

ESSO Advanced Course on Breast Cancer Surgery

Vienna, Austria

22nd to 24th October, 2026

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PROGRAM

| Thursday 22 nd October | | | |
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| Time | Title of talk | Speaker | Session chair |
| 13.00-13.10 | Introduction | I.T. Rubio, L Wyld | |
| Symposium: Neoadjuvant treatment in breast cancer | | | |
| 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 | Coffe Break | | |
| Lecture: Adjuvant Systemic Therapies | | | |
| 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 th October | | | |
| Time | Title of Talk | Speaker | Chair |
| Practical session: Split into 2 groups (Group 1, practical, group 2 MDT. Rotate with second session after lunch) | | | |
| 08.30-10.30 | Group 1 Sponsored session Axillary surgery and lesion localisation and oncoplastic (practical session with prosthetics) using magnetic localisation technique. G. Catanuto, A. Kothari, M. See, A. Karakatsanis, Tibor Kovacs. Lynda Wyld | Group 2 Mock MDT with case presentations I.T. Rubio I. L. Wyld, , Paola Clauser. 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, | I.T. Rubio | L. Wyld |

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| | ALND (including overview of trials and management algorithm) | | |
| 11.15-11.30 | Axillary radiotherapy, including selection of AMAROS and Z0011 paradigms | M Machiels | |
| 11.30-11.45 | Omission of axillary surgery and the impact of SOUND, INSEMA, BOOG trials | J. Volders | |
| 11.45-12.00 | Lymphoedema: surgical intervention for prevention or treatment | M. See | |
| 12.00-12.30. | Discussion | All | |
| 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 | |
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| 16.15-16.40 | Coffee | | |
| Symposium: DCIS Symposium | | | |
| | | | Chair C. Markopoulos |
| 16.40-16.55 | High risk lesions and atypia: diagnosis and cancer risk – B3 guidelines | A. Shaaban | |
| 16.55-17-10 | Role of imaging in DCIS | P. Clauser | |
| 17.10-17.25 | New data on management of DCIS (COMET, LORIS etc) | J.Volders | |
| 17.25-17.45 | Discussion | | |
| Saturday 24th October | | | |
| Symposium: Nipple and skin sparing mastectomy and post mastectomy breast reconstruction | | | |
| | | Speaker | Chair G. Catanuto |
| 09-00-09.15 | MRM, SSM, SRM, NSM – Technical and oncological considerations | I.T. Rubio | G. Catanuto |
| 09-15- 09.30 | Tailoring breast reconstruction, implant-based techniques including ADM/prepec and sub pec | A. Kothari | |
| 09-30-09.45 | Tailoring breast reconstruction – Autologous reconstruction | M. See | |
| 09.45-10.00 | Breast reconstruction and radiotherapy | M. Machiels | |
| 10.00-10.45 | Clinical cases and discussion | G. Catanuto | |

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| 10.45 – 11.00 | Coffee break | | |
| 11.00 – 12.15 | Sponsored session | L. Wyld, I.T. Rubio, T. Kovacs, A. Kothari, G. Catanuto, J. Volders | |
| Oncoplastic Symposium | | | |
| 12.15 – 13.30 | | | |
| 12.15 – 12.30 | Oncoplastic techniques: LCAP, MCAP, DCAP | A. Kothari | I.T.Rubio |
| 12.30 – 12.45 | The role of the pathologist and how to help them: Cut up, nodes, margins, oncoplasty and mastectomy | A. Shaaban | |
| 12.45 – 13.00 | Robotic-assisted breast surgery | T. Kovacs | |
| 13.00 – 13.15 | Discussion | | |
| 13.15 – 13.30 | Wrap up | | |