP website for specific terms and conditions relating to the hotel you have selected before you book.

Congress Language

The official language of the meeting is English. There will be no facilities for simultaneous interpretation.

Evening Events

Wednesday 24 September

Welcome drinks reception at CCIB

Time: 19:00 – 20:30 hrs

Cost: Included for delegates, €25 (early)/ €30 (late) for additional tickets

All delegates are invited to attend this event which is included in the registration fee. Additional tickets may be purchased online if you wish to bring a guest.

The event will take place in the exhibition area following the close of conference sessions. Delegates are then free to make their own arrangements for dinner after the reception. A list of recommended restaurants in Barcelona can be obtained from the Information Desk.

Thursday 26 September

“Meal Out” at Can Travi Nou

Time: 20:00 hrs

Cost: Ticket price €80 (early) €90 (late) €100 (onsite)

Join us for a distinctly informal meal out at one of Barcelona’s most charming restaurants. Located in a refurbished 17th-century farmhouse, Can Travi Nou boasts a wonderful garden and a traditional, cosy atmosphere. Comprising a number of smaller rooms, this is a very atmospheric place that serves really excellent traditional Catalan and Mediterranean cuisine – a real treat for lovers of fine cuisine in natural surroundings!

Transport is not included and we ask that you make your own way to the restaurant.

Can Travi Nou is located in the La Vall d’Hebrón area of Barcelona. It is approximately 20 minutes by taxi from CCIB. Alternatively you can get there by Metro - take the Line L3 (Green) and get off at Montbau, the restaurant is a few minutes walk (0.29 miles) from the station. You can connect to L3 from L4 (Yellow) or Line L2 (purple) at Passeig de Gràcia station

Barcelona travel info

Barcelona has excellent air and rail links with the rest of Europe with direct flights from many European cities. If you need to check which airlines operate in and out of Barcelona, you can search at www.barcelona-airport.com - choose Flights and then Airlines.

Travel between airport and city

Barcelona El Prat airport is 13 km southeast of Barcelona and 20 km from the CCIB.

Airport Bus

The bus shuttle service between the airport and Barcelona city centre (Plaza Catalunya) runs from 06.00 a.m. to 01.00 a.m. (airport > Barcelona) and from 05:30 to 00:15 (Barcelona > airport) every day. Buses leave every 10-12 minutes and the trip takes around 30 minutes. The price of a one way ticket is €5.30 (correct at time of printing).

Taxi

The trip by taxi takes approximately 20 minutes to the City Centre and approximately 30 minutes to CCIB. Fares change according to the time of day but all taxi drivers must comply with the officially established fare timetable. The average fare from the airport to CCIB is €30.00.

Trains

Trains are available a few minutes walk from any terminal and run from the Airport to Barcelona city every 30 minutes between 06:00 and 23:00 hrs.

Metro

The metro system doesn’t technically run to and from the airport directly, although you can connect to it via one of the transport methods listed above. The nearest metro station to the airport is Hospital de Bellvitge on line L1 (Red). To travel by metro to CCIB you would take L1 Red Line to Urquinaona and then change onto line L4 (Yellow) getting off at El Maresme Fórum.

Further up to date information about airport transfer services is available at www.barcelona-airport.com - choose Transport.

Getting around Barcelona

Taxis

Taxis are an affordable alternative to public transport. A 15 minutes journey will cost from €10.00, dependent on the time of day and traffic conditions. Licensed taxis have to charge you the amount displayed on the meter, however if you are carrying extra luggage there may be a small surcharge. Rates will be displayed inside the cab. Taxi charges will be displayed in the cab; tips are welcome (5-10%) but not required.

Official (licensed) Barcelona Taxis are yellow and black and a green illuminated light on the top of the taxi indicates that it's available for hire.

Public Transport

The city has an excellent public transport network across Metro, bus and tram routes. Further up to date information about Barcelona Public Transport services can be found at www.tmb.cat, www.barcelona-tourist-guide.com and at www.metrobarcelona.es

Getting to CCIB from Barcelona city centre

Metro station Urquinaona is around 200 m from Plaza Cataluña and is on Metro line L4 (yellow): this line takes you directly to the Maresme-Fòrum Metro station. On exiting El Maresme/Forum by Rambla Prim exit, turn right and the CCIB is 3 minutes walk from here on the sea front.

You can also reach the CCIB by bus, using the lines 7 or 41, and by tram, alighting at the Fòrum tram stop.

Metro

The Barcelona Metro network is the second largest underground in Spain. It covers 123km across 11 lines (colour coded and numbered) and 164 stations. It is a clean, punctual, air-conditioned system and definitely the easiest and quickest way to get around – a metro map will be included in your delegate welcome pack.

