



Davos Course 2026

Intermediate Course

Preliminary Scientific Program

11.04. - 16.04.2026

SATURDAY, 11.04.2026

ONLY for Faculty & Instructors, Industry
Hall Davos

09.00 *Industry Briefing*

10.00 **Faculty meeting & Instructors briefing (all modules)**
Get to know & Teach the teacher

from 10.45 **Module core Meetings**

INTERMEDIATE COURSE

11.00 **Opening of the Course Secretariat and Registration**

13.45 **DAVOS COURSE OPENING**
Hall Davos (all Course Levels)
- W. Brunner, St. Gallen, CH
- L. Fourie, Luzern, CH

14.15 – 16.00 **Joint lecture**
Hall Davos

Moderation: D. Frey, Baden
C. Bruns, Köln
C. Nebiker, Aarau

Principles in surgery 20 min
- C. Hamel, Lörrach

Principles in minimally invasive surgery 20 min
- D. Christoforidis, Lugano

Anastomotic techniques 20 min
- B. Weixler, Winterthur

Surgical Site Infections 25 min
- Harry v Goor, Nijmegen

16.00 – 16.30 **Break**
Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

16.30 – 18.30 **Practical exercises – Laparoscopic Surgery**
Rooms Sanada, Schwarzhorn, Seehorn

Cholangiography

B. Weixler; Rebecca Kraus¹(Winterthur, Chur CH)

Laparoscopic cholecystectomy / Liver Biopsy

B. Weixler; Rebecca Kraus¹(Winterthur, Chur CH)

18.30 **Welcome Reception**
Hall Davos & Foyer

SUNDAY, 12.04.2026

INTERMEDIATE

08.00 – 09.30

Lecture
Hall Davos**“Hepatobiliary”**Moderation: C. Bruns, Köln
M. Bolli, LuzernThe difficult gallbladder – bail out strategies
- S. Staubli, LondonWhat the general surgeon should know about liver surgery
- J. Oberholzer, Zürich

09.30 – 10.00

Break
Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.00 – 12.00

Practical exercises – Laparoscopic Surgery
Rooms Sanada, Schwarzhorn, Seehorn**Knot pushers**

Daniel Frey; Stephan Bischofberger (Baden CH; St. Gallen CH)

Surgical knot (Stomach)

Daniel Frey; Stephan Bischofberger (Baden CH; St. Gallen CH)

Intracorporeal knot (stomach)

Daniel Frey; Stephan Bischofberger (Baden CH; St. Gallen CH)

12.00 – 15.45

Lunch break**Virtual Reality Training** (Room Sertig)**Robotic Training** (Room Wisshorn)

For more detailed information, refer to the online program.

From 15.15

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

15.45 – 17.15

Interactive Panel discussion

Hall Davos

- Moderators: C. Bruns, Köln, V. Sallinen, Helsinki

Electrosurgery: mechanism, tips & tricks
O. Buyne, Nijmegen

25 min

Clinical scenarios I: decision making**Acute situations in abdominal surgery:**

- Moderator: O. Buyne, Nijmegen

- Panelists: C. Bruns, Köln
V. Sallinen, Helsinki
L. Evans, Norwich

Case Presenters: S. Staubli, London 25min

M. Kraljevic, Luzern 25min

17.30 – 19.30

Practical exercises – Laparoscopic Surgery

Rooms Sanada, Schwarzhorn, Seehorn

Intracorporeal running suture

Christian Nebiker; M. Kraljevic (Aarau CH, Luzern, CH)

Side-Side Anastomosis (jejuno-jejunostomy lap)

Christian Nebiker; M. Kraljevic (Aarau CH, Luzern, CH)

MONDAY, 13.04. 2026

INTERMEDIATE

08.00 – 09.30

Lecture
Hall Davos**“Upper GI”**Moderation: C. Bruns, Köln
D. Pournaras, BristolGERD – Surgical Treatment
- L. Fourie, LuzernGastric Cancer
- K. Beyer, BerlinEsophageal Cancer
- F. Nickel, Hamburg

09.30 – 10.00

Break
Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.00 – 12.00

Practical exercises – Laparoscopic Surgery
Rooms Sanada, Schwarzhorn, Seehorn[Laparoscopic Fundoplication](#)

Lana Fourie (Luzern, CH); F. Nickel (Hamburg, DE)

12.00 – 15.45

Lunch break**Virtual Reality Training** (Room Sertig)
Robotic Training (Room Wisshorn)
For more detailed information, refer to the online program.

