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**D**ear Friends & Colleagues,  
we are thrilled to invite you to Florence for the 21st annual edition of the world's leading live surgery meeting in laparoscopic and robotic urologic surgery, *Challenges in Laparoscopy & Robotics (CILR)*.

*Reaching this milestone is a true testament to the outstanding live surgeries and dynamic discussions we've shared over two decades, constantly learning from one another.*

*Since its inception, our vision for this event has only grown stronger and more relevant to the evolving field of surgery.*

*In 2004, we began with Challenges in Laparoscopy (CIL), and as robotic technologies advanced, we expanded into Challenges in Laparoscopy & Robotics (CILR).*

*Now, 20 years later, artificial intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing the medical world, and we are excited to introduce Challenges in Laparoscopy & Robotics-AI (CILR-AI) for this year's event.*

*We have prepared a rich, comprehensive scientific program for you.*

*As always, the highlight will be our signature live robotic and laparoscopic surgeries with the world's top urologic surgeons, displayed concurrently on three large screens.*

*These will be complemented by 25 "semi-live" complex and uncommon surgeries, recorded over the past year and presented by the surgeons themselves.*

*You'll be equipped with headphones to tune into the screen and discussion that interests you most, with live moderation to guide the experience.*

*Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to introduce cutting-edge AI applications with immediate relevance to your daily practice, no matter where in the world you work.*

*This year's live surgeries will push the boundaries of modern urology, featuring advanced procedures such as robotic kidney transplantation and auto-transplantation, bladder transplantation, complex partial nephrectomies, inferior vena-cavectomy with prosthetic grafting, radical nephrectomy with en bloc distal pancreatectomy and splenectomy, radical and salvage prostatectomies for locally advanced cancers, gender reassignment surgery, and much more.*

*These procedures will not only enhance your skills but also expand the horizons of robotic and laparoscopic urologic surgery.*

*The 21st edition of CILR-AI promises to be our best yet. We eagerly await your arrival in the stunning city of Florence, set against the breathtaking landscape of Tuscany. Together, let's experience a high-tech surgical spectacle like no other.*

*CILR-AI 2025 is set to be nothing short of magical—the Super Bowl of Surgery, and the premier live urologic surgery meeting in the world.*

*The future is now!*

*Join us and be part of it!*

*Warm regards.*



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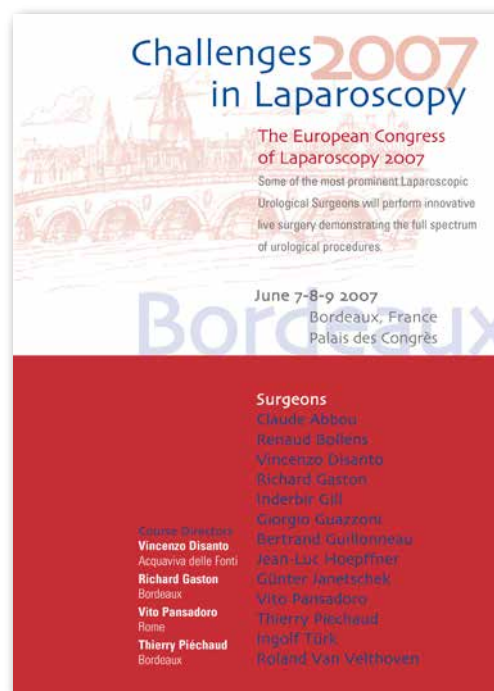
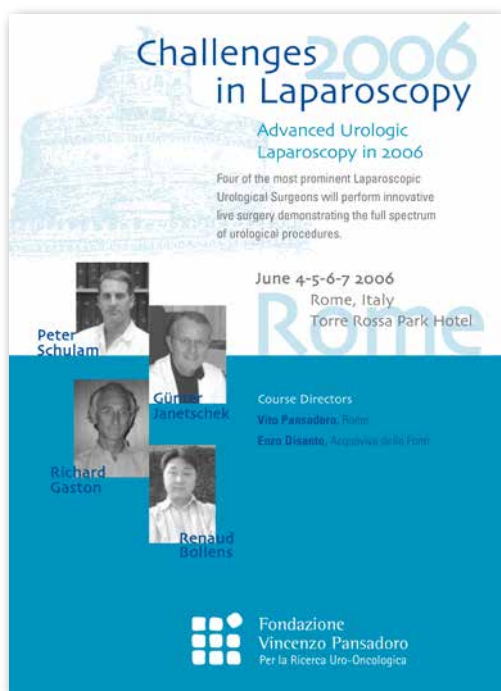
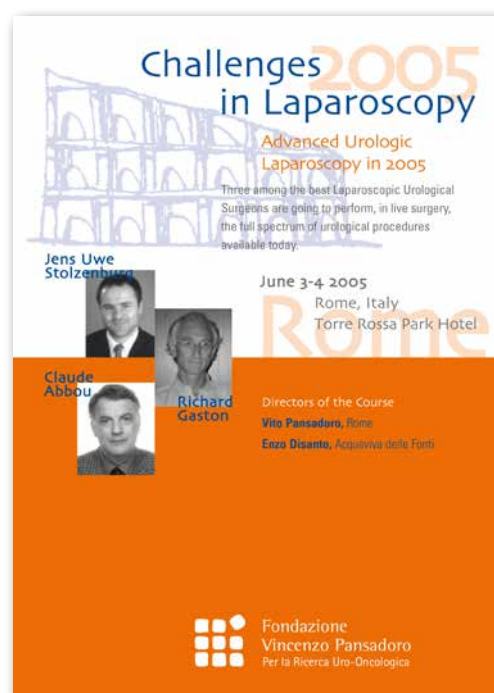
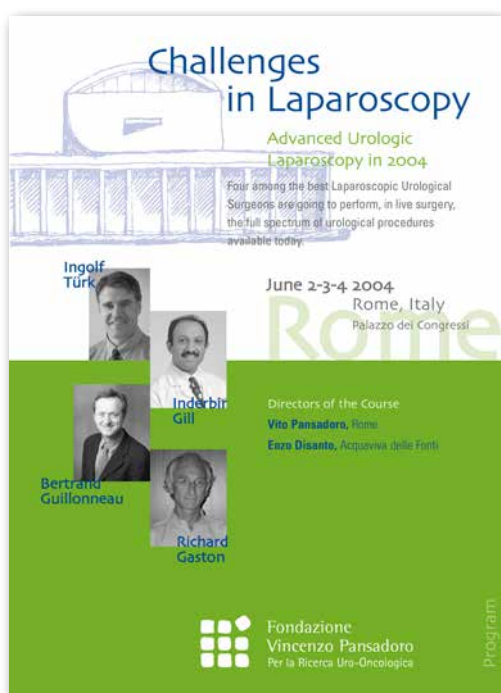


