

10th EDITION

MEMORIAL CANTORE

April 8-11, 2026 - Pozzilli (IS) - Italy

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NEUROMED SKULL BASE HANDS-ON COURSE

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The “Memorial Cantore” reaches its 10th edition, marking an important milestone in a journey of continuous growth and international recognition.

Over the years, the course has brought together participants from the vast majority of Italian neurosurgical centers, alongside colleagues from all five continents, including representatives of leading neurosurgical departments and anatomical laboratories worldwide.

The event will be held at the Anatomy Training and Neurosurgical Reserch Lab, a dedicated environment designed to foster high-level surgical training. The course is primarily aimed at young neurosurgeons and focuses on cadaveric dissection as an essential tool for mastering complex Skull Base techniques.

Anatomical dissection remains a cornerstone of surgical education, forming the basis for both the development of technical skills and the advancement of innovative approaches. In this spirit, the course combines concise theoretical sessions with extensive hands-on anatomical-surgical practice.

The Faculty will include a dynamic mix of young neurosurgeons and internationally recognized experts, promoting exchange of knowledge, experience, and different surgical perspectives.

We trust that this edition, continuing along the path inspired by Professor Cantore, will further strengthen its role as a reference point for advanced neurosurgical training.

Welcome to Neuromed.

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Antonio Bernardo



Antonio Bernardo is a highly distinguished, award winning neurosurgeon, who pioneered the use of 3D technology in neurosurgery. After finishing neurosurgical residency, Dr. Bernardo completed a fellowship in Skull Base Surgery at the Barrow Neurological Institute, under Dr. Robert Spetzler where developed a 3D surgical simulator to teach surgeons the visual-spatial skills required to perform skull base surgical approaches. Dr. Bernardo currently serves as neurosurgical consultant in many countries and he is Full Professor of Neurological Surgery and Director of the Surgical Innovations Laboratory for Skull Base Microneurosurgery in the Department of Neurological Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College (New York City). He is recognized as an expert in the understanding of microsurgical anatomy and he has trained more than 4,000 neurosurgeons through his skull base surgery courses and more than 100 dedicated fellows since he has joined the Department of Neurological Surgery at Weill Cornell.

Michael Link



Professor of Neurosurgery and Director, Skull Base Dissection Laboratory, Department of Neurologic Surgery, Rochester, Mayo Clinic (1999-present). He is executive committee member (2007-present) and past president (2014-2015) of the North American Skull Base Society.

The research of Michael J. Link, M.D., complements his clinical focus on the neurosurgical treatment of skull base tumors, especially acoustic neuromas and other benign and malignant tumors of the anterior, lateral and posterior skull base.

Dr. Link is particularly interested in outcomes research, including quality-of-life analysis and functional outcomes after treatment of complex skull base tumors and functional disorders such as trigeminal neuralgia and hemifacial spasm. He is also engaged in clinical outcomes research using Gamma Knife stereotactic radiosurgery to treat a variety of skull base tumors, and especially acoustic neuromas.

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Torstein Meling



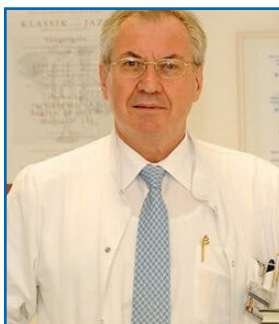
Torstein R. Meling is Head of Department of Neurosurgery at the National Hospital of Denmark, Rigshospitalet. He received his pre-graduate training at the University of Oslo, Norway and post-graduate training at the National Hospital in Norway. Prof. Meling has been an individual member of the EANS since 2003. He has served on the EANS training committee since 2009 and as its chairman 2017-2019. Co-founded of the Lyon hands-on course in 2012 and later co-founded 7 new hands-on courses during his tenure as TC chair. His clinical interests include cerebrovascular surgery, skull base surgery, orbital tumors, and craniopharyngiomas. He has published 300+ peer reviewed scientific articles and book chapters. He was elected as EANS President for 2023-2025 period.

Maria Peris Celda



Dr. Maria Peris Celda is a Professor in Neurosurgery, Otolaryngology, and Surgical Anatomy who specializes in complex brain and skull base tumors and other neurosurgical cranial conditions. She is devoted to offer an individualized treatment to each patient including open, minimally invasive, and endoscopic techniques in order to maximize surgical resection and achieve surgical goals preserving quality of life. Following her surgical anatomy fellowship under world-renowned neurosurgeon Professor A.L. Rhoton, Dr. Peris Celda's research interests have focused on the development of safer surgical techniques and approaches based on a detailed surgical anatomy knowledge. Dr. Peris Celda's neurosurgical anatomy laboratory team comprises fellows of different backgrounds, national and international, who are deeply committed to surgical education and to advance the surgical techniques towards safer, more accurate surgeries.

