

Programm

European Federation for coloRectal Cancer

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Vienna

MASTERING COMPLEXITY

Precision, Preservation and Artificial Intelligence in Colorectal Cancer

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Scientific Highlights

- Colorectal Cancer in Younger Patients
- Microbiome and Carcinogenesis
- Genetic and Molecular Testing
- Immunotherapy and Precision Medicine
- Minimal Invasive and Robotic Surgery
- Surgical Strategies for Rectal Cancer
- Cancer Types Associated with IBD
- Pre-Rehabilitation and Nutrition in Colorectal Cancer Care
- AI and Decision Support Systems (CDSS)

To come to Vienna will give you the opportunity for hands-on workshops, live panels, Q&A, meet the experts and will help to build up professional relationships.

Thursday, 10.09.2026

12:00 - 12:30 Opening Ceremony & Presidential Address

Honorary lecture: The Role of Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence in Medicine

Markus Müller, Dean of the Medical University Vienna

Presidential addresses:

Christoph Zielinski, Medical Director of Wiener Privatklinik /Central European Cancer Center

Béla Teleky, President and Founder of the EFR - European Federation for colorRectal Cancer

12:30 - 14:00 Session I Oncology

Chairs:

12:30 - 12:50	The optimal duration of adjuvant treatment of colon cancer	Eric van Cutsem
12:50 - 13:10	Neoadjuvant Treatment in Colon Cancer in MSIH disease and MSS: Is the time come up to limit surgery	Dirk Arnold
13:10 - 13:30	Results of the Atomic Study	Gerald Prager
13:30 - 13:45	Multidisciplinary Tumorboard	Irene Kührer
13:45 - 14:00	Discussion	

14:00 - 14:30

Coffee Break and Visit to the Industrial Exhibition

14:30 - 16:00 Session II – Resectability in advanced disease

Chairs:

14:30 - 14:45	Rectal cancer imaging: How to identify the different risk groups	Regina Beets-Tan
14:45 - 15:00	Pushing the limits of respectability in CRC-liver metastasis	Patrick Starlinger
15:00 - 15:15	Advances in pulmonary metastasectomy for CRC	Clemens Aigner
15:15 - 15:30	Go beyond the boundaries in surgery for CRC	Klaus Kaczirek
15:30 - 15:45	Transplantation for CRC Liver Metastasis and the Utility of Living Donation	Patrick Starlinger
15:45 - 16:00	Transanal approach to rectal cancer surgery – What´s the benefit?	Walter Brunner
16:00 - 16:15	Discussion	

16:15 - 16:45

Coffee Break and Visit to the Industrial Exhibition

16:45 - 18:00	Special Lectures Moderation: Béla Teleky, Irene Kührer	
16:45 - 17:10	The Pioneer of TME: no evolution, no revolution without him	Bill Heald
17:15 - 17:35	Defining a cCR in real-life cases – clinical, endoscopic and radiological features – outside of the ordinary	Rodrigo Perez
17:40 - 18:00	Salvage treatment for regrowth	Martin Weiser

18:15	Adjourn Day 1 Bus-Transfer Q&A and Networking Event at the Leopold Museum (Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Wien - registration necessary) The Leopold Museum, with more than 8.300 works, houses one of the world's most important collections of Austrian art from the second half of the nineteenth century and Modernism.	
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Friday, 11.09.2026

08:30 - 10:00	Session III – AI & Technology Technical Excellence Chairs:	
08:30 - 08:45	tbd	
08:45 - 09:00	MRI in Colorectal Liver Metastases: Direction, Characterization and Outcome Prediction	Ahmed Ba-Ssalamah
09:00 - 09:15	Personalized surgery for patients with hereditary predisposition for cancer	Gabriela Möslein
09:15 - 09:30	Precision medicine in practice: how an old drug is finding a new role in CRC	Anna Martling
09:30 - 09:45	Transanal Surgery for Rectal Cancer: From Basic Techniques to Artificial Intelligence	Felix Aigner
09:45 - 10:00	Discussion	

10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break and Visit to the Industrial Exhibition
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10:30 - 12:00	Session IV – Early Cancer Chairs:	
10:30 - 10:45	TNT for early rectal cancer – the ideal candidates for organ preservation	Rodrigo Perez
10:45 - 11:00	Update on endoscopic resection techniques: From cold snare mucosectomy to endoscopic intramuscular dissection	Werner Dolak
11:00 - 11:15	Fact check genetics for surgeons – mandatory knowledge	Gabriela Möslein

11:15 - 11:30	Prognostic histopathological features in CRC of early onset	Evangelos Xynos
11:30 - 11:45	The role of miRNAs in the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of colorectal cancer and colitis-associated cancer	Adam Dziki
11:45 - 12:00	Discussion	