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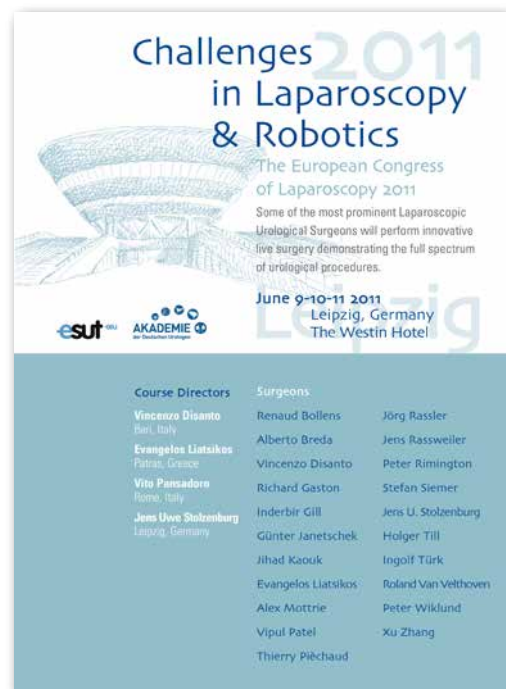
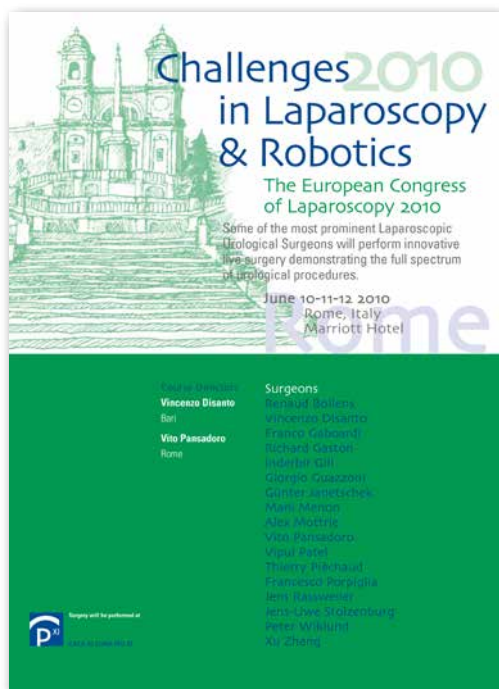
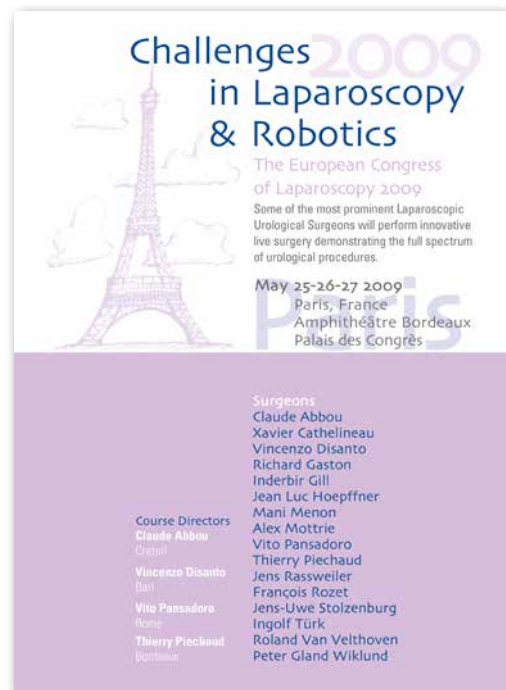
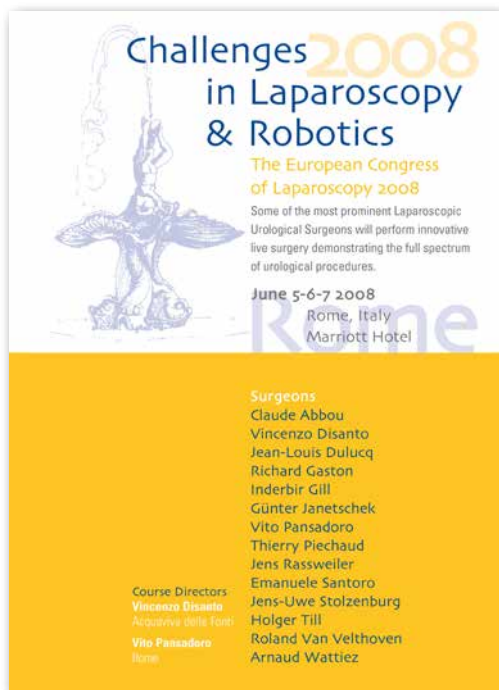