Peter A. Winkler



Peter A. Winkler was born in South Tyrol-Italy, studied medicine at the Universities of Innsbruck and Bologna. During and after his training in Neurosurgery at the University of Munich, he successfully completed different fellowships in many countries. He established a Research Laboratory for Microsurgical Neuroanatomy in Munich and in 2011 he was elected as the new Chairman of Neurosurgery in Salzburg. There he established a Research Laboratory for Microsurgical Neuroanatomy. He was acting as the President of the Austrian Society of Neurosurgery. After his retirement, he started a series of courses at the Berlin-Charite-Department of Neurosurgery.

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Wednesday, April 8th

8.00 am	Registration	
8.20 am	Introduction from	<i>Neuromed team</i>
	<i>P. di Russo, V. Esposito, G. Innocenzi, N. Gorgoglione, S. Paolini, G. Petrella</i>	
8.30 am	Welcome from SiNch	<i>Domenico D'Avella</i>
8.40 am	Introduction to skull base laboratory	<i>Paolo di Russo</i>
8.50 am	The importance of Cadaveric Dissection: past, present, future	<i>Matteo De Notaris</i>
9.10 am	Pterional Approach	<i>Sabino Luzzi</i>
9.30 am	Orbitozygomatic approach	<i>Antonio Bernardo</i>
9.50 am	Supra-orbital Key Hole Approach	<i>Peter A. Winkler</i>
10.10 am	Discussion and Questions	<i>Giuseppe Catapano, Franco Maria Gagliardi, Renato J. Galzio</i>
10.20 pm	Body Donation in Italy: updates and organization	<i>Raffaele De Caro</i>

Coffee Break

10.50 am Laboratory: Orbitozygomatic Approach

Inter-fascial and retrograde dissection of temporalis muscle – Orbitozygomatic “2-pieces”

Main Station: *Bernardo*

Tutors: *Espinoza, Lastilla, Mauro, Del Maestro, Corvino, Witters, Donofrio, Piazza*

1.00 pm *Lunch*

2.00 pm	Peri-sellar and Cavernous Sinus Anatomy	<i>Maria Peris-Celda</i>
2.20 pm	Peeling of the Lateral Wall of the Cavernous Sinus	<i>Arianna Fava</i>
2.40 pm	Extradural Anterior Clinoidectomy	<i>Nicola Gorgoglione</i>
3.00 pm	“Special Lecture”: Management of Middle Fossa and Cavernous Sinus Tumors	<i>Torstein Meling</i>
3.30 pm	Discussion with	<i>Alberto Delitala, Giannantonio Spena, Francesco Tomasello</i>

3.40 am Laboratory: Extradural Anterior clinoidectomy and CS exploration

Exposure and cutting of the Meningo-Orbital Band – Exposure of Superior orbital fissure and V2 – Exposure and Drilling of Extradural Anterior Clinoidectomy – Peeling of lateral wall of Cavernous Sinus – Exploration of Cavernous Sinus Anatomy – Dural Opening

Main Station: *Fava*

Tutors: *Espinoza, Lastilla, Mauro, Del Maestro, Corvino, Witters, Donofrio, Piazza*

Coffee Break

6.45 pm	Closure	
7.30 pm	Dinner in the Lab (Faculty + Participants)	

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Thursday, April 9th

9.00 am	Anatomy of the Craniovertebral Junction	<i>Maria Peris-Celda</i>
9.20 am	Retrosigmoid Approach	<i>Sergio Paolini</i>
9.40 am	“Special Lecture”: Vestibular Schwannomas: how I do it	<i>Micheal J. Link</i>
10.10 am	Far Lateral Approach	<i>Paolo di Russo</i>
10.30 am	Discussion with <i>Fabio Calbucci, Marco Cenzato, Salvatore Chibbaro, Christian Cossandi</i>	

Coffee Break

10.30 am Laboratory: Retrosigmoid and Far Lateral

Dissection of post-lat neck muscles – VA identification – Craniotomy – C1 hemilaminectomy

Main Station: *Fava, Gorgoglione*

Tutors: *Mauro, Donofrio, Witters, Petrella, Boschi, Corvino, Espinoza, Lastilla*

