NEUROSURGERY INTERNATIONAL MASTER CLASS

2026 28-29 NOV CONRAD DUBAI



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SCIENTIFIC AGENDA

DAY 1 SATURDAY 28 NOV 2026

DAY 2 SUNDAY 29 NOV 2026

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OPENING SESSION AND WELCOME SPEECH

8:00 - 8:25	Registration	
8:25 - 8:30	Welcome speech	Dr. Mohammed J. Asha
8:30 - 8:35	Emirati Neurosurgery Society Welcome	Dr. Khaled Fares Al-Ali

SESSION 1:

INTRODUCTORY SESSION

MODERATORS: Dr. Khaled Fares Al-Ali | Prof. Nicandro Figueiredo

8:35 - 8:50	Your next neurosurgical colleague is an AI agent: Are you ready to lead?	Dr. Ahmed Quateen
8:50 - 9:05	Is Neurosurgery Still a Calling?	Dr. Thomas Santarius
9:05 - 9:20	Is Neurosurgery a Science or Art?	Dr. Nicholas Thomas
9:20 - 9:35	Phases in the Development of a National Neurosurgical Service	Dr. Jonathan Pollock
9:35 - 9:50	Opening Ceremony	
9:50 - 10:00	Coffee Break	

SESSION 2:

VASCULAR AND ENDOVASCULAR

MODERATORS: Dr. Luca Regli | Dr. Mohammed J. Asha

10:00 - 10:15	Giant Aneurysms and Bypass Surgery	Dr. Luca Regli
10:15 - 10:30	Moyamoya Surgical Management	Dr. Mario Teo
10:30 - 10:45	Management of challenging AVMs: Risk Engineering rather than Risk avoidance	Dr. Mohammed J. Asha
10:45 - 11:00	Management of Dural AVF: A Hybrid Approach	Dr. Mohamed Samy Elhammady
11:00 - 11:15	Why do we still need Open Cerebrovascular Surgeons?	Dr. Luca Regli
11:15 - 11:30	New Algorithm for Decision making in Acomm aneurysms	Dr. Jawad Yousef
11:30 - 11:45	The Role of Bypass Surgery for Stroke Management: Evidence based perspective	Dr. Tiago Moreira
11:45 - 11:55	Discussion	
11:55 - 12:05	Coffee Break	

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SESSION 3:

NEUROONCOLOGY

MODERATORS

Dr. Babacar Cisse | Dr. Rami Hazim

12:05 - 12:20	Brainstem Tumors Management	Dr. Thomas Santarius
12:20 - 12:35	Pineal Gland tumors: Surgical Management	Dr. Mohammed J. Asha
12:35 - 12:50	Management of Recurrent Malignant Glioma: Evidence based approach	Dr. Babacar Cisse
12:50 - 13:05	Gliomas and Connectomes	Dr. Thomas Santarius
13:05 - 13:20	Awake Craniotomy for Low and High grade Glioma	Dr. Aneela Darbar
13:20 - 13:35	Advancement in Brain Tumors Management in the Region	Dr. Faisal Farrash
13:35 - 13:50	IDH Mutant Low grade Glioma Management	TBA
13:50 - 14:00	Discussion	
14:00 - 14:40	Lunch Break	

SESSION 4:

ADVANCES IN COMPLEX SPINE SURGERY

MODERATORS

Dr. Ahmed-Ramadan Sadek | Dr. Ahmed Quateen

14:40 - 14:55	Intradural Disc Herniation: Case Report and Literature Review	Dr. Aseem Alhaj
14:55 - 15:10	Unveiling the Enigmatic: Exploring rare spinal lesions	Dr. Rami Alqroom
15:10 - 15:25	The Good, the Bad and the Ugly	Dr. Ahmed Ramadan Sadek
15:25 - 15:40	TBA	Dr. Ghassan Elgeadi
15:40 - 15:55	Augmented Reality-Guided Spine Surgery: Initial Clinical Experience And Future Applications	Dr. Mohammad Khalil Al-Barbarawi
15:55 - 16:10	Trans-Kambin Approach: Technical notes	Dr. Niraj Vasavada
16:10 - 16:25	Cervical Bilateral traumatic locked facets: Challenging case	Dr. Nicandro Figueiredo
16:25 - 16:35	Discussion	
16:35 - 16:45	Coffee Break	

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SESSION 5:

FUNCTIONAL NEUROSURGERY

MODERATORS

Dr. Sinan Barazi | Dr. Debora Garozzo

16:45 - 17:00	Thoracic Outlet Syndrome Etiology: A Possible Form of Neurovascular Conflict	Dr. Debora Garozzo
17:00 - 17:15	Neurosurgical Management of Intractable Pain and Spasticity	Dr. Abdul Karim Msaddi
17:15 - 17:30	The Concept of Internal Neurolysis for the Management of TGN	Dr. Sinan Barazi
17:30 - 17:45	Complication Avoidance in Deep Brain Stimulation Surgery: Contemporary Pearls and Pitfalls	Dr. David H. Aguirre Padilla
17:45 - 18:00	Simple is NOT easy: Lessons learnt	Dr. Khaled Fares Al-Ali
18:00 - 18:15	Gamma Knife for the Management of Trigeminal Neuralgia	Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Shudifat
18:15 - 18:25	Discussion	
18:25 - 18:30	Raffle Draw	

GALA DINNER - 19:30 -21:30



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8:00 - 8:30	Registration

SESSION 6:

SKULL BASE

MODERATORS: Dr. Luca Regli | Dr. Mohammed J. Asha

8:30 - 8:45	Far Lateral Cranio-Vertebral Approach to Skull Base Tumors	Dr. Nicholas Thomas
8:45 - 9:00	Blink Reflex as an Adjunctive Tool for Facial Nerve Monitoring in Vestibular Schwannoma Surgery	Dr. Luciano Mastronardi
9:00 - 9:15	Code of Practice for successful Skull base Micro-neurosurgery	Dr. Imad Kanaan
9:15 - 9:30	Surgical Approaches for Clival Lesions: Technical Nuances	Dr. Maurizio Iacoangeli
9:30 - 9:45	Functional preservation in vestibular schwannoma surgery and AI volumetric analysis	Dr. Mario Teo
9:45 - 10:00	Expanded Endoscopic Skull Base Surgery: Surgical Outcomes	Dr. Francesco Doglietto
10:00 - 10:15	One-Stage Spheno-Orbital Resection and Reconstruction	Dr. Simon Shaw
10:15 - 10:30	Endoscopic Transorbital Approach: Indications and Pearls in the setting of Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery	TBA
10:30 - 10:45	Prolactinomas: Are We Back in Business?	Dr. Mohammad Al Jallad
10:45 - 11:00	Discussion	
11:00 - 11:10	Coffee Break	

SESSION 7:

COMPLEX SPINE

MODERATORS: Dr. Imad Hashim Ahmad | Dr. Nicandro Figueiredo

11:10 - 11:25	Surgical Management of Cervical Deformity and Myelopathy	Dr. Peter Vajkoczy
11:25 - 11:40	Introduction to Concept of Central or Vertical Spinal Instability	Dr. Atul Goel
11:40 - 11:55	Polylaminin: From Discovery to Clinical Translation for the Treatment of Spinal Cord Injury	Dr. Bruno Côrtes
11:55 - 12:10	Vertebral Body Tethering for Management of Scoliosis	Dr. Ziad Ibrahim Aljian
12:10 - 12:25	In the era of Navigation and Robotics: Do we still need dedicated spinal surgeons?	Dr. Osama Kashlan
12:25 - 12:40	TLICS Score revisited: Is it time for revision?	Dr. Hassan Seif
12:40 - 12:55	Anterior Lumbar Spine Surgery: Decision making and pitfalls	Dr. Chris Park
12:55 - 13:10	Heterotopic Ossification in Cervical Arthroplasty: Risk mitigation and management	Dr. Mostafa Raafat Allam

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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

13:10 - 13:30	Amyloidosis and Spine surgery	TBC
13:30 - 13:40	Discussion and comments	
13:40 - 14:25	Lunch break	

SESSION 8:

PEDIATRICS NEUROSURGERY AND FUNCTIONAL NEUROSURGERY

MODERATORS: Dr. C.V. Gopalakrishnan | Dr. Anwar Ahmad

14:25 - 14:40	Navigated Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation for Preoperative Functional Mapping in Complex Brain Tumors and Vascular Malformations	Dr. Peter Vajkoczy
14:40 - 14:55	Invasive EEG in Epilepsy Surgery: Does It Improve Surgical Success?	Dr. Mahmoud Abdallat
14:55 - 15:10	Myelomeningocele Repair in Utero	Dr. Imad Hashim Ahmad
15:10 - 15:25	Management of Intracerebral Hemorrhage in Pediatrics	Dr. Anwar Ahmad
15:25 - 15:40	Low lying Tethered Cord Management in Pediatric Population	Dr. Essam A. Elgamal
15:40 - 15:55	Selective Dorsal Root Rhizotomy in Pediatrics	Dr. Arun Rajeswaran
15:55 - 16:05	Discussion	
16:05 - 16:15	Coffee Break	

SESSION 9:

FREE PAPER SESSIONS

MODERATORS: Dr. Imad Hashim Ahmad | Dr. Nicandro Figueiredo

16:15 - 16:25	Early Korean Experience with Silk Vista and Silk Vista Baby for Complex Intracranial Aneurysms: Technical Performance and Short-Term Device Deformation	Dr. Tony Won Huh
16:25 - 16:35	Protocol of Management of Spinal Arteriovenous Fistulas and Factors Affecting the Outcome, Single Center Experience	Dr. Tamer Ibrahim
16:35 - 16:45	Multimodal Large Language Models vs. Medical Doctors in Degenerative Lumbar Spine Surgery: A Retrospective Decision Concordance Study of 147 Patients	Dr. Mohammad Hamdan
16:45 - 16:55	Morphological Variations and Clinical Significance of the Arcuate Foramen: A Radiological Observational Study in the Emirati Population	Ms. Ann Mathew
16:55 - 17:05	Endoscopic Versus Open Craniosynostosis Repair: A Comparative Middle Eastern Analysis of Surgical, Perioperative, and Morphometric Outcomes	Dr. Ahmed Mousa
17:05 - 17:15	Endoscopic Transorbital Resection of a Superior Orbital Fissure–Cavernous Sinus Dermoid Cyst Presenting as Painful Pupil-Involving Oculomotor Palsy: A Video Case Report	Dr. Ali Msheik
17:15 - 17:25	Management of Disabling Spasticity with Functional Neurosurgery (Selective Microsurgical Neurotomy)	Dr. Afif Afif
17:25 - 17:35	Efficacy and Safety of Bilateral MRI-Guided Focused Ultrasound Thalamotomy for Treating Medication-Refractory Essential Tremors: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis	Dr. Rafy Alharthi
17:35 - 17:45	Comparative Efficacy of Endoscopic Endonasal versus Transcranial Approaches for Treating Olfactory Groove Meningiomas: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis	Dr. Thamer Alsharif
17:45 - 17:50	Raffle Draw	
17:50 - 18:00	Closure and best poster and best presentation award	Dr. Mohammed J. Asha/ Dr. Nicandro Figueiredo