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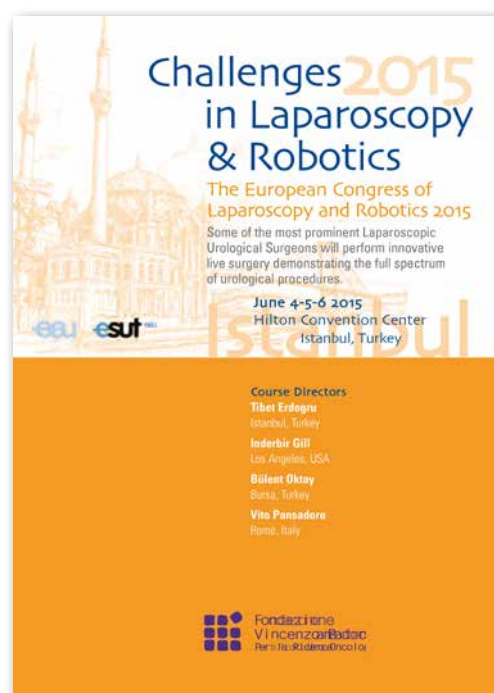
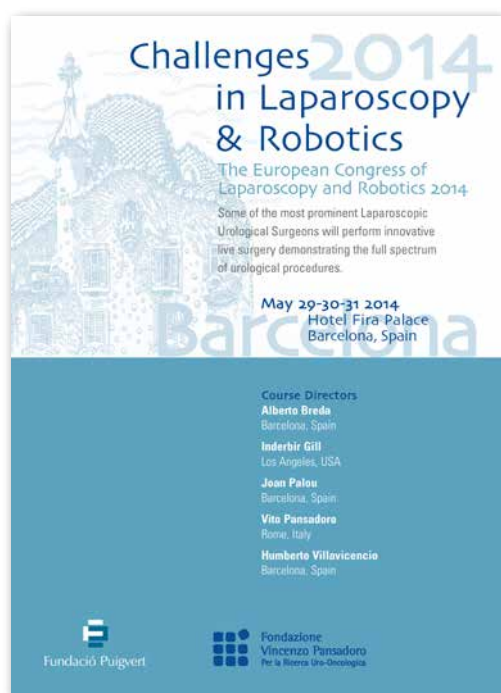
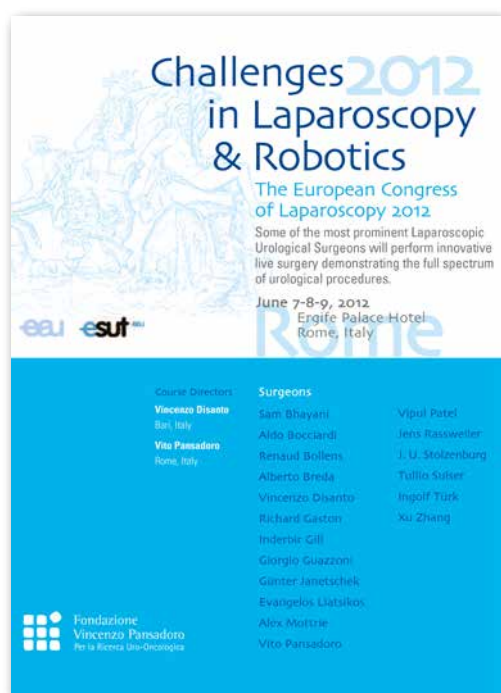


