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Date: Friday 14th November 2025

Venue: MedTech 2025 Conference, Mediterranean Conference Centre (MCC)

Hosted by: The Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Society of Malta (LESM) in collaboration with Med-in Pharma and MedTech World.

CME: 6 points

08:30 – 08:50 | INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

- 08:30 – 08:35 Introductory talk – Mr. P. Andrejevic (LESM President)
- 08:35 – 08:40 Opening remarks - Hon. Minister Dr. Jo-Etienne Abela

08:40 – 10:00 | SESSION 1: ADVANCES IN GENERAL SURGERY

MODERATORS: MS. J. SCHEMBRI HIGGANS MS. J. PSAILA AND PROF. M. CHAND

- 08:40 – 09:05 | Keynote Lecture: Innovations in surgery: what I have seen over a career – Prof. S. Wexner
- 09:05 – 09:20 | Veress PLUS: Redefining safety in first abdominal access – Dr.Ir.ing. T. Horeman-Franse
- 09:20 – 09:35 | Robotic colorectal surgery in Malta: current challenges and future practice – Mr. C. Cini
- 09:35 – 09:50 | Robotic upper GI surgery in Malta: current challenges and future practice – Mr. C. Caruana
- 09:50 – 10:00 | Q&A

10:00 – 10:30 | COFFEE BREAK



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10:30 -11.40 | SESSION 2: INNOVATIONS AND CONTROVERSIES IN ADVANCED ONCOLOGICAL SURGERY

MODERATORS: MS. K. SCHEMBRI VANHEAR, MR. C. CARUANA AND PROF. T. ARULAMPALAM

- 10:30 – 10:45 | Heated Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) & Pressurised Intraperitoneal Aerosol Chemotherapy (PIPEC)– Ms. D. Cortes Guiral
- 10:45 – 11:00 | The local experience in cytoreductive surgery – Mr. M. Brincat
- 11:00 – 11:15 | Simultaneous resection of colonic primary and CRLMs: is it feasible? – Mr. N. Cassar
- 11:15 – 11:30 | Aggressive management in advanced cancer: when is enough, enough? – Mr. N. Spiteri
- 11:30 – 11.40 | Q&A

11:40 – 12:55 | SESSION 3: THE ROLE OF ROBOTS AND AI IN SHAPING THE SURGEON’S WORLD

MODERATORS: MR. MARK PORTELLI, MR. N. SPITERI AND PROF. S. WEXNER

- 11:40 – 11:55 | Robots in surgery: simply a tool or so much more? – Prof. M. Chand
- 11:55 – 12:10 | Artificial intelligence in training and research – Prof. T. Arulampalam
- 12:10 – 12:25 | Where AI meets surgery – Prof. J. Abela
- 12.25 – 12:40 | Fluorescence guided surgery and AI – Mr. J. Dalli
- 12:40 – 12:55 | Q&A

12:55 – 14:10 | MEET THE EXPERT LUNCH BREAK

14:10 – 15:20 | SESSION 4: MINIMALLY INVASIVE METABOLIC SURGERY: THE RISE OF ENDOLUMINAL TECHNIQUES

MODERATORS: MS. K PACE, MR. P. ANDREJEVIC AND PROF. R. BELLINI

- 14:10 – 14:25 | Latest advancements in endoluminal intervention – Prof. E. Despott



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- 14:25 – 14:40 | Bariatric Endoluminal Surgery: the future of obesity management – Dr. S. Chiappetta and Dr. A. Formiga
- 14:40 – 14:55 | Dumping Syndrome after RYGB: how to treat and when? Dr. C. Stier
- 14:55 – 15:10 | Combined endoscopic and laparoscopic approach in magnetic technique in bariatric-metabolic operations – Prof M. Fried; ESG differences and similarities: Laparoscopic (surgeon’s) and Endoscopic (endoscopist’s) view – Dr. Charpentier
- 15:10 – 15:20 | Q&A

15:20 – 16:20 | FREE PAPER SESSION

MODERATORS: MR. C. CAMENZULI, MS. R. ABELA AND PROF. FRIED.

6 free papers with 10 minutes each (7 minutes for presentation and 3 minutes for discussion)

16:20 – 16:45 | AWARD PRESENTATION & CLOSING REMARKS

- 16:20-16:30 | Award presentations for best poster and best oral presentation
- 16:30-16:45 | Closing Remarks and the future of LESM for 2026 – Mr. P. Andrejevic (LESM President)