

# Challenges **2025** in Laparoscopy & Robotics

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Challenges in  
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Since 2004 - Vincenzo Pansadoro Foundation

**D**ear Friends & Colleagues,  
we are thrilled to invite you to Florence for the 21st annual edition of the world's leading live surgery meeting in laparoscopic and robotic urologic surgery, *Challenges in Laparoscopy & Robotics (CILR)*.

*Reaching this milestone is a true testament to the outstanding live surgeries and dynamic discussions we've shared over two decades, constantly learning from one another.*

*Since its inception, our vision for this event has only grown stronger and more relevant to the evolving field of surgery.*

*In 2004, we began with Challenges in Laparoscopy (CIL), and as robotic technologies advanced, we expanded into Challenges in Laparoscopy & Robotics (CILR).*

*Now, 20 years later, artificial intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing the medical world, and we are excited to introduce Challenges in Laparoscopy & Robotics-AI (CILR-AI) for this year's event.*

*We have prepared a rich, comprehensive scientific program for you.*

*As always, the highlight will be our signature live robotic and laparoscopic surgeries with the world's top urologic surgeons, displayed concurrently on three large screens.*

*These will be complemented by 25 "semi-live" complex and uncommon surgeries, recorded over the past year and presented by the surgeons themselves.*

*You'll be equipped with headphones to tune into the screen and discussion that interests you most, with live moderation to guide the experience.*

*Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to introduce cutting-edge AI applications with immediate relevance to your daily practice, no matter where in the world you work.*

*This year's live surgeries will push the boundaries of modern urology, featuring advanced procedures such as robotic kidney transplantation and auto-transplantation, bladder transplantation, complex partial nephrectomies, inferior vena-cavectomy with prosthetic grafting, radical nephrectomy with en bloc distal pancreatectomy and splenectomy, radical and salvage prostatectomies for locally advanced cancers, gender reassignment surgery, and much more.*

*These procedures will not only enhance your skills but also expand the horizons of robotic and laparoscopic urologic surgery.*

*The 21st edition of CILR-AI promises to be our best yet. We eagerly await your arrival in the stunning city of Florence, set against the breathtaking landscape of Tuscany. Together, let's experience a high-tech surgical spectacle like no other.*

*CILR-AI 2025 is set to be nothing short of magical—the Super Bowl of Surgery, and the premier live urologic surgery meeting in the world.*

*The future is now!*

*Join us and be part of it!*

*Warm regards.*



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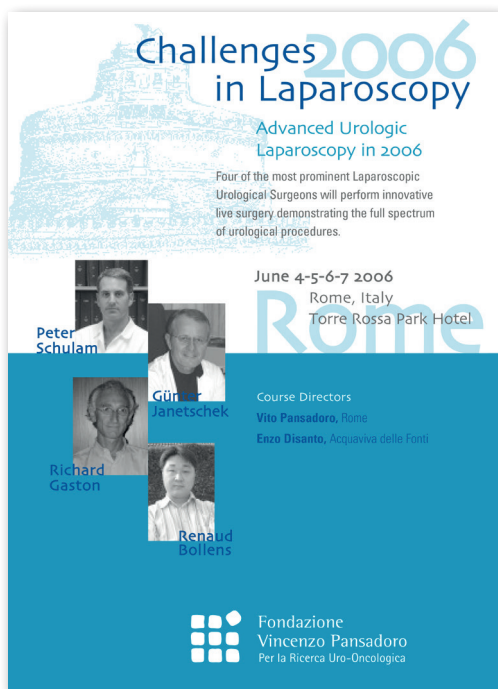
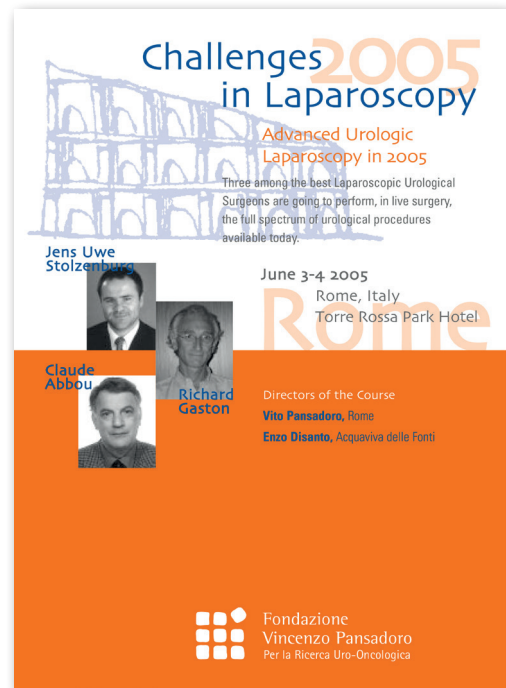
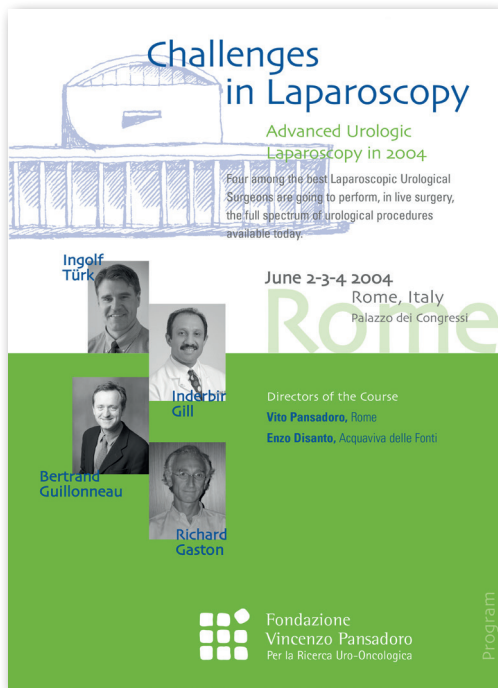