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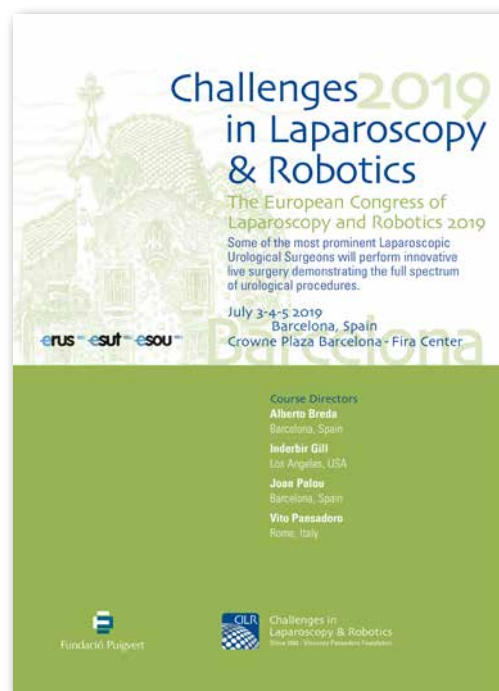
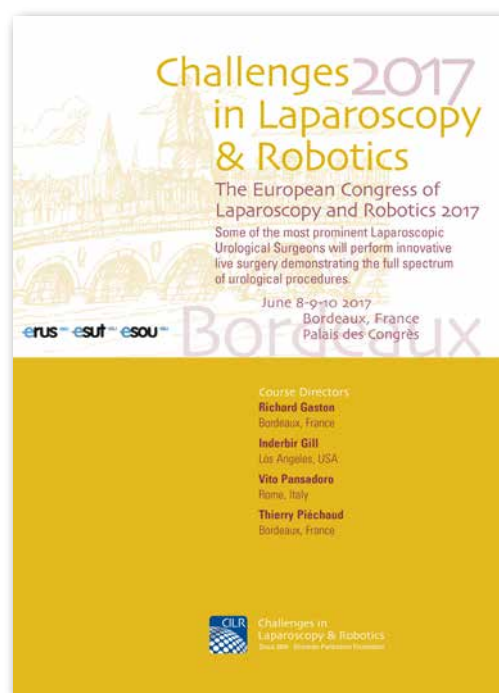
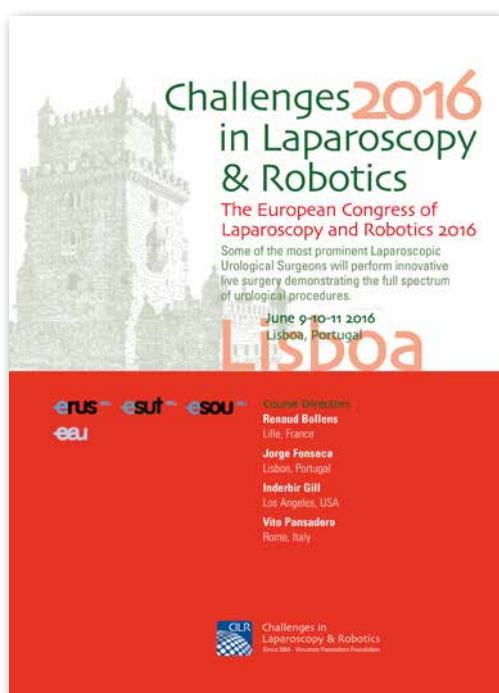




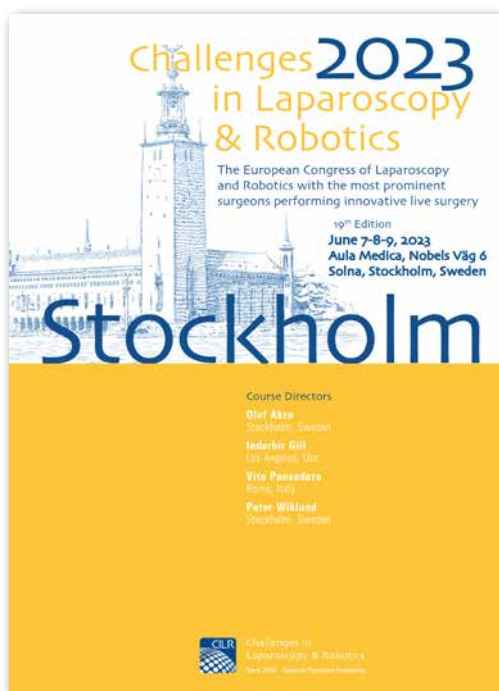
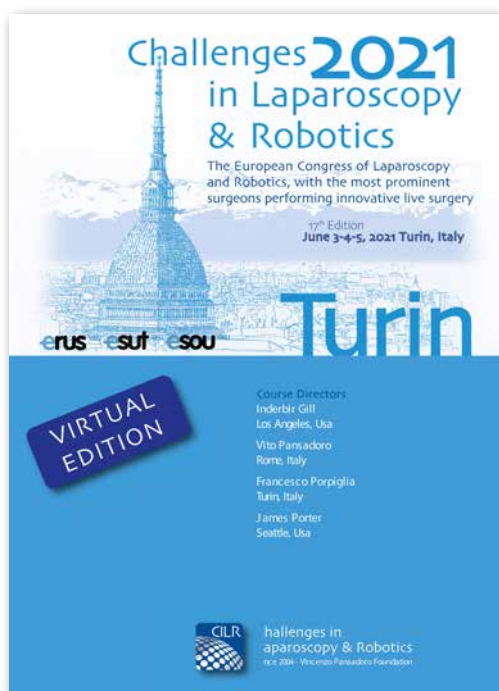
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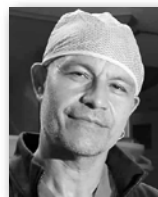


