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## REGISTRATION

	Until May 2nd	From May 3rd
Full Conference Member of EHS or Other	250 €	300€
Full Conference Non Member of EHS or Other	300 €	350€
Surgical Residents*	150 €	200€
One day fee (for Nurse or Residents): Friday May, 25th *	75 €	75 €

The Price of the Registration includes:

- Documentation
  - Coffee Breaks
  - Lunch
- VAT INCLUDED

## ACOMODATION

	DSU	DOB
NH Ghent Belfort	144€	160€
IBIS Gent Centrum Kathedraal	107€	122€

City Tax (3€/ person/night) is not included in the final price, to be pay in the hotel  
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## THURSDAY, MAY 24th

14.00 **WELCOME**  
It's about Robotic Abdominal Wall Surgery. **Filip Muysoms**, Ghent, Belgium

14.10 **INTRODUCTION TO THE ROBOTIC PLATFORMS**  
**Moderators**  
**Rene Fortelny**, Vienna, Austria. **David Chen**, Los Angeles, USA

Technology of robotic systems: past, present and future. **Amir Szold**, Tel Aviv, Israel  
Comparison of robotic platforms. **Tero Rautio**, Oulo, Finland  
The hospital manager point of view on robotic surgery. **Pascal Verdonck**, Ghent, Belgium  
Fundamentals of robotic assisted surgery. **Archana Ramaswamy**, Minneapolis, USA  
European robotic training pathways in Urology. **Alex Mottrie**, Aalst, Belgium  
First impressions of the European robot. **Filip Muysoms**, Ghent, Belgium

### Q & A

15.45 **COFFEE OR TEA & EXHIBITORS' TIME**

16.15 **MINIMAL INVASIVE COMPONENT SEPARATION TECHNIQUES**  
**Moderators**  
**Talar Tejirian** Los Angeles, USA. **Marc Miserez Leuven**, Belgium

Surgical anatomy and techniques of component separation. **Yann Renard**, Reims, France  
TAR: where it came from and where it is going. **Yuri Novitsky**, New York, USA  
Endoscopic anterior component separation. **Lars Jorgensen**, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Milos: Trans-hernia component separation. **Wolfgang Reinpold**, Hamburg, Germany  
Extra-peritoneal MIS component separation. **Victor Radu**, Bucharest, Romania  
Laparoscopic posterior component separation. **Salvador Morales Conde**, Sevilla, Spain  
Robotic component separation: roboTAR. **Conrad Ballecer**, Phoenix, USA

### Q & A

18.15 **WELCOME RECEPTION & EXHIBITORS' TIME**

20.00 **FACULTY DINER**

## FRIDAY, MAY 25th

08.00 - 17.00 **LIVE SURGERY**  
**Moderators**  
**Archana Ramaswamy**, Minneapolis, USA. **Conrad Ballecer**, Phoenix, USA

08.00 **LIVE SURGERY FROM KOLDING SYGEHUS, SOUTHERN DENMARK**  
Robot assisted laparoscopic groin hernia repair: rTAPP.  
**Malene Juste Busse**, Kolding, Denmark  
Robot assisted retromuscular ventral hernia repair. **Mohamad Abdul Ghani**, Kolding, Denmark

08.00 **LIVE SURGERY FROM MARIA MIDDELAERES GHENT, BELGIUM**  
Robot assisted hernia repair ("catch of the day"). **Filip Muysoms**, Ghent, Belgium  
Robot assisted posterior component separation: roboTAR. **Filip Muysoms**, Ghent, Belgium

09.20 **ROBOT ASSISTED GROIN HERNIA REPAIR**  
**Moderators**  
**Barbara Defoort**, Ghent, Belgium. **Wolfgang Reinpold**, Hamburg, Germany.  
Surgical anatomy of rTAPP. **Ajita Prabhu**, Cleveland, USA  
Tips and tricks for efficient robot assisted groin hernia repair. **Sharon Bachman**, Washington, USA  
Robot assisted repair of recurrent groin hernias. **JB Bittner**, Virginia, USA  
Robot assisted treatment of chronic pain and complications. **David Chen**, Los Angeles, USA

### Q & A

10.30 **COFFEE OR TEA & EXHIBITORS' TIME**

12.00 **SPONSORED SYMPOSIUMS (2)**

13.00 **LUNCH & EXHIBITORS' TIME**

14.00 **LIVE SURGERY (continued)**  
**Archana Ramaswamy**, Minneapolis, USA. **Conrad Ballecer**, Phoenix, USA

15.15 **ROBOT ASSISTED VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIR TECHNIQUES**  
**Moderators**  
**Ajita Prabhu**, Cleveland, USA. **Frederik Berrevoet**, Ghent, Belgium

Intra-peritoneal ventral hernia repair: rIPOM. **Brain Jacob**, New York, USA  
Pre-peritoneal ventral hernia repair: rTAPP ventral. **Archana Ramaswamy**, Minneapolis, USA  
Robotic enhanced-view totally extraperitoneal ventral hernia repair: eTEP access.  
**Igor Belyansky**, Baltimore, USA  
Tips and tricks: adhesiolysis, suprapubic and subxiphoidal dissection in RAW.  
**Yuri Novitsky**, New York, USA

### Q & A

16.30 **COFFEE OR TEA & EXHIBITORS' TIME**

17.00 **ROBOT ASSISTED OTHER HERNIA REPAIRS**  
**Moderators**  
**Sharon Bachman**, Washington, USA. **Salvador Morales**, Sevilla, Spain

Robot assisted hiatal hernia repair. **Ivo Broeders**, Amersfoort, Netherlands  
Lateral and lumbar hernias. **Igor Belyansky**, Baltimore, USA  
Subxiphoidal and suprapubic hernias. **JB Bittner**, Virginia, USA  
Rectus diastasis. **Conrad Ballecer**, Phoenix, USA

### Q & A

## SATURDAY, MAY 26th

09.00 **ADJUNCTS FOR SUCCESSFUL ABDOMINAL WALL REPAIR**  
**Moderators**  
**Amir Szold**, Tel Aviv, Israel. **Victor Radu**, Bucharest, Romania  
  
Meshes for abdominal wall repair: an overview. **Marc Miserez**, Leuven, Belgium  
Optimizing patient risk factors preoperatively. **Frederik Berrevoet**, Ghent, Belgium  
Progressive pneumoperitoneum. **Yohann Renard**, Reims, Belgium  
Botox in abdominal wall surgery. **Talar Tejirian**, Los Angeles, USA  
Stapled ventral hernia repair. **David Chen**, Los Angeles, USA  
How social media can benefit our patients. **Brian Jacob**, New York, USA

### Q & A

10.45 **COFFEE OR TEA & EXHIBITORS' TIME**

11.15 **PARASTOMAL HERNIA REPAIR**  
**Moderators**  
**Tero Rautio**, Oulo, Finland. **Archana Ramaswamy**, Minneapolis, USA

Prevention of parastomal hernias. **Rene Fortelny**, Vienna, Austria  
Laparoscopic parastomal hernia repair. **Lars Jorgensen**, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Robot assisted parastomal hernia repair. **Igor Belyansky**, Baltimore, USA  
Robotic extraperitoneal repair of parastomal hernias. **Arun Prasad**, New Delhi, India  
And what with ileostomies? **Filip Muysoms**, Ghent, Belgium

### Q & A

12.30 **MEETING CONCLUSION**