Main Congress

Monday, 30 November – Wednesday, 2 December 2026

MONDAY

30 NOVEMBER 2026

8:45 Opening ECC 2026
Walter Brunner, CH
Bruno Schmied, CH
Dieter Hahnloser, CH

EARLY RECTAL CANCER

Chairs: Patricia Tejedor, ES · Jurriaan Tuynman, NL

9:15
Strategies for early rectal cancer
Roel Hompes, NL

9:45
Resection after neoadjuvant therapy?
Simon Bach, UK

10:15
Endoscopic resection in early rectal cancer: current standards and future perspectives
Elena de Cristofaro, IT

10:45 – 11:15 BREAK

COLON CANCER

Chairs: Simon Bach, UK · Rodrigo Perez, BR

11:15
Implementing CME and CVL nationwide: what is the new standard?
Jurriaan Tuynman, NL

11:45
Strategies for flexure cancers: extended or limited resection?
Patricia Tejedor, ES

12:15
Neoadjuvant therapy for colon cancer: is it worthwhile?
Michael Montemurro, CH

12:45
Satellite Symposium
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13:15 – 14:15 LUNCH BREAK

RECTAL CANCER & TNT

Chairs: Jim Khan, UK · Danilo Miskovic, UK

14:15
Which TNT strategy to choose for which cancer?
Rodrigo Perez, BR

14:40
Brachytherapy: what are the benefits?
Cristina Picardi, CH

15:00
Can we convert CRC-MSS tumors to be responsive to immunotherapy?
Michael Bergmann, AT

15:20
Near complete response: what to do now?
Geerard Beets, NL

15:45
Satellite Symposium
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16:15 – 16:45 BREAK

CHALLENGING CASES & SOLUTIONS

Chairs: Walter Brunner, CH · Dieter Hahnloser, CH

16:45
Low anterior resection syndrome and trajectories
Therese Juul, DK

17:15
Case Discussion
Case 1: Jim Khan, UK
Case 2: Danilo Miskovic, UK
Case 3: Joep Knol, BE

18:15
ESCP Presidential Lecture: The Anatomy of Successful Mesocolic Excision — Embryological Planes and Vascular Variations
Introduction: Dieter Hahnloser, CH
Speaker: **Mehmet Ayhan Kuzu, TR**

18:45 Get Together

TUESDAY

1 DECEMBER 2026

8:00 Poster Session
Bruno Schmied, CH

9:00 Opening Day 2
Bruno Schmied, CH

RECTAL CANCER (CONTINUED)

Chairs: Joep Knol, BE · Caterina Foppa, IT

9:00
Strategies for lateral pelvic lymph nodes
Gyu-Seog Choi, KR

9:30
Abdomino-perineal resection: how I do it?
Geerard Beets, NL

10:00
Watch & Wait: are we ready for all rectal cancers?
Rodrigo Perez, BR

10:30
Satellite Symposium
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11:00 – 11:30 BREAK

ATYPICAL COLORECTAL CANCER

Chairs: Geerard Beets, NL · Lars Seeberg, NO

11:30
Early-onset colorectal cancer: current views and prospects for the future
Caterina Foppa, IT

12:00
Colorectal cancer & genetics – what should we know, what's new?
Gabriela Möslein, DE

12:30
Strategies for obstructed cancers in the emergency setting
Fabian Grass, CH

13:00 LUNCH BREAK

PERINEAL HERNIA

Chairs: Gabriela Möslein, DE · Torbjörn Holm, SE

14:00
Prevention after APR
Samar Alhomoud, SA

14:30
Perineal hernia – therapeutic options
David Chen, US

15:00
Satellite Symposium
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15:30
ECC Poster, Case Report & Springer Award Session
5 prizes to be awarded · Meet the Legends

16:00 BREAK

JOINT SESSION - STOMA

Chairs: Marc Olivier Sauvain, CH · Therese Juul, DK · Catherine Bürgi, CH

16:30
Lessons learned from the Norwegian stoma trial
Lars Grønvold, NO

16:50
How to avoid a stoma?
Jérémie Lefevre, FR

17:10
How to avoid and treat skin-related complications
Jacqueline Metzger, CH

17:40
Prevention & repair of parastomal hernia
Salvador Morales Conde, ES

18:10
EAES Lecture: Advanced imaging and AI in colorectal surgery
Introduction: Walter Brunner, CH
Speaker: **Luigi Boni, IT**

18:45 End Day 2

19:00 Festive Evening

WEDNESDAY

2 DECEMBER 2026

8:30 Opening Day 3
Walter Brunner, CH
Dieter Hahnloser, CH

SURGERY AROUND THE WORLD

LIVE SURGERY – TELESURGERY
DEFERRED LIVE SURGERY – VIDEO SESSION

Surgery Around the World I
Chairs: Walter Brunner, CH · Luigi Boni, IT · Samar Alhomoud, SA

Deferred Live – Tailored robotic APR
Lars Seeberg, NO

Deferred Live – Open Abdomen
Gereon Lill, DE

Incisional hernia and SSI prevention following stoma reversal
Gerd Silberhumer, AT

BREAK ON DEMAND

Surgery Around the World II
Chairs: Dieter Hahnloser, CH · Joep Knol, BE · Patricia Tejedor, ES

Telesurgery – Robotic LAR following radiotherapy
Ramya Kalaiselvan, IN

Live Surgery – Robotic sigmoid resection
Antonio Arroyo Sebastián, ES
Luis Sanchez Guillen, ES

12:30 LUNCH BREAK · CONTINUED LIVE SURGERY

Surgery Around the World III
Chairs: Dieter Hahnloser, CH · Bela Teleky, AT · Torbjörn Holm, SE

Deferred Live – Right hemicolectomy with D3 & CME
Jianping Gong, CN

Deferred Live – Colorectal surgery
Joep Knol, BE

Impressions from the Legends
Bill Heald, PT
Torbjörn Holm, SE

15:30 Farewell & Invitation ECC 2027
Walter Brunner, CH
Dieter Hahnloser, CH
Bruno Schmied, CH