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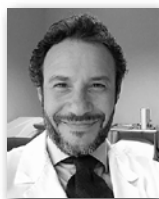
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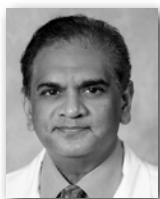
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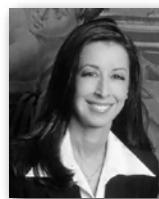
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SURGICAL SESSION			
TIME	SCREEN 1	SCREEN 2	SCREEN 3
1 <sup>st</sup> Live Session 8:10 - 9:30	<b>RAPN with Inner-sight 3D (X)</b> Surgeon: Jens Uwe Stolzenburg  Moderators: Yu Gao, Nina Harke, Lorenzo Masieri	<b>RARN with IVC Thrombectomy with EDGE Robot (Broadcasting from China)</b> Surgeon: Xin Ma  Moderators: Riccardo Autorino, Ravi Barod, James Porter	<b>Salvage RAPN (X)</b> Surgeon: Markus Graefen  Moderators: Giovanni Cacciamani, Riccardo Campi, Benjamin I. Chung
9:30 - 10:00	<b>Opening and welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of CILR</b> Course Directors  <b>Bladder Transplantation: First-in-Human</b> Inderbir Gill		
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Robotic Recto-Anastomotic Fistula Repair following RARP (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Rajesh Nair  Moderator: Karen Fransis	<b>Robotic PN in T1b in Horseshoe kidney with Hugo-RAS (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Rocco Papalia  Moderator: Chris Anderson	<b>Retro Robotic RAPN for Multiple Renal Masses in VHL (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Riccardo Bertolo  Moderator: Lukas Lusuardi
2 <sup>nd</sup> Live Session 10:30 - 12:00	<b>RARP for Locally Advanced PCa (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Bernardo Rocco  Moderators: Riccardo Bartoletti, Abhay Rane, Xu Zhang	<b>Bilateral Ureteral Substitution with Ileal Loop (Broadcasting from China)</b> Surgeon: Xuesong Li  Moderators: Alessandro Antonelli, Francesco Curto, Daniel Eun	<b>Laparoscopic Adrenalectomy with Para-aortic Lymph Node Dissection</b> Surgeon: Antonio Celia  Moderators: Harrie Beerlage, Bin Fu, Alberto Pansadoro
12:00 - 12:30	<b>Focus on Prostate Cancer: Relugolix</b> Alessandro Antonelli		
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Panel on SP</b> Chair: James Porter Ketan Badani (SP) vs. Giuseppe Simone (MP) Lee Zhao (SP) vs. Daniel Eun (MP) Simone Crivellaro (SP) vs. James Porter (MP)  <b>Special Award of Excellence: the Best Semilive of CILR 2025</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Live Session 13:30 - 15:00	<b>RAPN for highly complex renal mass (X)</b> Surgeon: Andrea Minervini  Moderators: Fabrizio Dal Moro, Mihir Desai, Senthil Nathan	<b>Single Port Antegrade Robotic inguinal Lymphadenectomy (SPARiL)</b> Surgeon: Aldo Brassetti  Moderators: Riccardo Bertolo, Simone Crivellaro, Ugo Falagario	<b>RAPN (SP)</b> (Broadcasting from Turin) Surgeon: Francesco Porpiglia  Moderators: Aldo Bocciardi, Kris Maes, Gabriele Tuderti
15:00 - 15:30	<b>Special Award of Excellence: Robotic Neobladder-Enteric Fistula Repair (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Karen Fransis Moderator: Costantino Leonardo	<b>SP Transvesical Robotic Partial Prostatectomy (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Jihad Kaouk Moderator: Giuseppe Simone	<b>Special Award of Excellence: SP Ileal Free-flap Posterior Urethroplasty (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Lee Zhao Moderator: Simone Albisinni
4 <sup>th</sup> Live Session 15:30 - 16:30	<b>RARP (H)</b> Surgeon: Riccardo Schiavina  Moderators: Antonio A. Grosso, Rocco Papalia, Alessandro Sciarra	<b>Laparoscopic PN for Embolized AML</b> Surgeon: Renaud Bollens  Moderators: Manlio Cappa, Tibet Erdogru, Agostino Tuccio	<b>RAPN for cT2b renal mass in solitary kidney (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Inderbir Gill  Moderators: Prokar Dasgupta, Levent Turkeri, Wei Xue
16:30 - 17:00	<b>Prostate-sparing RARC with Neobladder (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Simone Albisinni  Moderator: Martinez-Piñero	<b>Robotic RPLND for Retroperitoneal Germ-Cell Tumor (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Ketan Badani (Reza Mehrzin)  Moderator: Sisto Perdonà	<b>Robotic Ileal Neo-ureter from Complete Traumatic Ureteral Avulsion (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Carlo Terrone  Moderator: Pierluigi Bove
5 <sup>th</sup> Live Session 17:00 - 18:30	<b>Retroperitoneal RAPN in solitary kidney (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Alessandro Antonelli  Moderators: Ketan Badani, Riccardo Mastroianni, Viktoria Schutz	<b>Lisbon Clipless RARP (X)</b> Surgeon: Kris Maes  Moderators: Jihad Kaouk, Rosario Leonardi, Shaogang Wang	<b>SP Retroperitoneal Ureteroplasty with LAA</b> Surgeon: Peter Wiklund  Moderators: Jens-Uwe Stolzenburg, Peng Wu, Lee Zhao