1.00 pm *Lunch*

2.00 pm	Lower Cranial Nerve Schwannomas	<i>Micheal J. Link</i>
2.20 pm	Modern role of radiosurgery in the management of posterior fossa tumors	<i>Giuseppe Minniti</i>
2.40 pm	Discussion with <i>Alfredo Conti, Barbara Masotto, Alessandro Olivi</i>	
3.00 pm	“Special Lecture”: 10 th surgical tenets for the 10 th edition	<i>Vincenzo Esposito</i>

Coffee Break

3.30 pm Laboratory: Retrosigmoid and Far Lateral

Condyle drilling – Dural Opening

Main Station: *Giammattei, Gorgoglione*

Tutors: *Mauro, Donofrio, Witters, Petrella, Boschi, Corvino, Espinoza, Lastilla*

6.30 pm *Closure*

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Friday, April 10th

8.00 am	Petrous Bone Anatomy	Giandomenico Petrella
8.20 am	Anterior Petrosectomy	Lorenzo Giammattei
8.40 am	How I do it: retrosigmoid intradural inframeatal petrosectomy	Torstein Meling
9.00 pm	Embolization of Skull Base Tumors	Andrea Bartolo, Giovanni Grillea
9.20 am	Discussion with	Antonio Fioravanti, Giorgio Iaconetta, Giampietro Pinna, Giovanni Raffa

Coffee Break

9.30 am **Laboratory: Anterior petrosectomy**

Temporalis muscle dissection – Suprapetrosal-subtemporal Craniotomy – Middle Fossa Peeling – Identification of Landmarks – Exposure and Drilling of Rhomboid Fossa (“Kawase”)

Main Station: *Giammattei*

Tutors: *Petrella, Piazza, Boschi, Witters, Espinoza, Lastilla, Mauro, Del Maestro*

12.30 pm *Lunch*

1.30 pm	Mastoidectomy	Antonio Bernardo
1.50 pm	Combined Petrosal Approach	Paolo di Russo
2.10 am	Trigeminal Nerve Schwannomas	Paolo Ferroli
2.30 am	Discussion with	Giuseppe Della Pepa, Paolo Perrini, Francesco Signorelli, Andrea Talacchi

Coffee Break

3.00 pm **Laboratory: Mastoidectomy**

Outer Landmarks identification – Sigmoid sinus and subtemporal dura – aditus ad antrum, lateral semicircular canal and incus – Labirynthine bloc and pre-sigmoid dura – jugular bulb – facial nerve and falloppian canal – Tentorial Cutting – Dural Opening

Main Station: *Bernardo*

Tutors: *Petrella, Piazza, Boschi, Witters, Espinoza, Lastilla, Mauro, Del Maestro*

6.30 pm *Closure*

8.30 pm *Social Dinner (Faculty + Participants)*

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Saturday, April 11th

8.20 am	Introduction	Paolo Cappabianca
8.30 am	Anatomy of Nasal Fossae, Sinuses and Sella	Leonie Witters
8.50 am	Endoscopic Endonasal Approach to the Sella	Flavio Angileri
9.20 am	<i>On-line presentation</i>	
	Endoscopic Endonasal Anatomy of Suprasellar Region	Edoardo Agosti
9.40 am	Transplanum and Transtuberculum Approach for Suprasellar Tumors	Luigi Maria Cavallo
10.00 am	Complications in Endoscopic Endonasal Surgery	Matteo Zoli
10.20 am	Discussion with	Francesco Corrivetti, Michelangelo De Angelis, Felice Esposito

Coffee Break

11.00 am Laboratory: Endoscopic Endonasal Approach to the Sella and Suprasellar Region

Nasal cavities – Identification of Landmarks – Middle turbinate lateralization – Exposure of Sphenoid Rostrum – Sphenoidotomy – Drilling of Sella Turcica and Planum Sphenoidale

Main Station: Solari, Zoli

Tutors: De Angelis, Boschi, Piazza, Zoia, Corrivetti, Petrella, Gorgoglione

1.00 pm *Lunch*

2.00 pm	Endoscopic Endonasal Anatomy of Clival Region	Amedeo Piazza
2.20 pm	Transclival Approach	Domenico Solari
2.40 pm	Management of Clival Chordomas	Diego Mazzatenta
3.00 pm	Discussion with	Francesco Doglietto, Maurizio Iacoangeli, Cesare Zoia
3.20 pm	Certificates Ceremony	

Coffee Break

3.30 pm Laboratory: Transclival Approach

Identification of vidian nerve and vidian canal – drilling of the clivus – opening of the dura

Main Station: Solari, Zoli

Tutors: De Angelis, Boschi, Piazza, Zoia, Corrivetti, Petrella, Gorgoglione

6.30 pm *Closure*

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BY CAR

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km, continue for "Pozzilli" about
5 km. Follow the signs for "Parco
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