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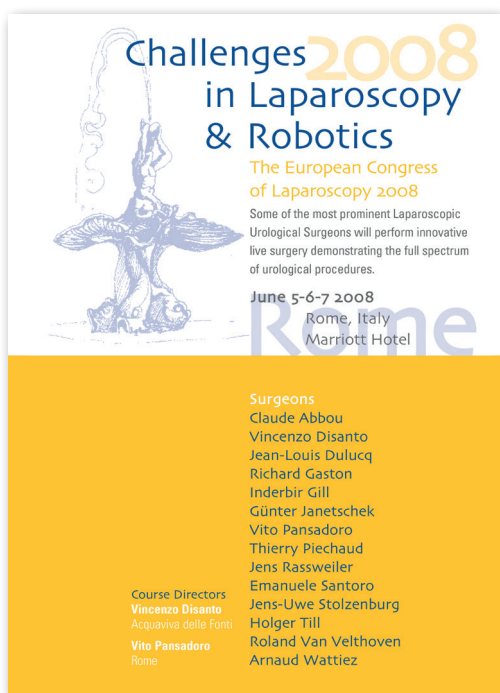


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## Challenges<sup>2008</sup> in Laparoscopy & Robotics

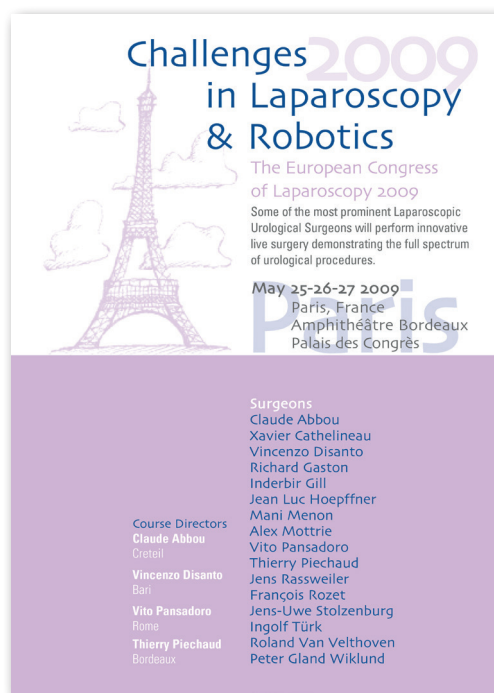
The European Congress of Laparoscopy 2008

Some of the most prominent Laparoscopic Urological Surgeons will perform innovative live surgery demonstrating the full spectrum of urological procedures.

**June 5-6-7 2008**  
Rome, Italy  
Marriott Hotel

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## Challenges<sup>2009</sup> in Laparoscopy & Robotics

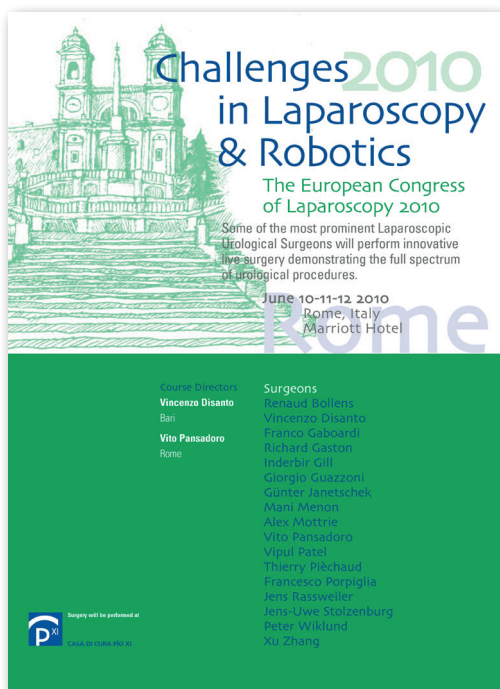
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**May 25-26-27 2009**  
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Palais des Congrès

