

# 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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# Welcome

Welcome to the **14<sup>th</sup> EFR Congress of the European Federation for Colorectal Cancer**, taking place from 10 to 12 September 2026 in Vienna.

The congress brings together leading international experts in **colorectal cancer care, research, and surgery** to discuss the latest advances in diagnosis, treatment, and interdisciplinary management.

On behalf of the Scientific Committee, it is my great pleasure to invite you to join us at the upcoming **14<sup>th</sup> International Congress** of the **EFR (European Federation for colorectal Cancer)**, which will take place in **Vienna** from **September 10–12, 2026**.

This Congress will focus on the multidisciplinary treatment of Colorectal Cancer, bringing together leading experts, opinion leaders and participants from all across the globe. We are confident that your expertise and contribution will greatly enrich our scientific program.

## Scientific Highlights:

- Colorectal Cancer in Younger Patients
- Microbiome and Carcinogenesis
- Immunotherapy and Precision Medicine
- Minimal Invasive and Robotic Surgery in CRC
- Multidisciplinary Approach of Pelvic Disorders
- Surgical Strategies for Rectal Cancer
- Cancer Types Associated with IBD
- Pre-Rehabilitation and Nutrition in Colorectal Cancer Care
- AI and Decision Support Systems (CDSS)

Looking forward to welcoming you to Vienna!

Best regards,

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Béla Teleky

# General Information

## Congress

14th EFR Congress – European Federation for ColoRectal Cancer

## Focus

Multidisciplinary management of colorectal cancer including surgery, oncology, gastroenterology, radiology, pathology, and translational research.

## Dates

10–12 September 2026

## Location

Medical University of Vienna  
Teaching Center  
Spitalgasse 23, BT 87  
1090 Vienna, Austria

## Congress language

English

## Organizers

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# Thursday, 10.09.2026

## 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
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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
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1:10 PM - 1:30 PM	Results of the Atomic Study	Gerald Prager
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1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	Multidisciplinary Tumorboard	Irene Kührer
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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
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2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Pushing the limits of respectability in CRC-liver metastasis	Patrick Starlinger
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3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Advances in pulmonary metastasectomy for CRC	Clemens Aigner
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3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Go beyond the boundaries in surgery for CRC	Klaus Kaczirek
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3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Transplantation for CRC Liver Metastasis and the Utility of Living Donation	Patrick Starlinger
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3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Transanal approach to rectal cancer surgery – What 's the benefit?	Walter Brunner
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4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Discussion	
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## 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM

## 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 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>6:45 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 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>	

<b>10:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Session IX - Beyond Radicality – Oncology Chairs:</b>	
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	
<b>1:15 PM</b>		<b>Closing</b>

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