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SURGICAL SESSION			
TIME	SCREEN 1	SCREEN 2	SCREEN 3
1 <sup>st</sup> Live Session 8:00 - 10:00	<b>RARC with Neobladder (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Richard Gaston  Moderators: Aldo Bocciardi, Flavia Proietti, Jens Uwe Stolzenburg,	<b>RAPN (X)</b> Surgeon: Nina Harke  Moderators: Simone Albisinni, Carlo Terrone, Qiang Wei	<b>nsRARP (X)</b> Surgeon: Xu Zhang  Moderators: Prokar Dasgupta, Francesco Del Giudice, Mario Falsaperla
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Robotic Total Ureterectomy and Ileal Substitution for UTUC (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Alessandro Antonelli  Moderator: Andrea Gavazzi	<b>Transvesical vs. Extraperitoneal SP Radical Prostatectomy: face to face (Semilive)</b>  Jihad Kaouk (SPARC) vs. Francesco Porpiglia	<b>Robotic Retrohepatic IVC Thrombectomy with the Caudate Lobectomy (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Quingbo Huang  Moderator: Kris Maes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Live Session 10:30 - 12:00	<b>Ureteroptyasty with BMG (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Michael Stifelman  Moderators: Di Gu, Luis Martinez-Piñeiro, Rajesh Nair	<b>Clamless and Sutureless RAPN (X)</b> Surgeon: Giuseppe Simone  Moderators: Fabrizio Dal Moro, James Porter, Silvia Secco	<b>RAPN (SP)</b> Surgeon: Simone Crivellaro  Moderators: Riccardo Autorino, Benjamin I. Chung, Daniel Eun
12:00 - 13:00	<b>Panel on AI</b> Chair: Inderbir Gill 1. <b>Generative AI: Basic concepts</b> - Inderbir Gill 2. <b>AI in Radiology</b> - Emanuele Casciani 3. <b>Surgical AI</b> - Mihir Desai 4. <b>AI for Disseminating Scientific Literature</b> - Giovanni Cacciamani 5. <b>Automating Outpatient Clinics using AI</b> - Inderbir Gill 6. <b>Discussion Q&amp;A (12 min)</b>		
13:00 - 13:30	<b>Single Port Extraperitoneal Retzius-sparing (SPERS) RARP (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Antonio Galfano  Moderator: Peter Wiklund	<b>SP Robotic Distal Ureterectomy and Reimplantation via Extraperitoneal LAA (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Riccardo Autorino  Moderator: Maurizio De Maria	<b>LAP Transgluteal Piriformis Muscle Section for Pudendal Nerve Decompression (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Renaud Bollens  Moderator: Tibet Erdogru
13:30 - 14:00	<b>Focus on adjuvant treatment for kidney cancer</b> Lorenzo Antonuzzo		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Live Session 14:00 - 15:30	<b>RAPN in cT2 renal mass (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Ravi Barod  Moderators: Riccardo Bartoletti, Harrie Beerlage, Gongxian Wang	<b>Retroperitoneal RAPN (H)</b> Surgeon: James Porter  Moderators: Daniele Amparore, Chirs Anderson, Giorgio Pomara	<b>Robot-assisted Repair of Vesico-Rectal Fistula (SP)</b> Surgeon: Lee Zhao  Moderators: Antonio Celia, Markus Graefen, Costantino Leonardo
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Total Intra-Hilar Endophytic RAPN (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Andrea Minervini  Moderator: Giuseppe Simone	<b>Robotic/Endo Transureteroureterostomy for Incomplete Ureteral Duplication (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Alessandro Volpe  Moderator: Rajesh Nair	<b>Salvage Robotic RARPs (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Senthil Nathan  Moderator: Sisto Perdonà
4 <sup>th</sup> Live Session 16:00 - 17:00	<b>Augmentation Cystoplasty (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Mihir Desai  Moderators: Paolo Emiliozzi, Sergio Serni, Agostino Tuccio	<b>Special Award of Excellence: SP Robotic Retro Left RN and Renal Vein Thrombectomy (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Simone Crivellaro Moderator: Aldo Brassetti	<b>Robotic Level III IVC with Toumai® Robotic System (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Xuepei Zhang  Moderator: Giovanni Cacciamani
		<b>SMA Injury during Robotic IVC Thrombectomy (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Francesco Porpiglia  Moderator: Abhay Rane	<b>Robotic Recto-Vesical Fistula Repair (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Riccardo Schiavina  Moderator: Carlo Terrone
17:00 - 17:30	<b>Robotic Metastasectomy from Chromophobe RCC Retroperitoneal Recurrence (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Benjamin I. Chung  Moderator: Riccardo Mastroianni	<b>LAP Ureteroptyasty with BMG (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Antonio Celia  Moderator: Renaud Bollens	<b>Robotic Y-V Plasty for VUAS (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Luis Martinez-Pineiro  Moderator: Bernardo Rocco