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## Challenges<sup>2010</sup> in Laparoscopy & Robotics

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**June 10-11-12 2010**  
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Marriott Hotel

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Surgery will be performed at  
CONFERENZA PIRELLA



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## Challenges<sup>2012</sup> in Laparoscopy & Robotics

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June 7-8-9, 2012  
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## Challenges<sup>2013</sup> in Laparoscopy & Robotics

The joint European-Chinese  
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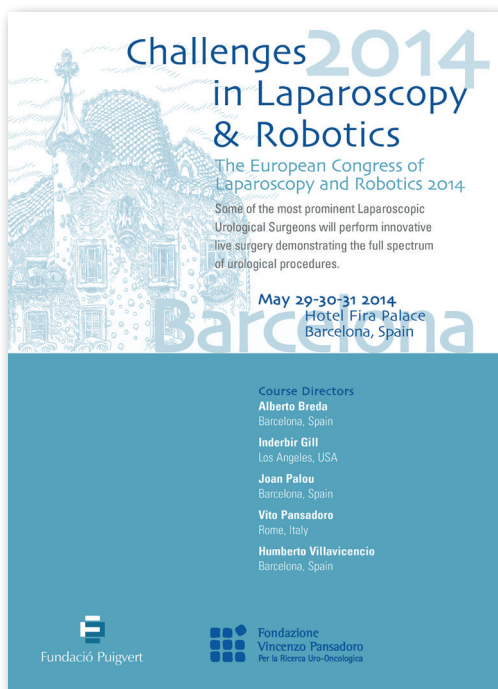
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The European Congress of  
Laparoscopy and Robotics 2014

