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50 CONGRESS TVL SURGICAL ASSOCIATION

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS IN SURGERY

CONGRESS PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER PERATHONER

IN MERANO, ITALY
SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2026
Sala Conferenze | Kurhaus



INTRODUCTION



Dear Colleagues!
Dear Friends of the TVL-Association!

It is a great honor to invite you to the 50th Annual Congress of the Tyrolean-Venetian-Lombard Society of Surgery, which will take place on September 25, 2026, in the beautiful Kurhaus of the historically significant city of Meran in South Tyrol.

In keeping with the 50th anniversary, the theme of the congress is “Past, Present, and Future Highlights in Surgery”. Together with distinguished speakers, we will look back at the past, discuss current standards, and explore exciting future trends. The focus will be on colorectal and hepatobiliary surgery, with particular emphasis on the development of robotic surgery, complemented by presentations on artificial intelligence, education, and quality management.

The congress celebrates the long-standing friendship between Austrian and Italian surgeons, which has made it an exceptionally congenial and special event for the past 50 years.

I would be delighted to welcome you personally to Meran on September 25, 2026, to spend together an interesting and varied congress day celebrating the wonderful multicultural spirit of the TVL-Society.

With kind regards!
Alexander Perathoner

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AGENDA

08:45 **OPENING CEREMONY, INTRODUCTION | A. Perathoner, C. Kofler**

SESSION I

Chairmen | **A. Perathoner, A. Ruzzenente, S. Schneeberger**

09:00 **T. Campagnaro** | SURGERY OF LIVER METASTASES: FROM A PALLIATIVE SITUATION TO A CURATIVE TREATMENT.

09:20 **A. Königsrainer** | STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE RESECTABILITY IN LIVER SURGERY.

09:40 **A. Frena** | HOW TO START AND IMPLMENT A ROBOTIC SURGERY PROGRAM.

09:55 **R. Oberhuber** | TRANSPLANT MEDICINE: A STORY OF CONTINUOUS INNOVATION IN SURGERY.

10:10 Coffee break

SESSION II

Chairmen | **A. Guglielmi, J. Pratschke, G. Sitzmann**

10:40 **L. Boccia** | DIFFICULT CHOLECYSTECTOMY AND MANAGEMENT OF BILE DUCT INJURY.

11:00 **M. Maglione** | TIPS & TRICKS IN PANCREATIC SURGERY.

11:20 **S. Conci** | THE IMPACT OF ROBOTIC SURGERY ON THE FUTURE OF HPB SURGERY AND SURGICAL TRAINING.

11:35 **G. Schumacher** | QUALITY INDICATORS IN MODERN SURGERY.

KEYNOTE LECTURE

11:50 **J. Widmann** | 50 YEARS OF TVL CONGRESSES: TVL HISTORY AND PERSONAL MEMORIES.

12:20 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

12:30 **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

13:00 Lunch

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SESSION III

Chairmen | **A. Ruzzenente, S. Schneeberger**

14:00 **A. Pircher** | YOUNG TVL: QUICK SHOT ABSTRACT.

14:10 **R. Bellotti** | YOUNG TVL: QUICK SHOT ABSTRACT.

14:20 **L. Alaimo** | YOUNG TVL: QUICK SHOT ABSTRACT.

SESSION IV

Chairmen | **A. Elio, R. Kafka-Ritsch, H. Pernthaler**

14:30 **E. Gasser** | MULTIMODAL THERAPY OF RECTAL CANCER: A LARGE SELECTION FROM UPFRONT SURGERY TO NON OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT.

14:50 **C. Pedrazzani** | VIDEO PRESENTATION: CHALLENGES IN LAPAROSCOPIC AND ROBOTIC COLORECTAL SURGERY.

15:10 **M. Linares** | THE DEVELOPMENT OF DIVERTICULITIS TREATMENT OVER THE LAST DECADES.

15:25 **O. Koch** | ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN SURGERY: EVOLUTION, TRENDS, AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS.

15:40 Coffee Break

SESSION V

Chairmen | **F. Martin, D. Öfner, G. Tirone**

16:10 **S. Giacomuzzi** | STILL CONTROVERSIES IN THE SURGICAL TREATMENT OF THE GASTROESOPHAGEAL JUNCTION CANCER?

16:30 **A. Carrara** | INCISIONAL HERNIA: SURGICAL MANAGEMENT AND MESH SELECTION.

16:50 **B. Cardini** | HOW CAN SURGERY REMAIN ATTRACTIVE FOR YOUNG COLLEAGUES?

17:10 Closing remarks | **A. Perathoner**

INFORMATION

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CONGRESS VENUE

Sala Conferenze for the congress | Sala Ohmann for sponsors and networking
Kurhaus Merano, Corso Libertà 33, 39012 Merano, Italy

CONGRESS LANGUAGE

The official languages of the congress are English, German, and Italian, the language of the oral presentations is English.

CONGRESS REGISTRATION

Congress registration is free

CME CREDITS (valid for Italians only)

8 crediti ECM | ID 2403-483675

L'evento è accreditato ECM e si rivolge a tutte le professioni sanitarie.

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