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1 <sup>st</sup> Live Session 8:00 - 9:30	<b>Robot-assisted Repair of Neovesico Vaginal Fistula (Xi)</b>  Surgeon: Richard Gaston  Moderators: Chris Anderson, Victor E. Corona Montes, Fabrizio Di Maida	<b>RAPN (H)</b>  Surgeon: Rocco Papalia  Moderators: Nina Harke, Jihad Kaouk, Lukas Lusuardi	<b>RAPN (SP)</b>  Surgeon: Ketan Badani  Moderators: Riccardo Autorino, Senthil Nathan, Viktoria Schutz
9:30 - 9:45	<b>Surgical atlas of pelvis: radicality vs sex preserving</b> Renaud Bollens		
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Strategies for Robotic RN and Level III IVC (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Umberto Anceschi  Moderator: Daniele Amparore	<b>The art of Nerve Sparing (Broadcast from USA)</b>  Surgeon: Ashutosh Tewari	<b>Challenging RARP with Hugo-RAS (Semilive)</b> Surgeon: Prokar Dasgupta  Moderator: Sisto Perdonà
2 <sup>nd</sup> Live Session 10:30 - 12:00	<b>RAPN + Sigmoidectomy (Xi)</b>  Surgeon: Inderbir Gill  Moderators: Riccardo Bertolo, Giuseppe Simone, Junhua Zheng	<b>RARC with Ileal Conduit (X)</b>  Surgeon: Costantino Leonardo  Moderators: Ugo Falagario, Yuanjie Niu, Alberto Pansadoro	<b>Redo RAPN (X)</b>  Surgeon: James Porter  Moderators: Simone Albisinni, Franco Gaboardi, Rajesh Nair
12:00 - 12:30	<b>Focus on bladder cancer</b> Cora Sternberg		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Live Session 12:30 - 14:00	<b>Laparoscopic Bladder Diverticulectomy</b>  Surgeon: Renaud Bollens  Moderators: Pierluigi Bove, Manlio Cappa, Mario Falsaperla	<b>Robot-assisted Trans-Vaginal Ureteral Reimplant (SP)</b>  Surgeon: Lee Zhao  Moderators: Aldo Brassetti, Simone Crivellaro, Alessandro Volpe	<b>Retzius Sparing RARP (H)</b>  Surgeon: Antonio Galfano  Moderators: Alessandro Antonelli, Karen Fransis, Andrea Mari