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May 29-30-31 2014  
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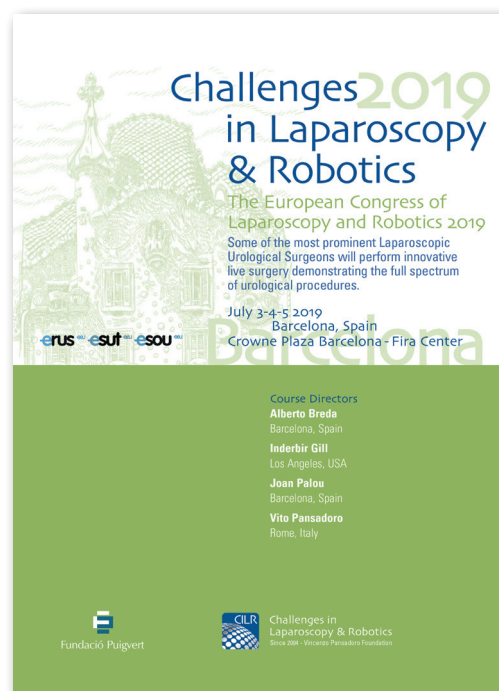
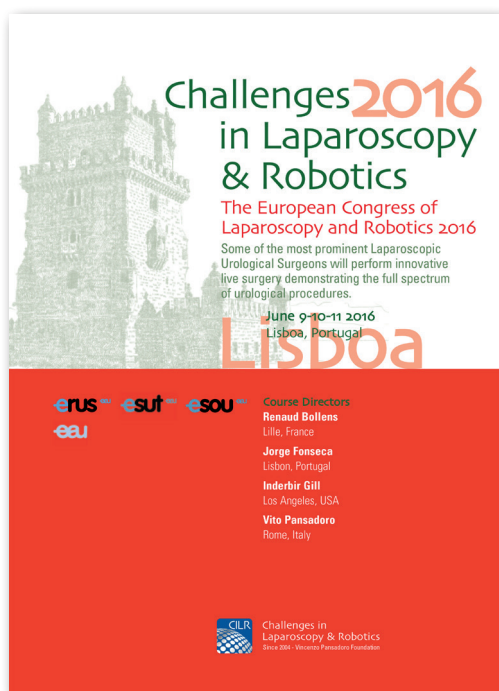
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June 4-5-6 2015  
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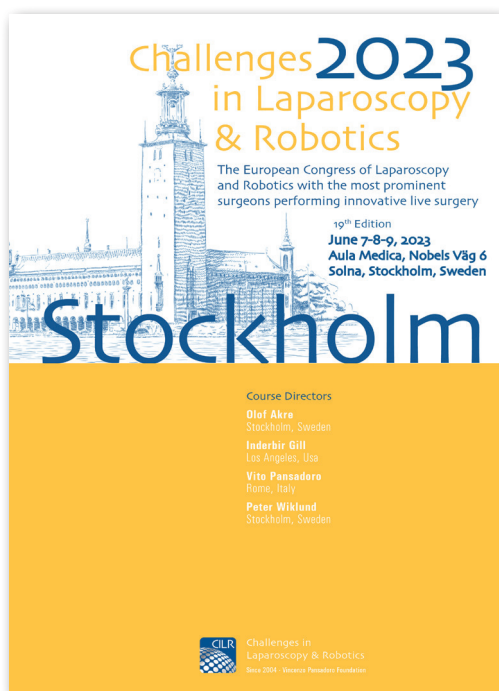
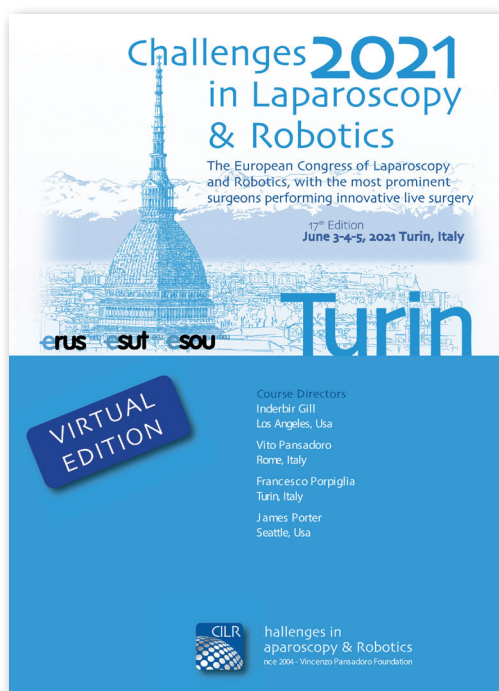
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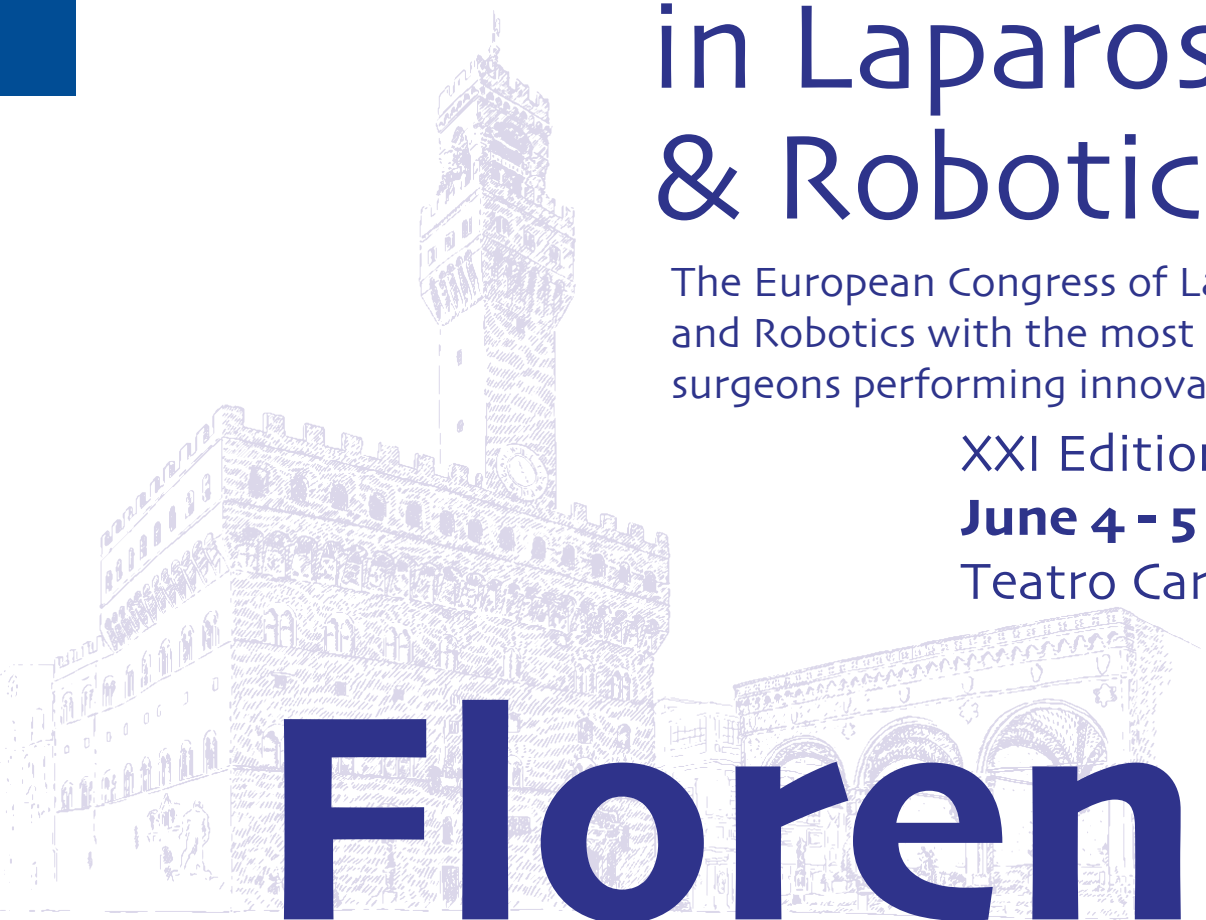