Metro timetable

Mondays to Thursdays, Sundays and holiday:
05:00 am to midnight (last train 00:04)

Fridays:
05:00am to 02:00am (last train 02:04)

Saturdays:
non-stop 24 hour service

The trains run every 3 minutes from 05:00 – 21:00 hours and then every 4-7 minutes from 21:00 hours.

Buses

There's also a clean and efficient bus service.

Trams

In Barcelona this service is called “El Tram” and trams can be spotted all around the city - they are green and white and travel at about the same speed as a car. Barcelona's tram system seems to be less well-known or used than the bus or metro systems. However, it can be a great way to get around the city. The trams are available on a total of six routes. There are three routes called 'Trambaix': T1, T2 and T3. The other three routes are 'Trambesos': T4, T5 and T6.

Funicular de Montjuïc

From the metro, at Paral·lel station (L2 and L3), you can switch to the funicular, which takes you to Montjuïc, where you can enjoy the park and the Anella Olímpica (Olympic Rings).

Telefèric de Montjuïc

The Montjuïc cable car is the most modern and attractive way to see the Barcelona skyline against the sea. The cable car links the city to the top of Montjuïc, climbing 84.5 metres on a 750-metre run that shows the whole of Barcelona, from the Serra de Collserola to the sea. The cable car has three stations: Parc de Montjuïc, Miramar and Castell de Montjuïc, and is fully accessible.

If you are booking a hotel via ESCP, you will find details on our website about how to get there using public transport from either the airport or the CCIB, go to www.escp.eu.com/barcelona and select Accommodation for further details.

ESCP Fellowships Update



Each year ESCP provides the opportunity for ten young surgeons with an interest in coloproctology to undertake a three-month fellowship in a different country. Here, three of the 2013 fellows report on their experiences:



Ayca F Gultekin

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From: *Bulent Ecevit University School of Medicine, Kozlu, Zonguldak, Turkey*

Visited: *University Hospital of Nantes, France*

I was honored to be one of the recipients of 2012/13 Covidien sponsored ESCP Fellowships. I am very grateful to ESCP and Covidien for enabling this opportunity. Receiving this fellowship has not only made a huge contribution to my colorectal surgery career but also gave me the chance

to meet wonderful people. During my three-month fellowship at University Hospital of Nantes I had the chance to observe, learn and get hands-on experience in a wide variety of colorectal surgical diseases. For example, I was actively involved in robotic surgeries and I learnt tips and tricks of robotic surgery. I also learnt different techniques for the treatment of rectal prolapse and SNS (Sacral Nerve Stimulation) device placement.

I would like to express my gratitude to Prof. Paul A Lehur, Dr. Guillaume Meurette and Dr. Juliet Podevin who shared their experience and knowledge about pelvic floor disease, robotic and laparoscopic colorectal surgery.



Monica Millan Scheiding

Supported by ESCP and



From: *Hospital de Bellvitge, Barcelona, Spain*

Visited: *St. Mark's Hospital, Harrow, UK*

I am very grateful to the ESCP for the opportunity to visit St. Mark's hospital for 2 months. Under the supervision of Miss Carolynne Vaizey, I had the chance to participate in complex pelvic floor and IBD outpatient clinics, enterocutaneous fistula, IBD, and pelvic floor operations, and to experience the outstanding multidisciplinary

team set-up which is unique to this prestigious institution. I was also very fortunate that my visit coincided with the postgraduate training term, laparoscopic courses, and the Frontier's in Colorectal Disease Conference, which all proved to be valuable educational experiences.

I would like to thank Miss Vaizey, Dr Warusavitarne, Dr Faiz and all the professionals at St. Mark's who made my stay both educational and enriching. My sincere gratitude also to the ESCP for this grant, my department for allowing me to leave for two months, and Miss Helfer and J. Ferrari for their help in organizing my stay.



Saulius Svagzdys

Supported by ESCP and



From: *Lithuania University of Health Sciences, Kaunas, Lithuania*

Visited: *Geneva University hospital, Switzerland*

ESCP and Medtronic gave me the opportunity to spend three wonderful months visiting Geneva University Hospital's colorectal unit, under the leadership of Prof. Bruno Roche. During my visit, I observed Prof. Roche's consultations and investigations of patients with proctologic diseases in the outpatient department. I attended and assisted in many operations

(eg. haemorrhoids, anal fistula...), learned about electrode implantation for sacral nerve and acquired methods of transperineal and transanal ultrasound examination. I had the opportunity to attend and assist in laparoscopic operations with Dr. Frederic Ris and I even watched an operation with HIPEC due to extended rectal cancer.

I am very grateful to Prof. Bruno Roche and his team for this useful and impressive visit. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and sophistication. I have expanded my knowledge in surgery and proctology and I know that this experience is very important to my daily work, professional improvement and future life.

To read the full reports, and to find out more about fellowships and other ESCP educational activities, visit www.escp.eu.com/education