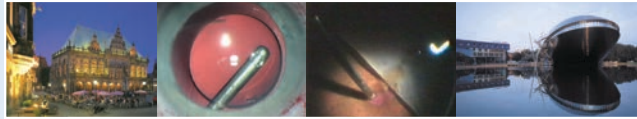


17th European VitreoRetinal Training School 2018



Bremen, Germany
May 21 – June 1, 2018

a 2 week intensive mini-fellowship

a teaching activity of



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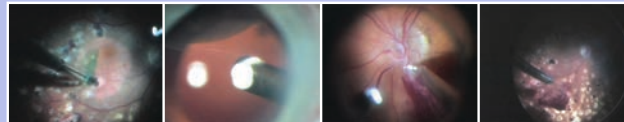
The Philosophy

Aspiring young vitreoretinal surgeons in European countries do not as a rule receive structured formal training in the form of a "vitreoretinal fellowship". They usually train at a hospital and the amount of support and instruction they receive depends by and large on the availability of experienced surgeons at that facility to pass on their knowledge. While it would be undoubtedly desirable to institute a system of fellowships in Europe, implementation of such a system is likely to take decades. Meanwhile all too often young surgeons are left to themselves, and have to gain most of their knowledge from books, scientific meetings and occasional visits with more experienced colleagues. They frequently have to turn that knowledge into practical surgery without access to outside help. This is particularly true in the eastern European countries. Needless to say, particularly from the view of the patients this leaves much to be desired.

The European VitreoRetinal Training School is designed to partially fill that gap. It provides young vitreoretinal surgeons direct access to expert experience through lectures, discussion groups and live surgery. It is a 2-week high-intensity teaching course covering all aspects of modern vitreoretinal surgery from instrumentation to complex and advanced methods. In a concentrated course with up to 50 participants it facilitates and promotes open discussion and a lively exchange of ideas and concepts. So far this "surgical skills school" is unequalled anywhere in the world.

The European VitreoRetinal Training School also provides highly experienced surgeons a forum to pass on their knowledge to a younger generation. In times when such surgeons tend to spend more and more time in the operating theater, teaching falls by the wayside. The age old medical tradition of skills transfer is an end to itself and of profound satisfaction to the teacher himself. New relationships thus formed frequently continue when school is over.

Meanwhile in its 16th successful year, after training more than 750 participants from 90 nations, the unique European VitreoRetinal Training School has undisputedly developed a world-wide standard for excellence in teaching.



The Faculty

The main faculty of the European VitreoRetinal Training School is comprised entirely of high volume vitreoretinal surgeons, selected for their vast experience, innovative capabilities, up-to-date knowledge and teaching talent. Of eight vitreoretinal surgeons recently named most skilled in the world¹, three are among the EVRTS faculty. They all come from a variety of countries to add diversity to the teaching process. Each one will attend for a 2-3 day period, covering part of the syllabus.

course directors:	Klaus Lucke Silvia Bopp
faculty (at time of printing):	Jean Paul Berrod (Nancy) Norbert Bornfeld (Essen) Giampaolo Gini (Horsham/UK) Hans Hoerauf (Göttingen) Frank Koch (Frankfurt) Louis Kruger (Johannesburg) Ferenc Kuhn (US/Serbia/Poland) Lyubomyr Lytvynchuk (Gießen) Carlos Mateo (Barcelona) Colin McCannel (Los Angeles) Hassan Mortada (Cairo) Şengül Özdek (Ankara) Giacomo Panozzo (Verona) Barbara Parolini (Brescia) Andreas Schüller (Bremen) Paul Tornambe (San Diego) Bernard Wolff (Johannesburg)

The Schedule 2018

Sun, May 20, afternoon	housing
Mon, May 21, 08 ⁴⁵	registration, welcome
Mon-Fri, May 21 – 25 09 ⁰⁰ – 13 ⁰⁰ , 14 ⁰⁰ – 18 ⁰⁰	classes, live surgery, and discussion groups
May 26 – 27	weekend free
Mon-Thu, May 28 – 31 09 ⁰⁰ – 13 ⁰⁰ , 14 ⁰⁰ – 18 ⁰⁰	classes, live surgery, and discussion groups
Thu, May 31	exam, gala dinner
Fri, June 1, 9 ⁰⁰ – 11 ⁰⁰	diplomas, farewell

¹Retina Times, Summer 2009 issue, p. 47

The Syllabus

It is the intention of the course to cover virtually all aspects of vitreoretinal surgery. Subjects will be introduced by lectures, demonstrated by video sequences and live surgery transmissions and then discussed in length and in depth in an open exchange format. The course will cover:

- history of vitreoretinal surgery
- general patient management
- diagnostic techniques
- instrumentation
 - optical systems, machines, instruments, endoscopy, lasers
- classical detachment surgery
 - pathogenesis, indications, when buckle & when vitrectomy
- general vitrectomy technique
 - e.g. sclerotomies, PVD, deep indentation, heavy liquids, gas, silicone oil, buckling vs 1° vitrectomy, additional buckling – yes or no
- indications & special surgical techniques in
 - macular holes
 - age related macular degeneration
 - diabetic retinopathy
 - pucker and cellophane maculopathy
 - uveitis
 - PVR
 - trauma
 - giant tears
 - rare entities

Cost and Pre-Registration

Registration for the European VitreoRetinal Training School will be limited to about 50 participants. The cost to each participant will be € 3350, which includes the course, course material, 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 2 communal dinners and 10 nights (shared twin room) in the Hotel Munte.

(www.hotel-munte.de)

It is expected that a limited number of scholarships will be made available on application by the industry for young vitreoretinal trainees with insufficient financial resources.

For further information and pre-registration contact:

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Application forms can be downloaded from the internet at

www.evrs.eu



The Location

The European VitreoRetinal Training School takes place in a 4-star hotel with conference facilities in the Bremen "Technology Park" near Bremen University, the Universum Science Center, and adjacent to the renowned Augenklinik Universitätsallee.

It is linked to the operating theaters of the surgery center for continuous live surgery coverage.

The beautiful historic center of Bremen is only a short distance away.



The Participants

Young nascent vitreoretinal surgeons who have already performed a number of operations but have not yet reached expert status will derive maximum benefit.



How to get there

by plane: Bremen international airport can be reached non-stop from many European destinations and all larger German airports. Frequently served hubs are Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Paris and Munich.



by train: Bremen is well connected to the German train system with hourly Intercity connections from Hamburg and the Ruhr area and high speed Intercity-Express connections from Frankfurt/Stuttgart and Würzburg/ Munich.

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"...here I am to testify the good influence of the excellent EVRTS on my surgical skills...."

I must tell you that during every surgery some interesting suggestion or discussion I witnessed or took part into at the EVRTS would come to my mind, helping me in making decisions. In one word, I feel much more confident now, and this thank mainly to EVRTS...

...it has been very important for me listening to different opinions on the same subject. In a way, the more different the opinions were, the better, as I felt that most of the opinions expressed by the teachers were true, with the sincerity of the "off records". This has helped me to face things as they are in reality, leaving academical truths and dogmas aside.

Thank you once again for your true enthusiasm and great hospitality. I wish long fortune to the EVRTS school."

"...The teaching was excellent and we all appreciate the willingness of the teachers to share their knowledge."

participants' quotes



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