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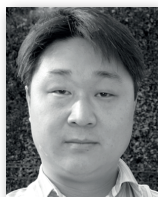
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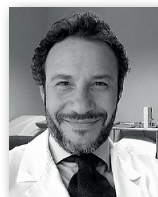
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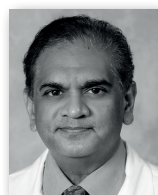
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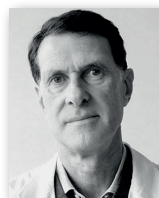
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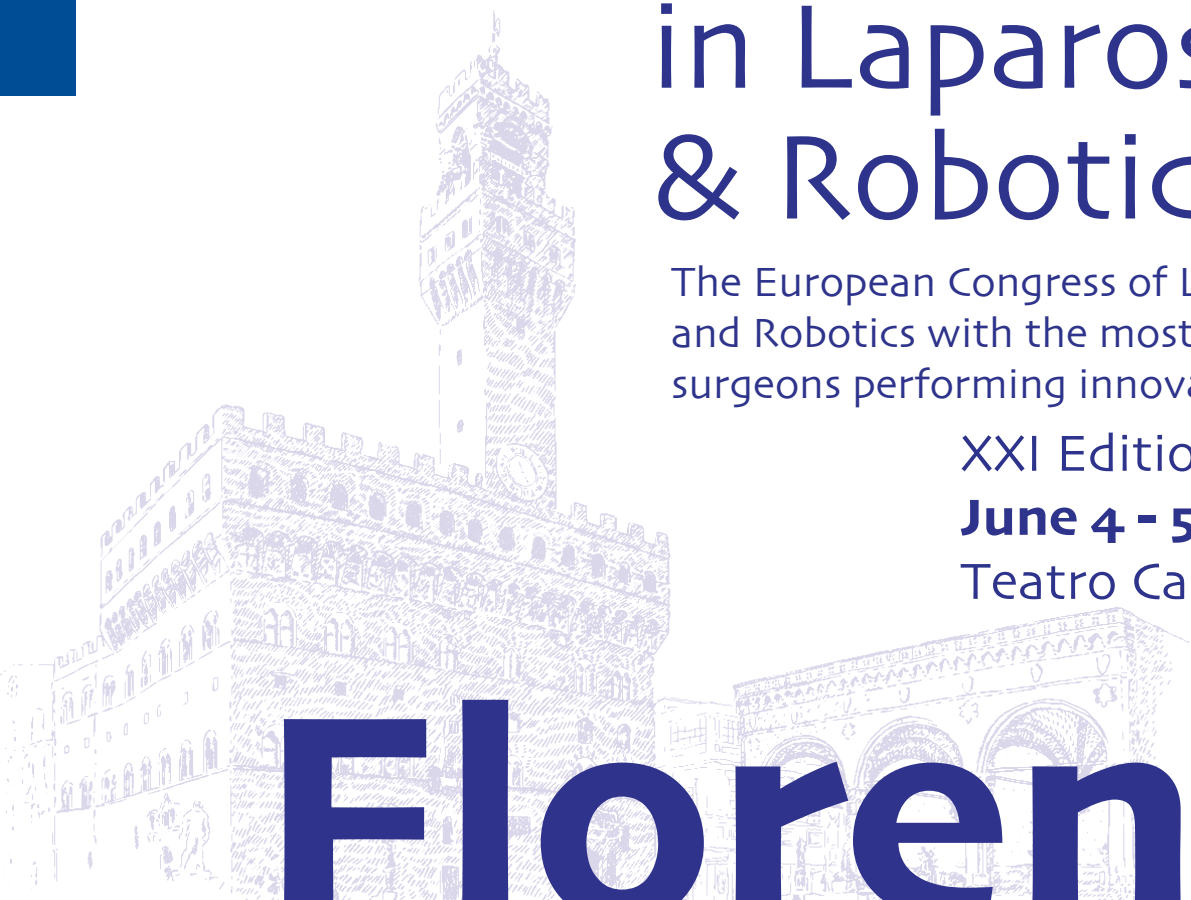
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# Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2025

