

# Programm

European Federation for coloRectal Cancer

# 14. EFR Kongress 10. - 12.09.2026

# 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

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**12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Presymposium – Opening Ceremony & Presidential Address**

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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

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**12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Session I Oncology**

**Chairs:**

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12:30 PM - 12:50 PM The optimal duration of adjuvant treatment of colon cancer Eric van Cutsem

12:50 PM - 1:10 PM Neoadjuvant Treatment in Colon Cancer in MSIH disease and MSS: Is the time come up to limit surgery Dirk Arnold

1:10 PM - 1:30 PM Results of the Atomic Study Gerald Prager

1:30 PM - 1:45 PM Multidisciplinary Tumorboard Irene Kührer

1:45 PM - 2:00 PM Discussion

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**2:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

**Coffee Break and Visit to the Industrial Exhibition**

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**2:30 PM - 4:15 PM Session II – Resectability in advanced disease**

**Chairs:**

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2:30 PM - 2:45 PM Rectal cancer imaging: How to identify the different risk groups Regina Beets-Tan

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM Pushing the limits of respectability in CRC-liver metastasis Patrick Starlinger

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM Advances in pulmonary metastasectomy for CRC Clemens Aigner

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM Go beyond the boundaries in surgery for CRC Klaus Kaczirek

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM Transplantation for CRC Liver Metastasis and the Utility of Living Donation Patrick Starlinger

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM Transanal approach to rectal cancer surgery – What 's the benefit? Walter Brunner

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM Discussion

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**Coffee Break and Visit to the Industrial Exhibition**

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<b>4:45 PM - 6:00 PM</b>	<b>Special Lectures</b> Moderation: Béla Teleky, Irene Kührer	
4:45 PM - 5:10 PM	The Pioneer of TME: no evolution, no revolution without him	Bill Heald
5:15 PM - 5:35 PM	Defining a cCR in real-life cases – clinical, endoscopic and radiological features – outside of the ordinary	Rodrigo Perez
5:40 PM - 6:00 PM	Salvage treatment for regrowth	Martin Weiser

<b>6:15 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn Day 1</b>	
<b>Welcome Reception</b>	<b>Bus-Transfer</b>	
	Q&A and Networking Event at the <b>Atrium, Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Wien</b> ( <b>Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Wien</b> - registration necessary)	

Friday, 11.09.2026

<b>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Session III – AI &amp; Technology</b> <b>Technical Excellence</b> <b>Chairs:</b>	
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	The role of the microbiome in colorectal cancer; findings from the OPTIMISTICCC Grand Challenge	Kate Marks
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	MRI in Colorectal Liver Metastases: Direction, Characterization and Outcome Prediction	Ahmed Ba-Ssalamah
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Personalized surgery for patients with hereditary predisposition for cancer	Gabriela Möslein
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Precision medicine in practice: how an old drug is finding a new role in CRC	Anna Martling
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Transanal Surgery for Rectal Cancer: From Basic Techniques to Artificial Intelligence	Felix Aigner
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Discussion	

**10:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Coffee Break and Visit to the Industrial Exhibition**

<b>10:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Session IV – Early Cancer</b> <b>Chairs:</b>	
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	TNT for early rectal cancer – the ideal candidates for organ preservation	Rodrigo Perez
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Update on endoscopic resection techniques: From cold snare mucosectomy to endoscopic intramuscular dissection	Werner Dolak

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Fact check genetics for surgeons – mandatory knowledge	Gabriela Möslein
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Prognostic histopathological features in CRC of early onset	Evangelos Xynos
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	The role of miRNAs in the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of colorectal cancer and colitis-associated cancer	Adam Dziki
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Discussion	

**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

**Lunch and Visit to the Industrial Exhibition**

**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM      Session V – Robotic Colorectal Surgery:  
Measured Advancement or Technological Enthusiasm?**

1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Augmented Reality: Moving Robotics Forward	Danilo Miskovic
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Robotic CME for right sided colon cancers	Matthias Turina
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	Robotic surgery for rectal cancer: indication and oncological out comes	Amjad Parvaiz
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Robotic proficiency should be mandatory in colorectal centers	Michael Bergmann
2:10 PM - 2:30 PM	Round table: Is there still a necessity for open surgery?	

**2:30 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Coffee Break and Visit to the Industrial Exhibition**

**2:30 PM - 3:00 PM      Posterviewing  
Chair:**

**3:00 PM - 4:30 PM      Session VI – Organ Preservation after TNT:  
Evidence, Expectations and Ethical Boundaries  
Chairs:**

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	From TNT to Watch and Wait: Evolving radiotherapy strategies for organ preservation in rectal cancer	Johannes Knoth
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	OReCO – Optimizing Rectal Cancer Outcomes – This is our current Pelican Educational Program	Moran Brendan
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	What to do in case of near clinical response after TNT for rectal cancer	Dieter Hahnloser
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	TNT and a lecture on organ preservation - long term results from the OPRA study	Martin Weiser
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	TNT in Rectal Cancer: Optimizing Treatment and Organ Preservation	Marie-Antonietta Gambacorta
4:15 PM - 4:40 PM	Round table: Are there patients who are not eligible for TNT?	

**4:40 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Visit to the Industrial Exhibition**

<b>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b>	<b>Session VII – Quality of Life &amp; Long-Term Perspective</b>	
	<b>Chairs:</b>	
5:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Beyond surgical cure: addressing sexual health and intimacy for women after colorectal cancer	Gabriele von Ramshorst
5:15 PM - 5:30 PM	How does robotic approach affect patients following rectal cancer surgery? A Quality of Life Analysis	Hermann Kessler
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Surgical management of ulcerative colitis-associated colorectal cancer – A 20-year single-center experience	György Lázár
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Timing and choice of surgical therapy in Crohn's disease - long term outcomes	Lukas Unger
6:00 PM - 6:15 PM	Robotic uterine transposition: a novel fertility sparing surgery technique for young patients receiving TNT	Stephan Polterauer
6:15 PM - 6:30 PM	Round Table: What do we know about quality of life of our patients?	

<b>16:45 PM</b>	<b>Bus transfer</b>
<b>7:15 PM - 10:00 PM</b>	<b>Networking Dinner</b> - registration necessary <b>Fuhrgassl-Huber, Neustift am Walde 68, 1190 Wien</b> This event will be held at a traditional Austrian venue at the invitation of the Mayor of Vienna.

Saturday, 12.09.2026

<b>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Session VIII – Extended Surgical Boundaries</b>	
	<b>Chairs:</b>	
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	Colorectal peritoneal metastasis management	Brendan Moran
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Results of low rectal resection with delayed coloanal anastomosis/ Turnbull-cutait/for low rectal cancer	Goran Barisic
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Treatment of anastomosis leakages, endosponge, VAC, stents	Matthias Turina
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Hybrid parastomal endoscopic repair (HyPER)	Marek Szczepkowski
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	TTSS good option after Low Rectal Resection Rectal	Goran Stanojevic
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Discussion	
<b>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Coffee Break and Visit to the Industrial Exhibition</b>	

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

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

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**1:15 PM****Closing**

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