



Davos Course 2026

Pediatric Surgery

Preliminary Scientific Program

11.04. - 16.04.2026

The DavosCourse is the largest course on gastrointestinal surgery with over 300 participants from more than 25 countries since more than 40 years. Not only general and visceral surgeons in training but also all residents of all surgical fields as urology, gynecology or pediatric surgeons joined some course level within the last years.

In 2026 for the third time, we will organize the **Pediatric Surgery Module**, with focus on colorectal surgery. This course addresses pediatric surgeons as well as pediatric surgeons in training.

Lectures, interactive session and open, laparoscopic and robotic exercises focused on pediatric surgery will be offered.

The Pediatric Surgery Module Faculty 2026:

Floris Ferenschild	Module Director	Nijmegen, Netherlands
Stefan Holland-Cunz	Co -Module Director	Basel, Switzerland
Ivo de Blaauw		Nijmegen, Netherlands
Jan-Hendrik Goseman		Leipzig, Germany
Kristina Hagelsteen		Lund, Sweden
Alexander Mack		St. Gallen, Switzerland
Martin Metzelder		Vienna, Austria
Alessio Pini Prato		Alessandria, Italy
Michael Stanton		Southampton, UK

REGISTER EARLY

As places are limited in Advanced Course Modules be aware that reservation of your place is only given after payment!

We hope to motivate you and your colleagues from pediatric surgery departments to join this new module and wish you a great course!

Walter Brunner, Floris Ferenschild, Stefan Holland-Cunz

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

Advanced Course Pediatric Module

11.00	Opening of the Course Secretariat and Registration for participants of the pediatric module	
13.45	DAVOS COURSE OPENING Hall Davos (all Course Levels) - W. Brunner, St. Gallen, CH - L. Fourie, Luzern, CH	
14.15 – 16.15	Lecture I Room Flüela Moderation: F. Ferenschild, St. Holland - Cunz Introduction: who is who? Experience level? - Floris Ferenschild	10 min
	Challenges in pediatric anatomy - Jan Gosemann	20 min
	Congenital anomalies this course - M. Stanton	20 min
	Principles in pediatric open surgery - I. de Blaauw	20 min
	Principles in pediatric laparoscopic surgery - A. Pini Prato	20 min

- 16.15 – 16.45 **Break**
Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)
- 16.45 – 18.30 **Practical exercises** (see individual schedule)
Room Forum
- Moderation: F. Ferenschild, I. de Blaauw
- Intestinal anastomosis (stitch techniques)
- Intestinal caliber discrepancy
 - Tapering
- 18.30 **Welcome Reception**
Hall Davos & Foyer

SUNDAY, 12.04.2026

ACC

08.00 – 09.30

Lecture

Room Flüela

Moderation: M Stanton, K. Hagelsteen

Theme neonatal

Upper GI (esophageal atresia and duodenal atresia)

- J. Gosemann

Malrotation / volvulus

- M. Metzelder

NEC

- S. Holland Kunz

09.30 – 10.00

Break

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.00 – 12.00

Practical exercises (split groups)

Room Forum

Moderation: I. de Blaauw, J. Goseman

Open duodenal atresia repair

Stoma placement (loop)

Room Wisshorn & entrance hall

Moderation: F. Ferenschild, A. Pini Prato

Pediatric Robotic Training in small groups
(3 experienced – 3 basic)

12.00 – 16.15

Lunch break

15.30

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

16.00 – 17.00

Acute situations in neonatal and infantile abdominal surgery: clinical scenarios I / decision making

- gastroschisis
- omphalocele

Room Flüela

Moderator: I de Blaauw

- Panelists: K. Hagelsteen
M. Stanton
M. Metzelder
- Case presenters: J. Gosemann
S. Holland-Cunz

17.30 – 19.30

Practical exercises (split groups)

Room Forum

Moderation: I. de Blaauw, J. Goseman
Open duodenal atresia repair
Stoma placement (loop)

Room Wisshorn & entrance hall

Moderation: F. Ferenschild, A. Pini Prato
Pediatric Robotic Training in small groups
(3 experienced – 3 basic)

MONDAY, 13.04.2026

ACC

08.00 – 09.30 **Lecture ARM (split groups basic and advanced)**
Room Flüela (basic group)

Moderation: S. Holland Cunz, F. Ferenschild

Anorectal malformations overview and innovations
- M. Stanton

Surgical techniques in ARM
- K. Hagelsteen

Room Forum (advanced)
Cloacal malformations
- I. de Blaauw

Difficult cases (How do I do it; pitfalls and pearls)
- A. Pini Prato, J. Gosemann

