



# Davos Course 2026

## Advanced Course: Hernia Module

### Scientific Program

14.04. - 16.04.2026

#### Information on combination of Advanced Course Modules:

Different modules within the Advanced Course can be combined and a reduced fee is available for combined modules.

The Modules Colorectal, HPB and Bariatric take place from Saturday to Tuesday and can be combined with Modules Hernia or Upper GI taking place from Tuesday to Thursday.

In case of any question please contact the organization.

As places are limited in Advanced Course Modules be aware that reservation of your place is only given after payment! Participants who book combined modules will be preferred in case of waiting lists.

Tuesday, 14.04.2026

ACH

16.15 **ONLY for Faculty & Instructors**  
**Instructors briefing Advanced Course**  
**Upper GI Module & Hernia Module**  
 Room Aspen  
 - W. Brunner

## Advanced Course Hernia Module

16.00 **Registration for participants only joining hernia module  
 at Course Secretariat**

**16.45 Start Advanced Course Hernia Module**  
**Room Aspen**  
 - W. Brunner

17.00 – 19.30 **Lecture I - Standard techniques – operative steps**

Moderation: R. Kraus, L. Massey

Concepts in inguinal hernia repair W. Brunner

A difficult case – inguinal hernia B. Mück

Concepts in ventral hernia repair H. Hoffmann

A difficult case – ventral hernia D. Eucker

Instruction of models - W. Brunner, U Dietz

Wednesday, 15.04.2026

ACH

- 08.00 – 09.30      **Practical Exercises**  
Room Sanada  
(see individual schedule)
- 09.30 – 10.00      **Break**  
Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)
- 10.00 – 12.00      **Lecture II**  
Room Aspen  
  
Moderation: H. Hoffmann, A. Sayers
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|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Wound closure and infection          | R. Fortelny  |
| Preoperative optimisation            | L. Massey    |
| TAR – step by step                   | J. Douissard |
| Concepts in parastomal hernia repair | W. Brunner   |
- 12.00 – 14.45      **Lunch break**  
  
**Virtual Reality Training** (Room Sertig)  
**Robotic Training** (Room Wisshorn)  
For more detailed information, refer to the online program.
- 14.45 – 16.45      **Practical exercises**  
Room Sanada  
(see individual schedule)
- 16.45 – 17.15      **Break**  
Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)
- 17.15 – 19.15      **Split group theory**
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| Room Aspen                             |  |
| Treatment of recurrent inguinal hernia | H. Hoffmann<br>R. Kraus, A. Sayers, B. Mück, G. Köhler         |
| Room Studio                            |  |
| Approaches to chronic inguinal pain    | U. Dietz<br>R. Fortelny, L. Massey, J. Douissard, W. Tabarelli |

Thursday, 16.04.2026

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08.00 – 10.00	<b>Lecture III</b> Room Aspen	
	Moderation: D. Eucker, M. Willaume	
	What should you know about meshes	A. Sayers
	Robotics in hernia surgery	B. Mück
	Abdominal compartment syndrome: Open abdomen – options for closure	H. Hoffmann
	What's hot, what's new?	G. Köhler
10.00 – 10.30	<b>Break</b> Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)	
10.30 – 12.15	<b>Practical Exercises</b> Room Sanada (see individual schedule)	
12.15 – 12.30	<b>Break</b>	
12.30 – 14.15	<b>Meet the experts lunch</b> Room Aspen	
	Moderation: H. Hoffmann, B. Mück	
	BTX in ventral hernia repair	H. Hoffmann D. Eucker
	Re – redo ventral hernia – options?	J. Douissard
	Complications in hernia repair - avoidance & treatment	R. Fortelny
14.15 – 14.30	<b>Advanced Course Closure Hernia Module</b> <b>Distribution of certificates</b>	