



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

Electrosurgery: mechanism, tips & tricks 30 min
- O. Buyne, 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, Luzern

The difficult gallbladder – bail out strategies
- S. Staubli, London

What 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 (1Baden CH; 2St. Gallen CH)

Surgical knot (Stomach)

Daniel Frey; Stephan Bischofberger (1Baden CH; 2St. Gallen CH)

Intracorporeal knot (stomach)

Daniel Frey; Stephan Bischofberger (1Baden CH; 2St. Gallen CH)

12.00 – 15.45

Lunch break

From 15.15

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

15.45 – 17.15

Interactive Panel discussion

Hall Davos

Clinical scenarios I: decision making

Acute situations in abdominal surgery:

- Moderator: O. Buyne, Nijmegen

Surgical Site Infections

- Harry v Goor, Nijmegen 25 min

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

Case Presenters: S. Staubli, London
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, Bristol

GERD – Surgical Treatment
 - L. Fourie, Luzern

Gastric Cancer
 - K. Beyer, Berlin

Esophageal 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

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, Helsinki](#)

Abdominal trauma
 - P. Svenningsen, Kopenhagen

Mesenteric ischemia
 - K. Horisberger, Mainz

Metabolic 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 Vogelbach¹; D. Frey (Davos CH; Baden, CH)

12.00 – 16.30

Lunch break (According to your personal schedule)

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, Freiburg

Laparoscopic colorectal surgery

- W. Brunner, St. Gallen

Rectal cancer treatment

- F. Herbst, Wien

Surgical 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)

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. Sallinen](#); Beat Müller (Helsinki, Fi; ²Basel CH)

[Hepaticojejunostomy](#)

[V. Sallinen](#); Beat Müller (Helsinki, Fi; ²Basel CH)

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