09.30 – 10.00 **Break**
Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.00 – 12.00 **Practical exercises pediatric open (split groups)**

Room Forum

Moderation: K. Hagelsteen, I. de Blaauw
ARM model training

Room Wisshorn & entrance hall

Moderation: F. Ferenschild, A. Pini Prato
Pediatric Robotic Training in small groups
(3 experienced – 3 basic)

12.00 – 16.15 **Lunch break**

15.30 Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

16.15 – 17.15

From simple to difficult cases in ARM

Room Flüela

Moderation: M. Stanton

- Panelists: M. Metzelder
K. Hagelsteen
A. Pini Prato
- Case presenters: I. de Blaauw
J. Gosemann

17.30 – 19.15

Practical exercises (split groups)

Room Forum

Moderation: K. Hagelsteen, I. de Blaauw
ARM model training

Room Wisshorn & entrance hall

Moderation: F. Ferenschild, A. Pini Prato
Pediatric Robotic Training in small groups
(3 experienced – 3 basic)

TUESDAY, 14.04.2026

ACC

08.00 – 09.30

**Lecture Morbus Hirschsprung
(split groups basic/advanced)****Room Flüela (basic group)**

Moderation: I. de Blaauw, M. Metzelder

Morbus Hirschsprung overview and innovations
- F. FerenschildPathology and surgical procedures
- I. de BlaauwHirschsprung associated enterocolitis (HAEC)
- M. Stanton**Room Forum (advanced group)**

Total colonic hirschsprung

- A. Pini Prato

Difficult cases (interactive)

- K. Hagelsteen, M. Metzelder and S. Holland-Cunz

09.30 – 10.00

Break

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.00 – 12.00

Practical exercises (split groups)

Room Forum

Moderation: A. Pini Prato, M. Stanton

TERPT model training

12.00 – 16.30

Lunch break

16.00

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

16.30 – 17.30

Difficult cases and problematic complications
How do I do it? Pearls and pitfalls
Room **DISCHMA**

Moderation: F. Ferenschild, K.Hagelsteen

- Panelists: M. Metzelder
S. Holland-Cunz
J. Gosemann
- Case presenters: A. Pini Prato
M. Stanton

17.45 – 19.45

Practical exercises pediatric laparoscopy
Room Schwarzhorn

Moderation: J Gosemann, M. Stanton

Laparoscopic duodenal atresia repair

WEDNESDAY, 15.04.2026

ACC

08.00 – 09.30

Lecture - IBD

Room Flüela

Moderation: J. Gosemann, A. Pini Prato

IBD in children an overview and innovations
- S. Holland-Cunz

When to operate?
- F. Ferenschild

Complications in IBD surgery
- M. Stanton

09.30 – 10.00

Break

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.00 – 12.00

Practical exercises (split group)

Room Schwarzhorn

Moderation: M. Stanton, S. Holland - Cunz

Lap ileocolic resection (extra corporal anastomosis)

Room Wisshorn & entrance hall

Moderation: F. Ferenschild, A. Pini Prato
Pediatric Robotic Training in small groups
(3 experienced – 3 basic)

12.00 – 16.00

Lunch break

15.30

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

16.00 – 17.00

Small group work:

Room Flüela

Pro- con battle

Moderation: F. Ferenschild, M. Metzelder

- Panelists: M. Stanton
K. Hagelsteen
I. de Blaauw

- Case presenters: participants

17.15 – 19.15

Practical exercises (split groups)

Room Schwarzhorn

Moderation: M. Stanton, S. Holland - Cunz
Lap ileocolic resection (intra corporal anastomosis)

Room Wisshorn & entrance hall

Moderation: F. Ferenschild, A. Pini Prato
Pediatric Robotic Training in small groups
(3 experienced – 3 basic)

THURSDAY, 16.04.2026

ACC

- 08.00 – 10.00 **Practical exercises pediatric laparoscopy**
Room Schwarzhorn (see individual schedule)

Moderation: F. Ferenschild, M. Metzelder

Bleeding during laparoscopy
- 10.00 – 10.30 **Break**
Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)
- 10.30 – 12.00 **Lecture – Video Session**
Room Flüela

Moderation: F. Ferenschild, M. Metzelder

Laparoscopic splenectomy
- J. Gosemann

ARM (vestibular fistula)
- K. Hagelsteen

TERPT / Soave (robotic video)
- A. Pini Prato
- 12.00 – 13.00 **End of course**
Distribution of certificates & Feedback round
Room Flüela