From 15.15

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

15:45 -17:15 **Interactive joint session**
Hall Davos

Moderation: W. Brunner, St. Gallen
O. Flemmen, Skien

Children are same, but different - what every general surgeon should know about pediatric surgery!
- M. Stanton, Southampton

Management of surgical complication and its evidence

Case Presenters: S. Breitenstein, Winterthur
 G. Beldi, Bern

17.30 – 19.15 **Practical exercises – Laparoscopic Surgery**
Rooms Sanada, Schwarzhorn, Seehorn

[Laparoscopic anterior resection](#)

Christian Krieglstein; Benjamin Weixler (Köln, DE, Winterthur, CH)

[Port site closure](#)

Christian Krieglstein; Benjamin Weixler (Köln, DE, Winterthur, CH)

TUESDAY, 14.04. 2026

INTERMEDIATE

08.00 – 09.30

Lecture
Hall Davos**“Life threatening conditions”**Moderation: B.Weixler, Winterthur
T. Scheinin, HelsinkiAbdominal trauma
- P. Svenningsen, KopenhagenMesenteric ischemia
- K. Horisberger, MainzMetabolic surgery
- D. Frey, Baden

09.30 – 10.00

Break
Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.00 – 12.00

Practical exercises – Laparoscopic Surgery
Rooms Sanada, Schwarzhorn, Seehorn[Closure of Gastrostomy](#)Peter Vogelbach¹; D. Frey (Davos CH; Baden, CH)[Open Cholecystectomy](#)

Peter Vogelbach; D. Frey (Davos CH; Baden, CH)

12.00 – 16.30

Lunch break (According to your personal schedule)**Virtual Reality Training** (Room Sertig)**Robotic Training** (Room Wisshorn)

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From 15.45

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

16.30 – 17.30 **Interactive joint Session**
Hall Davos

Management of anastomotic leakage and its evidence

Moderation: D. Hahnloser, Lausanne

Presenters:

Upper GI:

C. Bruns, Köln

Lower GI:

F. Herbst, Wien

17.45 – 19.45 **Practical exercises – Open Surgery**
Davos 1/3

Knots, Knotting at depth, instrumental

Daniel Frey¹; Sebastian Staubli²(¹Wetzikon CH; ²London UK)

Continuous suture technique

Daniel Frey¹; Sebastian Staubli²(¹Wetzikon CH; London UK)

Posterior wall mattress and continuous sutures

Daniel Frey¹; Sebastian Staubli²(¹Wetzikon CH; London UK)

Continuous anastomosis E-E

Daniel Frey¹; Sebastian Staubli²(¹Wetzikon CH; London UK)

WEDNESDAY, 15.04. 2026

INTERMEDIATE

08.00 – 09.30

Lecture

Hall Davos

“Colorectal surgery”Moderation: K. Horisberger, Mainz
G. Seifert, FreiburgLaparoscopic colorectal surgery
- W. Brunner, St. GallenRectal cancer treatment
- F. Herbst, WienSurgical aspects of inflammatory bowel disease
- B. Weixler, Winterthur

09.30 – 10.00

Break

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.00 – 12.00

Practical exercises – Open Surgery

Davos 1/3

[Stoma placement, Loop ileostomy \(Synthetic\) Colostomy](#)Christian Hamel¹; Gerd Silberhumer²(¹Lörrach DE; ²Wien AT)[Closure abdominal wall](#)Christian Hamel¹; Gerd Silberhumer²(¹Lörrach DE; ²Wien AT)[Anterior resection \(by stapler\)](#)Christian Hamel¹; Gerd Silberhumer²(¹Lörrach DE; ²Wien AT)

12.00 – 16.00

Lunch break (According to your personal schedule)**Virtual Reality Training** (Room Sertig)**Robotic Training** (Room Wisshorn)

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From 15.30

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

16.00 – 17.00 **Acute situations in abdominal surgery: clinical scenarios**
Hall Davos

Moderation: F. Herbst, Wien

- Panelists: K Horisberger, Mainz
J. Oberholzer, Zürich
P. Svenningsen, Kopenhagen

Case Presenters: G. Seifert, Freiburg
D. Christoforidis, Lugano

17.15 – 19.15 **Practical exercises – Open Surgery**
Davos 1/3

[Continuous anastomosis E-E Ileo-ileostomy](#)

Daniel Frey¹; Caroline Williamsson²(¹Baden CH; ²Lund SE)

[Ileo-transversostomy](#)

Daniel Frey¹; Caroline Williamsson²(Baden CH; ²Lund SE)

[Continuous anastomosis E-S](#)

Daniel Frey¹; Caroline Williamsson²(Baden CH; ²Lund SE)

[Cross-section gastroenterostomy](#)

Daniel Frey¹; Caroline Williamsson²(¹Baden CH; ²Lund SE)

THURSDAY, 16.04. 2026

INTERMEDIATE

08.00 – 10.00 **Practical exercises – Open Surgery**
Davos 1/3

[Stapled Oesophago-Jejunostomy](#)

Daniel Frey, Christian Hamel (Baden CH, Lörrach, D)

[Anterior Resection](#)

Daniel Frey, Christian Hamel (Baden CH, Lörrach, D)

10.00 – 10.30 **Break**
Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.30 – 12.00 **Lecture**
Hall Davos

„Pancreas“

Moderation: St. Breitenstein, Winterthur
J. Oberholzer, Zürich

Management of acute pancreatitis and its complications
- S. Bouwense Maastricht

Pancreatic cancer
- C. Reissfelder, Mannheim

12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch break**

13.00 – 15.00 **Practical exercises – Open Surgery**
Davos 1/3

[Pancreatic anastomosis](#)

V. Sallinen¹; Caroline Williamsson² (¹Helsinki, Fi; ²Lund SE)

[Hepaticojejunostomy](#)

V. Sallinen¹; Caroline Williamsson² (¹Helsinki, Fi; ²Lund SE)

15.00 **End of Intermediate Course**
Feedback & Distribution of certificates
Registration Desk