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| 8:00             | <b>WELCOME</b><br>Course directors: Inderbir Gill, Andrea Minervini, Vito Pansadoro, James Porter, Giuseppe Simone, Xu Zhang                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
| SURGICAL SESSION |                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
| TIME             | SCREEN 1                                                                                                                                                                     | SCREEN 2                                                                                                                                                                  | SCREEN 3                                                                                                                                          |
| 8:10 - 9:30      | 1 <sup>th</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
|                  | <b>RAPN (SP, Careggi)</b><br>Surgeon: Francesco Porpiglia<br><br>Moderators: Alessandro Antonelli, Francesco Curto, Costantino Leonardo                                      | <b>RALP NS (H, Bologna)</b><br>Surgeon: Riccardo Schiavina<br><br>Moderators: Riccardo Autorino, Antonio Galfano, James Porter                                            | <b>Salvage RARP (X, Careggi)</b><br>Surgeon: Markus Graefen<br><br>Modrrators: Benjamin I. Chung, Andrea Gavazzi, Victor Enrique Corona Montes    |
|                  | 9:30 - 10:00 <b>Surgical atlas of kidney: Retroperitoneal vs Transperitoneal</b><br>Mihir Desai                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10:00 - 10:30    | SEMILIVE                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 10:30 - 12:00    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
|                  | <b>RARN with IVC Thrombectomy or Distal Pancreatectomy</b><br>Surgeon: Inderbir Gill<br><br>Moderators: Prokar Dasgupta, Markus Hohenfellner, Levent Turkeri                 | <b>Bilateral Ureteral Substitution with Ileal Loop (Broadcasting from China)</b><br>Surgeon: Xuesong Li<br><br>Moderators: Franco Gaboardi, Rajesh Nair, Gabriele Tuderti | <b>Laparoscopic Partial Adrenalectomy</b><br>Surgeon: Antonio Celia<br><br>Moderators: Daniele Amparore, Harrie Beerlage, Lukas Lusuardi          |
|                  | 12:00 - 12:30 <b>Focus on Prostate Cancer: Relugolix</b><br>Alessandro Antonelli                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
| 12:30 - 13:30    | <b>Panel on SP</b><br>Chair: James Porter<br>Simone Crivellaro (SP) vs. James Porter (MP)<br>Lee Zhao (SP) vs. Daniel Eun (MP)<br>Ketan Badani (SP) vs. Giuseppe Simone (MP) |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
| 13:30 - 15:00    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
|                  | <b>RAPN for highly complex renal mass (X, AOUC Florence)</b><br>Surgeon: Andrea Minervini<br><br>Moderators: Mihir Desai, Ugo Falagario, Jens Uwe Stolzenburg                | <b>Laparoscopic PN (AOUC Florence)</b><br>Surgeon: Renaud Bollens<br><br>Moderators: Manlio Cappa, Tibet Erdogru, Agostino Tuccio                                         | <b>RAPN (H)</b><br>Surgeon: Rocco Papalia<br><br>Moderators: Chris Anderson, Aldo Bocciardi, Sergio Serni                                         |
|                  | 15:00 - 15:30 SEMILIVE                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 15:30 - 16:30    | 4 <sup>th</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
|                  | <b>RAPN with Inner-sight model</b><br>Surgeon: Jens Uwe Stolzenburg<br><br>Moderators: Lorenzo Masieri, Silvia Secco, Michael Stifelman                                      | <b>RAPN (X)</b><br>Surgeon: Nina Harke<br><br>Moderators: Karen Fransis, Carlo Terrone, Levent Turkeri                                                                    | <b>RARP NS (X)</b><br>Surgeon: Bernardo Rocco<br><br>Moderators: Sisto Perdonà, Abhay Rane, Alessandro Sciarra                                    |
|                  | 16:30 - 17:00 SEMILIVE                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 17:00 - 18:30    | 5 <sup>th</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
|                  | <b>Retroperitoneal PN (Xi)</b><br>Surgeon: Alessandro Antonelli<br><br>Moderators: Simone Albisinni, Pier Luigi Bove, Reza Mehrazin                                          | <b>Lisbon Clipless RARP (X, AOUC Florence)</b><br>Surgeon: Kris Maes<br><br>Moderators: Jihad Kaouk, Rosario Leonardi, Luis Martinez-Piñeiro                              | <b>Redo Vesico-urethral Anastomosis for V-U stricture (SP)</b><br>Surgeon: Lee Zhao<br>Moderators: Ketan Badani, Antonio Celia, Simone Crivellaro |

# Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2025

| SURGICAL SESSION |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                   |
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| 8:00 - 10:00     | <b>1<sup>st</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                   |
|                  | <b>RARC with Neobladder (Xi)</b><br>Surgeon: Richard Gaston<br><br>Moderators: Aldo Bocciardi, Jens Uwe Stolzenburg, Peter Wiklund                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>RAPN with SP</b><br>Surgeon: Ketan Badani<br><br>Moderators: Filippo Annino, Benjamin Chung, Daniel Eun                                          | <b>RARP</b><br>Surgeon: Xu Zhang<br><br>Moderators: Prokar Dasgupta, Mario Falsaperla, Markus Graefen                             |
| 10:00 - 10:30    | <b>SEMILIVE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                   |
|                  | <b>Face to face. Transbasical vs. Extraperitoneal SP RARP</b><br><br>Jihad Kaouk vs. Francesco Porpiglia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                   |
| 10:30 - 12:00    | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                   |
|                  | <b>Ureteroplasty with BMG (X, AOUC Florence)</b><br>Surgeon: Michael Stifelman<br><br>Moderators: Luis Martinez-Piñero, Reza Mehrazin, Rajesh Nair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Clampless and sutureless RAPN (Xi)</b><br>Surgeon: Giuseppe Simone<br><br>Moderators: Simone Albinini, Alessandro Antonelli, Markus Hohenfellner | <b>RAPN with SP</b><br>Surgeon: Simone Crivellaro<br><br>Moderators: Tibet Erdogru, Costantino Leonardo, Lee Zhao                 |
| 12:00 - 12:30    | <b>Surgical atlas of prostate: from anatomy to surgical field</b><br>Ashutosh Tewari                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                   |
| 12:30 - 13:00    | <b>SEMILIVE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                   |
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| 13:00 - 14:00    | <b>Panel on AI</b><br>Chair: Inderbir Gill<br><b>1. Generative AI: Basic concepts</b> - Inderbir Gill<br><b>2. AI in Radiology</b> - Emanuele Casciani<br><b>3. Surgical AI</b> - Mihir Desai<br><b>4. AI for Disseminating Scientific Literature</b> - Giovanni Cacciamani<br><b>5. Automating Outpatient Clinics using AI</b> - Inderbir Gill<br><b>6. Discussion Q&amp;A (12 min)</b> |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                   |
| 14:00 - 14:15    | <b>Focus on adjuvant treatment for kidney cancer</b><br>Cora Sternberg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                   |
| 14:15 - 15:45    | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                   |
|                  | <b>RAPN (Xi)</b><br>Surgeon: Ravi Barod<br><br>Moderators: Riccardo Bartoletti, Riccardo Bertolo, Francesco Curto                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>RP RAPN (H)</b><br>Surgeon: James Porter<br><br>Moderators: Antonio Celia, Rocco Papalia, Giorgio Pomara                                         | <b>Ureteroplasty with ileal loop</b><br>Surgeon: Peter Wiklund<br><br>Moderators: Harrie Beerlage, Renaud Bollens, Sergio Serni   |
| 15:45 - 16:15    | <b>SEMILIVE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                   |
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| 16:15 - 17:30    | <b>4<sup>th</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                   |
|                  | <b>Augmentation Cystoplasty / Ureteric reimplant (Xi)</b><br>Surgeon: Mihir Desai<br><br>Moderators: Andrea Mari, Viktoria Schutz, Alessandro Volpe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Redo Pyeloplasty (Xi)</b><br>Surgeon: Costantino Leonardo<br><br>Moderators: Daniele Amparore, Riccardo Mastroianni, Enrique Corona Montes       | <b>RARP with DV5 (Streaming from USA)</b><br>Surgeon: Vipul Patel<br><br>Moderators: Antonio Galfano, Lorenzo Masieri, Abhay Rane |

# Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

| SURGICAL SESSION |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                      |
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| 8:00 - 9:30      | <b>1<sup>st</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                      |
|                  | <b>Bilateral Ureteral Stricture on Ileal Neobladder (Xi)</b><br>Surgeon: Richard Gaston<br>Moderators: Chris Anderson, Maurizio De Maria, Michael Stifelman | <b>Redo RAPN</b><br>Surgeon: Andrea Minervini<br>Moderators: Lukas Lusuardi, Francesco Porpiglia, Alessandro Volpe    | <b>Trans Vaginal Ureteral reimplant with SP</b><br>Surgeon: Lee Zhao<br>Moderators: Ketan Badani, Franco Gaboardi, Fabrizio Di Maida |
| 9:30 - 9:45      | <b>Surgical atlas of pelvis: radicality vs sex preserving</b><br>Renaud Bollens                                                                             |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                      |
| 10:00 - 10:30    | <b>SEMILIVE</b>                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                      |
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| 10:30 - 12:00    | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                      |
|                  | <b>RALP Retzius Sparing (H)</b><br>Surgeon: Antonio Galfano<br>Moderators: Karen Fransis, Lorenzo Masieri, Rocco Papalia                                    | <b>RALP (X)</b><br>Surgeon: Ashutosh Tewari<br>Moderators: Francesco Del Giudice, Ugo Falagario, Silvia Secco         | <b>RPLND (Xi)</b><br>Surgeon: James Porter<br>Moderators: Costantino Leonardo, Rajesh Nair, Peter Wiklund                            |
| 12:00 - 12:30    | <b>Focus on bladder cancer</b><br>Cora Sternberg                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                      |
| 12:30 - 14:00    | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                      |
|                  | <b>Laparoscopic Complex Reconstructive Surgery</b><br>Surgeon: Renaud Bollens<br>Moderators: Simone Albisinni, Manlio Cappa, Mario Falsaperla               | <b>Adrenalectomy with SP</b><br>Surgeon: Simone Crivellaro<br>Moderators: Aldo Brassetti, Benjamin Chung, Mihir Desai | <b>RAPN in horseshoe kidney</b><br>Surgeon: Inderbir Gill<br>Moderators: Riccardo Bertolo, Markus Hohenfellner, Giuseppe Simone      |