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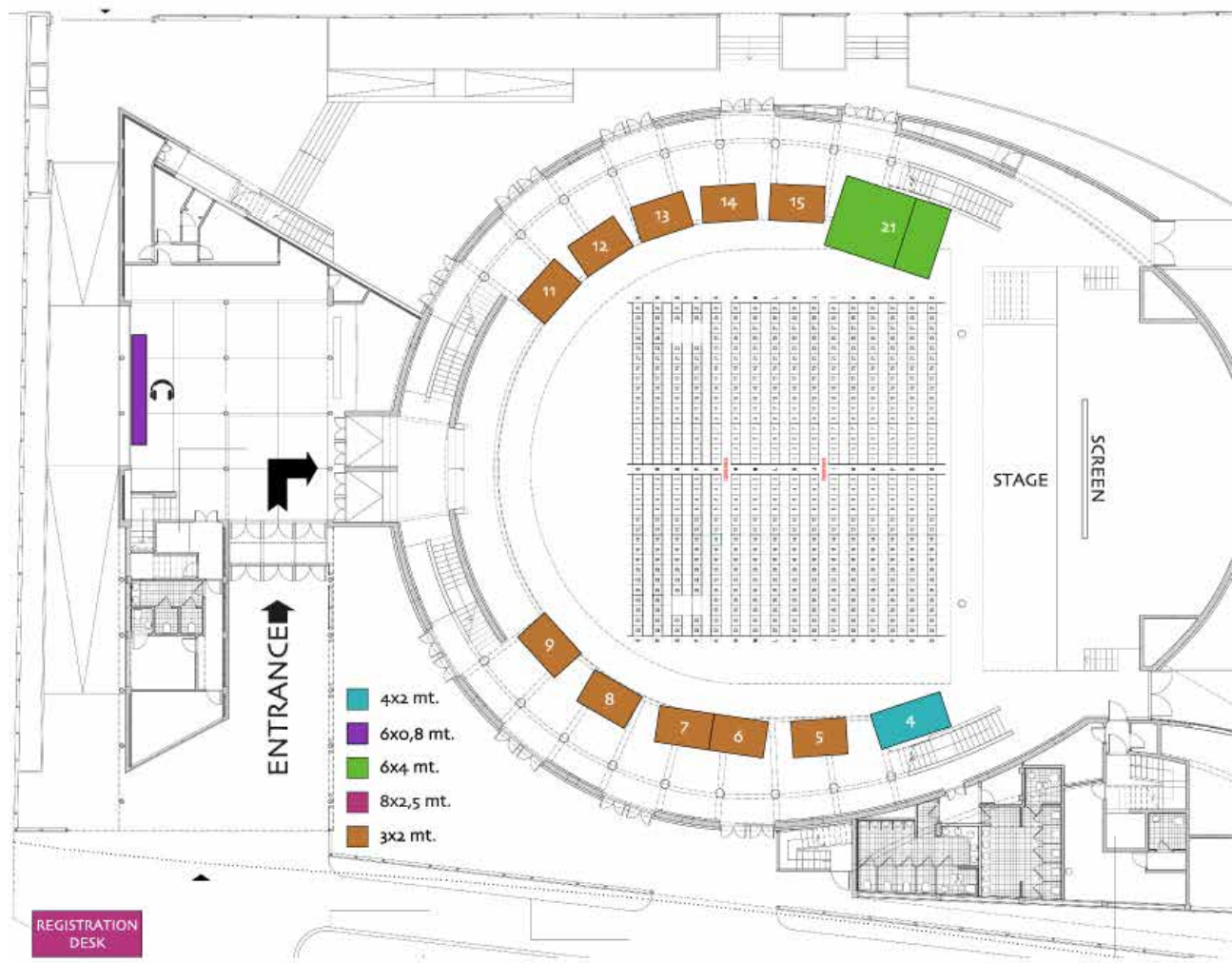
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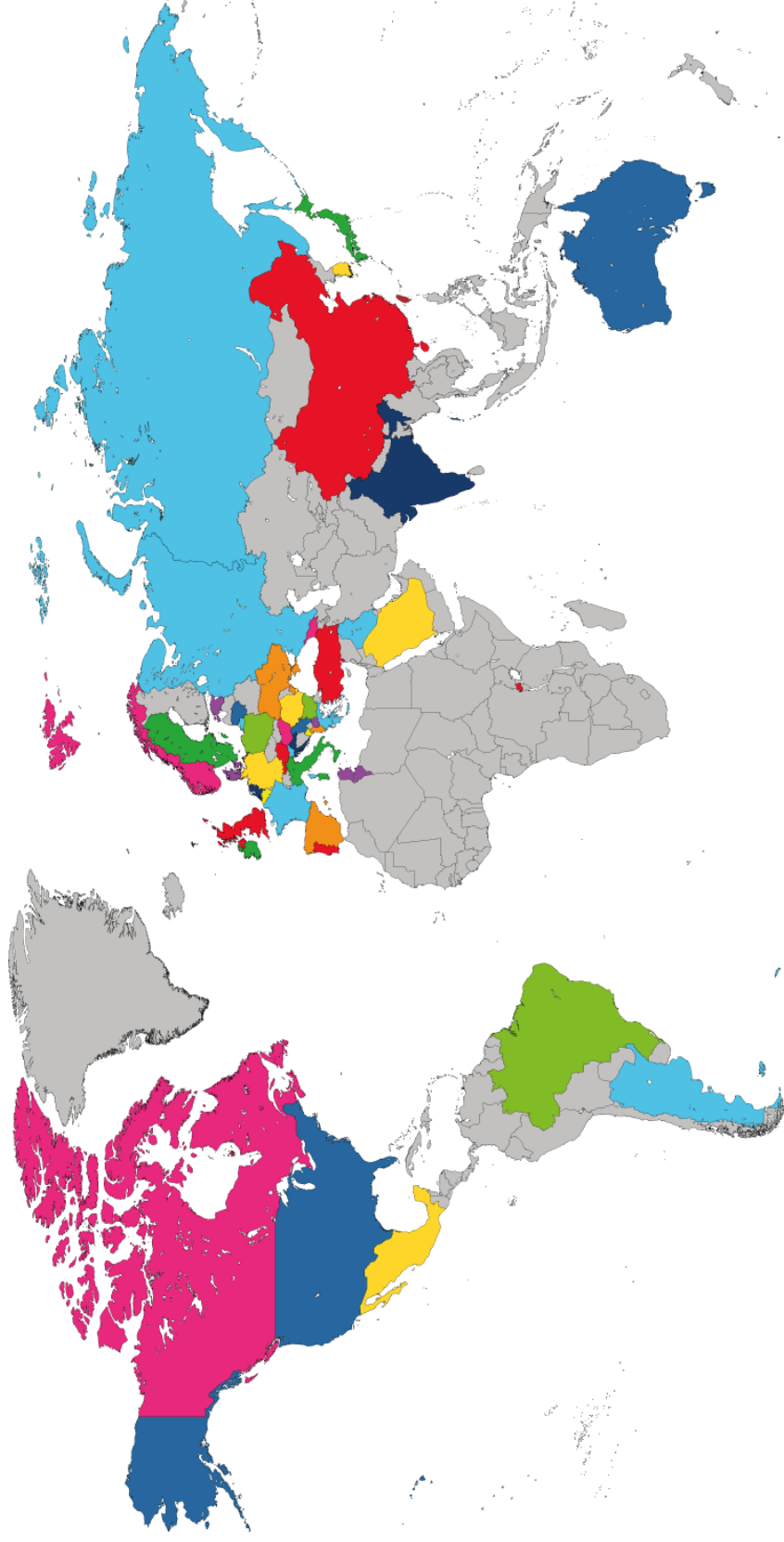
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