

## ESSO Advanced Course on Breast Cancer Surgery

Vienna (AT), 22-24 October 2026

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### Programme

#### Thursday 22 October

| Time                                                     | Title of Talk                                                                          | Speaker             | Chair   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| 13:00 – 13:10                                            | Introduction                                                                           | I.T. Rubio, L. Wyld |         |
| <b>Symposium: Neoadjuvant Treatment in Breast Cancer</b> |                                                                                        |                     |         |
| 13:10 – 13:25                                            | Neoadjuvant and post neoadjuvant systemic therapies: Indications, regimes and outcomes | N. Battisti         | L. Wyld |
| 13:25 – 13:40                                            | Assessing response after neoadjuvant treatments                                        | P. Clauser          |         |
| 13:40 – 13:55                                            | Pathological response assessment of residual disease in the neoadjuvant setting        | A. Shaaban          |         |
| 13:55 – 14:10                                            | Breast surgery after neoadjuvant therapy                                               | A. Kothari          |         |
| 14:10 – 14:25                                            | Axillary management in the neoadjuvant setting                                         | I.T. Rubio          |         |
| 14:25 – 15:40                                            | Discussion                                                                             |                     |         |
| 15:40 – 16:00                                            | Coffee Break                                                                           |                     |         |

| Lecture: Adjuvant Systemic Therapies |                                                                                  |             |           |
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| 16:00 – 16:15                        | Adjuvant chemotherapy and new molecular targeted agents                          | N. Battisti | I.T.Rubio |
| 16:15 – 16:30                        | Adjuvant endocrine therapies, including ovarian suppression and extended regimes | L. Wyld     |           |
| 16:30 – 16:45                        | Breast Cancer in Pregnancy                                                       | N. Battisti |           |
| 16:45 – 17:30                        | Clinical case and discussion                                                     | L. Wyld/all |           |

## Friday 23 October

| Time                                                                                            | Title of Talk                                                                                                                       | Speaker                                                               | Chair   |
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| Practical Session: Split Into 2 Groups (Group 1: Practical, Group 2: MDT. Rotation After Lunch) |                                                                                                                                     |                                                                       |         |
| 08:30 – 10:30                                                                                   | Group 1 ( <a href="#">Industry session</a> ) – Practical session with <a href="#">prosthetics</a>                                   |                                                                       |         |
|                                                                                                 | Group 2<br>Mock MDT with case presentations                                                                                         | I.T. Rubio, L. Wyld, P. Clauser, A. Shaaban, M. Machiels, N. Battisti |         |
| 10:30 – 11:00                                                                                   | Coffee break                                                                                                                        |                                                                       |         |
| Symposium: The Axilla                                                                           |                                                                                                                                     |                                                                       |         |
| 11:00 – 11:15                                                                                   | Axillary management in the adjuvant setting. Indications for SLN, TAD, ALND (including overview of trials and management algorithm) | I.T. Rubio                                                            | L. Wyld |
| 11:15 – 11:30                                                                                   | Axillary radiotherapy, including selection of AMAROS and Z0011 paradigms                                                            | M. Machiels                                                           |         |
| 11:30 – 11.45                                                                                   | Lymphoedema: surgical intervention for prevention or treatment                                                                      | M. See                                                                |         |
| 11.45 – 12.15                                                                                   | Discussion                                                                                                                          | All panellists                                                        |         |
| 12:30 – 13:30                                                                                   | Lunch                                                                                                                               |                                                                       |         |
| Hereditary Breast Cancer                                                                        |                                                                                                                                     |                                                                       |         |
| 13:30 – 13:45                                                                                   | Management of breast cancer patient and mutation carrier                                                                            | L. Wyld                                                               | L. Wyld |
| 13:45 – 14:00                                                                                   | Management of mutation carriers: risk reducing strategies                                                                           | T. Kovacs                                                             |         |
| 14:00 – 14:15                                                                                   | Discussion                                                                                                                          | All panellists                                                        |         |
| Practical Session: Split Into 2 Groups (Group 2: Practical, Group 1: MDT)                       |                                                                                                                                     |                                                                       |         |
| 14:15 – 16:15                                                                                   | Group 1<br>Mock MDT with case presentations                                                                                         | Rubio I. L. Wyld, P. Clauser. A. Shaaban, N. Battisti                 |         |
|                                                                                                 | Group 2 ( <a href="#">Industry session</a> ) – Practical session with <a href="#">prosthetics</a>                                   |                                                                       |         |
| 16:15 – 16:30                                                                                   | Omission of axillary surgery and the impact of SOUND, INSEMA. BOOG trials                                                           | J. Volders                                                            |         |

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| 16:30 – 17:00             | Coffee break                                                            |                |                |
| Symposium: DCIS Symposium |                                                                         |                |                |
| 17:00 – 17:15             | High risk lesions and atypia: diagnosis and cancer risk – B3 guidelines | A. Shaaban     | C. Markopoulos |
| 17:15 – 17:30             | Role of imaging in DCIS                                                 | P. Clauser     |                |
| 17:30 – 17:45             | New data on management of DCIS (COMET, LORIS etc)                       | J.Volders      |                |
| 17:45 – 18:00             | Discussion                                                              | All panellists |                |

## Saturday 24 October

| Time                                                                                    | Title of Talk                                                                                       | Speaker        | Chair       |
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| Symposium: Nipple and Skin Sparing Mastectomy and Post Mastectomy Breast Reconstruction |                                                                                                     |                |             |
| 09: 00 – 09:25                                                                          | MRM, SSM, SRM, NSM – Technical and oncological considerations                                       | I.T. Rubio     | G. Catanuto |
| 09:25 – 09:40                                                                           | Tailoring breast reconstruction, implant-based techniques including ADM/prepec and sub pec          | A. Kothari     |             |
| 09:40 – 09:55                                                                           | Tailoring breast reconstruction – Autologous reconstruction                                         | M. See         |             |
| 09.55 – 10:15                                                                           | Clinical cases and discussion                                                                       | G. Catanuto    |             |
| Oncoplastic Symposium                                                                   |                                                                                                     |                |             |
| 10:15 – 10:30                                                                           | Oncoplastic techniques: LCAP, MCAP, DCAP                                                            | A. Kothari     | I.T.Rubio   |
| 10:30– 10:45                                                                            | The role of the pathologist and how to help them: Cut up, nodes, margins, oncoplasty and mastectomy | A. Shaaban     |             |
| 10:45– 11:00                                                                            | Robotic-assisted breast surgery                                                                     | T. Kovacs      |             |
| 11:00 – 11:15                                                                           | Discussion                                                                                          | All panellists |             |
| 11:15– 11:30                                                                            | Wrap up                                                                                             |                |             |