



I-GERD 2026

EFS post graduate course – 2026



INNOVATION THROUGH TRADITION

The Role of Past Knowledge for Successful Innovations in GERD treatment

MAY 21-22, 2026



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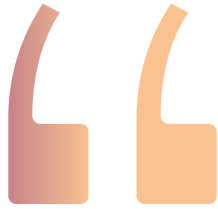
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INTRODUCTION



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The surgical management of hiatal hernia and gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) remains a topic of ongoing discussion, particularly regarding indications and the optimal choice of surgical technique. With increasing attention on tailored surgical approaches, this Congress aims to review current innovations in endoscopic and surgical therapies for GERD and hiatal hernia. The event will feature leading European experts providing step-by-step technical assessments of surgical procedures through live case analyses and comprehensive video presentations. The program will encompass both laparoscopic and robotic surgical techniques, highlighting essential components and technical considerations that support standardization and improved patient outcomes.

This meeting is intended for general surgeons, gastroenterologists, endoscopists, and pathophysiologists, with the aim of emphasize the critical role of multidisciplinary collaboration in the management of GERD.

A hands-on Postgraduate Course will take place on the afternoon of May 21, 2025, focusing on novel procedures such as combined Transoral Incisional Fundoplication and the intraoperative and postoperative application of devices like Endoscopic Functional Lumen Imaging Probe. A dedicated session will also address the ablative treatment of Barrett's esophagus using Radiofrequency & Cryoablation technologies.

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MAY 21, 2026

12.00-12.45 Participant's registration

12.45-13.00 Course presentation

Room H - 13.00 - 14.30

Theory and Lectures - Post graduate educational hands on course

13.00-13.30 Endoscopic Functional Lumen Imaging Probe - Fundamentals and clinical applications: is it possible to optimize surgical outcomes?
S. Passaretti, A. Barchi, S. Schoppmann, E. Marciano, P. Visaggi

13.30-14.00 Transoral Incisional Fundoplication - Indications, endoscopic technique and outcomes
F. Azzolini, A. Simic, O. Skrobic, G. Geraci

14.00-14.30 Radiofrequency Ablation & Cryoablation in Barrett's esophagus - Treatment modalities and indications
R. Haidry, F. M. Riegler, G. Dell'Anna, G. Manes

14.30-15.00 Coffee break

15.00-18.00

Hand-on-course

Room G

Transoral Incisional Fundoplication

Tutors:
**F. Azzolini,
A. Simic,
O. Skrobic
G. Geraci**

Room H

Endoscopic Functional Lumen Imaging Probe

Tutors:
**S. Passaretti,
R. Penagini,
S. Schoppmann
E. Marciano
P. Visaggi**

Room I

Radiofrequency & Cryoablation

Tutors:
**R. Haidry
F. M. Riegler
G. Dell'Anna
G. Manes**

MAY 22, 2026

08.00-08.45 Participant's registration

08.45-09.00 Introduction
D. Bona, L. Bonavina, R. Crugnola, S. Shoppmann

09.00 - 11.00

Laparoscopic Fundoplication

Moderators: **L. Bonavina, A. Simic, N. Boyle, R. Rosati, D. Theodorus**

- Anatomy, Function and Impact of interventional procedures of ARB
S. Schoppmann
- The evolution of anti-reflux surgery
M. Rigler
- Nissen & Toupet fundoplication (with mesh?) - **live surgery**

11.00-11.30 Coffee break and learn

11.30-11.45 Role of medical therapy and new drugs
C. Scarpignato

11.45-13.00

Managing the hiatus

Moderators: **L. Bonavina, A. Simic, G. Pozzo, D. Bona, C. Popa**

- Crura repair with mesh and patient tailored algorithm (PTA)
A. Aiolfi
- Concomitant Transoral Incisionless Fundoplication (cTIF)
O. Skrobic
- Role of gastric neuromodulation for gastroparesis
M. Elshafei
- AI & machine learning: application in benign foregut diseases
P. Mascagni

13.00-13.50 Lunch

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13.50-14.00 Thromboembolism prophylaxis in benign upper GI surgery
F. Pieri

14.00-15.30

ARB positioning & restoration with outer-fundoimplant

Moderators: L. Bonavina, A. Renzi, S. Schoppmann, L. Vincenti

- RS - How it works? Literature evidence and long-term follow-up
J. Zehetner
- RS – Robotic experience and preliminary data
M. Elshafei
- Laparoscopic ARB positioning & restoration with outer-fundoimplant – **live surgery**

15.30-17.30

Robotic Fundoplication

Moderators: P. Bianchi, M. Elshafei, A. Aiolfi, G. Formisano

- What is the role of robotic surgery in the training of young surgeons?
P. Bianchi
- What is the role of robotic surgery? Current evidence
M. Schneider
- Robotic fundoplication
D. Theodorus
- Robotic fundoplication in emergency settings
M. Piccoli

17.30-18.00 Closing remarks

Auditorium

REGISTRATION (VAT INCLUDED)

€ 70,00

Registration only Congress
(22nd May)

€ 180,00

Registration FULL - Congress + Course
(21st May + 22nd May)

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- 561 Terminal stop
Rho Fieramilano (via Risorgimento)



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Metro

M1 - Red Line
Rho Fiera Milano stop

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