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch and Visit to the Industrial Exhibition

**13:00 - 14:30 Session V – Robotic Colorectal Surgery:
Measured Advancement or Technological Enthusiasm?**

13:00 - 13:15	Augmented Reality: Moving Robotics Forward	Danilo Miskovic
13:15 - 13:30	Robotic CME for right sided colon cancers	Matthias Turina
13:30 - 13:45	Robotic surgery for rectal cancer: indication and oncological out comes	Amjad Parvaiz
13:45 - 14:00	Robotic proficiency should be mandatory in colorectal centers	Michael Bergmann
14:10 - 14:30	Round table: Is there still a necessity for open surgery?	

14:30 - 15:00

Coffee Break and Visit to the Industrial Exhibition

**14:30 - 15:00 Posterviewing
Chair:**

**15:00 - 16:30 Session VI – Organ Preservation after TNT:
Evidence, Expectations and Ethical Boundaries
Chairs:**

15:00 - 15:15	From TNT to Watch and Wait: Evolving radiotherapy strategies for organ preservation in rectal cancer	Johannes Knoth
15:15 - 15:30	OReCO – Optimizing Rectal Cancer Outcomes – This is our current Pelican Educational Program	Moran Brendan
15:30 - 15:45	What to do in case of near clinical response after TNT for rectal cancer	Dieter Hahnloser
15:45 - 16:00	TNT and a lecture on organ preservation - long term results from the OPRA study	Martin Weiser
16:00 - 16:15	TNT in Rectal Cancer: Optimizing Treatment and Organ Preservation	Marie-Antonietta Gambacorta
16:15 - 16:40	Round table: Are there patients who are not eligible for TNT?	

16:40 - 17:00

Visit to the Industrial Exhibition

17:00 - 18:30 Session VII – Quality of Life & Long-Term Perspective**Chairs:**

17:00 - 17:15	Beyond surgical cure: addressing sexual health and intimacy for women after colorectal cancer	Gabriele von Ramshorst
17:15 - 17:30	How does robotic approach affect patients following rectal cancer surgery? A Quality of Life Analysis	Hermann Kessler
17:30 - 17:45	Surgical management of ulcerative colitis-associated colorectal cancer – A 20-year single-center experience	György Lázár
17:45 - 18:00	Timing and choice of surgical therapy in Crohn's disease - long term outcomes	Lukas Unger
18:00 - 18:15	Results of low rectal resection with delayed coloanal anastomosis/ Turnbull-cutait/for low rectal cancer	Goran Barisic
18:15 - 18:30	Round Table: What do we know about quality of life of our patients?	

18:45**Bus transfer****19:15 - 22:00**

Networking Dinner - registration necessary
Fuhrgassl-Huber, Neustift am Walde 68, 1190 Wien

This event will be held at a traditional Austrian venue at the invitation of the Mayor of Vienna.

Saturday, 12.09.2026**08:30 - 10:00 Session VIII – Extended Surgical Boundaries****Chairs:**

08:30 - 08:45	Colorectal peritoneal metastasis management	Brendan Moran
08:45 - 09:00	Robotic uterine transposition: a novel fertility sparing surgery technique for young patients receiving TNT	Stephan Polterauer
09:00 - 09:15	Treatment of anastomosis leakages, endosponge, VAC, stents	Matthias Turina
09:15 - 09:30	Hybrid parastomal endoscopic repair (HyPER)	Marek Szczepkowski
09:30 - 09:45	TTSS good option after Low Rectal Resection Rectal	Goran Stanojevic
09:45 - 10:00	Discussion	

10:00 - 10:30**Coffee Break and Visit to the Industrial Exhibition**

10:30 - 12:00 Session IX - Beyond Radicality – Oncology**Chairs:**

10:30 - 10:45	Results of the CHINOREX-Study	Johannes Längle
10:45 - 11:00	Rectal Cancer Treatment decision upfront; are we treating too many patients with TNT?	Dirk Arnold
11:00 - 11:15	Treatment of Anal Carcinoma in 2026	Andreas Salat
11:15 - 11:30	Anal adenocarcinoma in inflammatory bowel disease: clinicopathological features and association with fistula formation	Hermann Kessler
11:30 - 11:45	Therapeutic strategies in patients with advanced and complicated colorectal cancer	Rossen Madjov
11:45 - 12:00	How to become a successful researcher in this time of transition	Shahrokh Shariat
12:00 - 12:15	Discussion	
12:15 - 12:30	Poster Awards Chairs: Irene Kührer, Axel Hörhager	
	1 short Presentation	
	2 short Presentation	
	3 short Presentation	

13:00**Closing**

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