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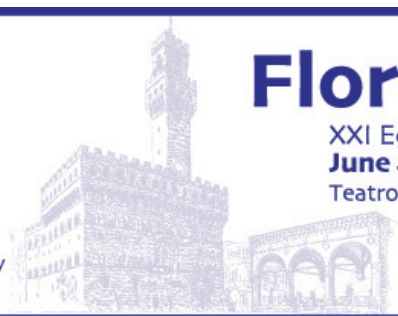
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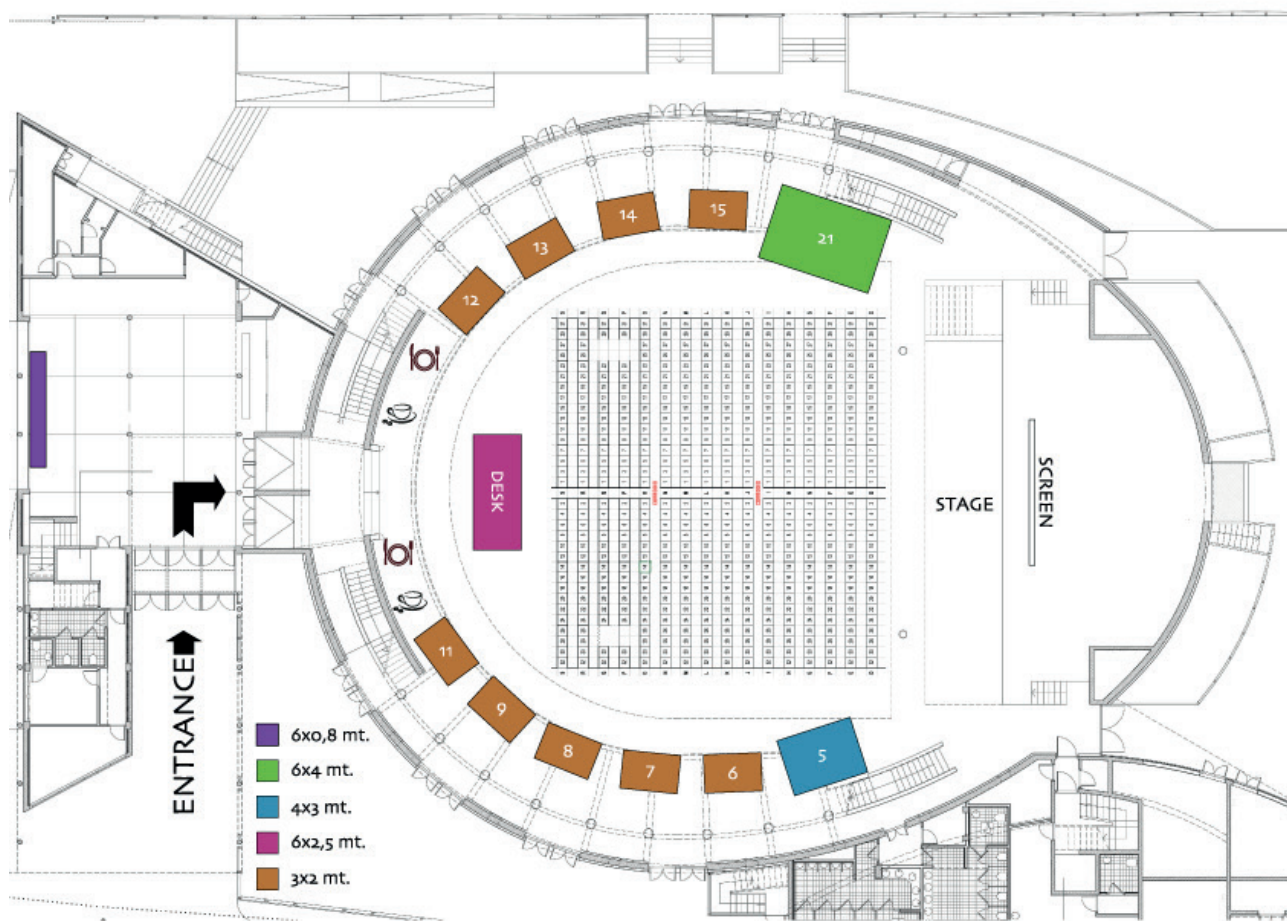
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