

Hands-on Specimen Course— Advanced Techniques & Surgical Skills

Cervical Spine Research Society – Europe

JANUARY 29-30, 2026 SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

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WELCOME TO SALZBURG

Welcome to Salzburg!

It is now a great pleasure to welcome you to its 3rd Hands-on Specimen Course on Advanced Techniques and Surgical Skills in Salzburg / Austria.

This course aims to train spine surgeons in advanced surgical techniques and in-depth knowledge required to tailor treatment strategies in the presence of patients suffering from complex cervical disorders resulting from progressive degeneration, trauma and infection or tumor, as well as congenital anomalies and cervical spine deformity.

The course will combine lectures and detailed hands-on surgical instructions. The Faculty - all highly experienced CSRS-Europe Board members and Guests- will present lectures on different topics cervical spine surgeons face when treating complex cases.

After half a day of expert lectures and peer-to-peer discussions on Thursday afternoon, there will be the chance to share experiences and meet old and new friends at the Course Dinner at the restaurant "Fideler Affe".

Friday will be reserved for the Hands-On training at the Institute for Anatomy of the Paracelsus Medical University Salzburg. Besides the possibility for all participants to practice the new theoretical knowledge they have gained; experts will demonstrate advanced techniques at show stations - a great chance to observe valuable tricks and learn dos and don'ts firsthand.

Do not miss the opportunity to expand your knowledge and improve your skills!

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COURSE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

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14:00	Participants registration
14:30	Welcome Michael Mayer, Heiko Koller
14:35	Introduction of CSRS-Europe Andrés Combalia
14:50	Surgical approach to cervical spine deformity: Instrumentation and pitfalls in cervical deformities Heiko Koller
15:10	Navigation & auxilliary techniques for instrumentation of the cervical spine Nicola Marengo
15:30	Balanced approach to cervical myelopathy: When anterior, when posterior and when combined makes sense ? Sandro Krieg
15:50	Break and refreshment
16:30	Cranial-cervical instrumentation: Techniques & pitfalls: C1 & C2 instrumentation & release techniques Petr Vachata
16:50	Anterior subaxial cervical approach: Surgical techniques for anterior release, corpectomy & decompression Michael Mayer
17:10	Break and refreshment
17:40	Treatment of cervical spine destruction: Standards for infection and tumor Sebastian Decker
18:00	Tackling Cervical CSF leakages: Diagnosis and treatment Jörg Klekamp
18:20	Conclusion Michael Mayer, Heiko Koller
18:45	Adjourn
19:00	Course Dinner

COURSE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

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08:15	Meeting at the lab
08:30	Posterior sub-axial instrumentation: Lateral mass, lamina, and pedicle screw fixation & bailout techniques Sebastian Hartmann
08:45	Cranio-cervical Trauma: Strategies for fractures and disco-ligamentous instabilities Petr Vachata
09:00	FIRST CADAVER PRACTICE : Anterior cervical approach, vertebral artery exposure & corpectomy, high antero-lateral cervical approach to C1-2 all
10:45	Coffee break
11:00	Preventing and treating dysphagia after cervical spine surgery Bastian Storz
11:15	C5 Palsy: Causes, management, and prevention Robert Morrison
11:30	SECOND CADAVER PRACTICE : Anatomical approach C0-2, midline and postero-lateral, instrumentation C0-C1-C2, release & osteotomy C1-2 all
13:00	Lunch
14:15	THIRD CADAVER PRACTICE: C3 - T4 posterior techniques: Laminectomy & laminoplasty, lateral mass, lamina & pedicle screw fixation, cervical release & osteotomies, dura suture techniques all
17:00	Adjourn

EVENT ORGANISATION

Registration fee: 975 Euros

Included in the course fee is course materials, full access to cadaveric dissection sessions, light refreshments, a lunch and a course dinner. Accommodation is NOT included.

Organisation

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Compliance

Compliance approval has been submitted to EthicalMedTech Europe

Language: English

Venue

Course venue

Paracelsus Medizinische Privatuniversität
Haus D, Ground Floor, HS 1
Strubergasse 15
5020 Salzburg, Austria

Course dinner January 29, 2025

Zum fiden Affen Restaurant
Priesterhausgasse 8
5020 Salzburg
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