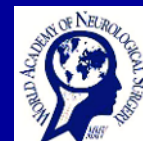


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* WANS Conference (Day one) 26th September 2026:

16:00-16:10	Welcome opening & Tribute to WANS-legendary members	Imad N. Kanaan
16:10-17:10	Session I: Chairmen: Tiit Mathiesen, Marcos Tatagiba, Kenan Arnautovic	
16:10-16:20	Long-term outcomes following decompression for lumbar stenosis.	Marcos Tatagiba
16:20-16:30	Concept of axial cranio-vertebral and vertical spinal instability	Atul Goel
16:30-16:40	Anterior screwing in odontoid fractures: when and how	Alberto Delitala
16:40-16:50	Cervical Disc Herniation Consensus	Salman Sharif
16:50-17:00	Hybrid reconstruction in multilevel cervical disc disease	Miroslav Vukic
17:00-17:10	A novel Consensus Classification for quantifying surgical invasiveness in MIN Spine surgery	Roger Härtl
17:10-17:30	Break	
17:30-18:30	Session II: Chairmen: Lukas Rasulic, Eka J. Wahjoepramono, Giuseppe Barbagallo	
17:30-17:40	Advantages and disadvantages of Exoscopy in Neurosurgery	George Zapuhliu
17:40-17:50	Surgical management of spinal arachnoid web	Ahmed Al Khani
17:50-18:00	Tips& tricks in the management of intradural extramedullary tumors	Byron Salazar
18:00-18:10	Ethical implications of innovation, paving progress & patient safety in nerve surgery	Lukas Rasulic
18:10-18:20	New ways to coach surgical pitfalls and attitude, comics to train neurosurgeons	Akio Morita
18:20-18:30	The Digital-OR: How Augmented Reality & Navigation Are Shaping the Future of Spine Surgery	Marcel Ivanov

20:30-23:00 Welcome Reception "Cocktail"

* WANS Conference (Day two) 27th September 2026:

08:30-10:30	Session III: Chairmen: Basant Misra, Domenico d' Avella, Francesco Tomasello	
08:30-08:40	Meningiomas: Sacred and Profane	Anil Nanda
08:40-08:50	Spheno-orbital intraosseous meningiomas	Kenan Arnautovic
08:50-09:00	Surgical results in tuberculum Sella meningiomas	Necmettin Pamir
09:00-09:10	Challenges in surgery for lesions involving the perioptic region	Francesco Tomasello
09:10-09:20	30 years' experience in endoscopic endonasal skull base surgery	Paolo Cappabianca
09:20-09:30	Decompression of Dorello's canal in level 4 cavernous sinus surgeries	Sanford Hsu
09:30-09:40	Petrous apex lesions "choosing the best approach"	Antonio Aversa
09:40-09:50	Current strategy in treatment of Petro-clival Meningioma	Basant Misra
09:50-10:00	Surgical nuances in petro-clival meningioma	Miguel Arraez
10:00-10:10	Surgical Treatment of Parasagittal Meningiomas: A long Term Reappraisal	Benedicto Colli
10:10-10:20	Decision making under ignorance for meningioma	Tiit Mathiesen
10:20-10:30	Make it simple !	Vladimir Benes
10:30-11:00	Break	
11:00-12:30	Session IV: Chairmen: Miguel Arraez, Luis Borba, Franco Servadei	
11:00-11:05	Introduction	Imad N. Kanaan
11:05-11:20	Why no one is listening to me!	Robert Spetzler
11:20-11:30	Preop. vestibular testing for Vestibular schwannomas , optimizing surgical strategy	Luciano Mastronardi
11:30-11:40	Difficult situations in vestibular schwannoma surgery	Michihiro Kohno
11:40-11:50	Determents of Cranial Nerve Function following Surgical Resection of Vestibular Schwannomas	William Couldwell
11:50-12:00	Surgical strategy for skull base chondrosarcoma	Sebastien Froehlich
12:00-12:10	Cranio-cervical junction meningiomas: Approach decision.	Luis Borba
12:10-12:20	Cranio-cervical junction Tumors: How I do	Mario Ammirati
12:20-12:30	Surgical treatment of CVJ tumors	Massimiliano Visocchi
12:30-13:30	Lunch	

* WANS Conference (Day two) 27th September 2026 (Continue):

13:30-15:30	Session VI: Chairmen: Vladimir Benes, Yong Kwang Tu, Anil Nanda	
13:30-13:40	Micro neurosurgery is the core of curative treatment of brain AVMs	Jean De Oliveira
13:40-13:50	Atlanto-styloid Jugular Venous Compression Syndrome	James Liu
13:50-14:00	The role of surgery in treating dural AV-fistula in the era of interventional therapy	Yong Kwang Tu
14:00-14:10	Decision on flow requirements in EC-IC Bypass Surgery	Kiko G. Llanos
14:10-14:20	Bypass for Moya-Moya disease. Many options, which one to choose?	Fady Charbel
14:20-14:30	Moyamoya Disease: Technical mastery, outcome and training.	Ashish Suri
14:30-14:40	"FAST" bypass philosophy	Bin Xu
14:40-14:50	Screening & de novo aneurysms	Mika Niemela
14:50-15:00	microsurgery of anterior circulation Aneurysm.	Lado Tsikarishvili
15:00-15:10	Middle cerebral artery aneurysms: Micro-neurosurgery (the best option)	Juan Amador Gomez
15:10-15:20	Anterior choroidal artery aneurysm treatment	Martin Sames
15:20-15:30	Hybrid treatment of MCA aneurysms	Kresimir Rotim
15:30-16:00	Break	
16:00-18:00	Session VII: Chairmen: Atul Goel, Hugues Daffau, Andre' Grotenhuis	
16:00-16:10	Molecular biology of CNS tumors	Carlos G. Carlotti
16:10-16:20	long-term survival& QOL after connectome based surgery in awake patients with grad 2 glioma	Hugues Daffau
16:20-16:30	Neural activity drives the invasion of gliomas	Koray Ozduman
16:30-16:40	AI-driven visualization for Primary Glioblastoma into Osirix MD	Manabu Kinoshita
16:40-16:50	TX. Strategy for NF2 type 2 patients.(how to orchestrate multimodal TX. options)	Yong Hee Chang
16:50-17:00	Decision making for patients with epileptic AVM	Adrian Balasa
17:00-17:10	The role & Impact of immune profiling on progression free survival in patient with high grade gliomas.	Alexander Chaparoski
17:10-17:20	Minimally invasive techniques in epilepsy surgery	Sarat Chandra
17:20-17:30	Long-term epilepsy associated tumors (LEATS)	Najat Akalan
17:30-17:40	Minimally invasive epilepsy neurosurgery	Albert Sufianov
17:40-17:50	Experience with MRI guided F-US surgery for TX of movement disorders	Giovanni Broggi
17:50-18:00	Changing trend in treatment of Parkinson's disease	Manas Panigrahi

21:00-23:30

Gala Diner & "Golden Neuron" Award

* WANS Conference (Day three) 28th September 2026:

09:00-11:00	Session VIII: Chairmen: Paolo Cappabianca, William Couldwell, Engelbert Knosp	
09:00-09:10	Breaking Barriers: Technology and global neurosurgery	Ali Sultan
09:10-09:20	Awake Craniotomy for Cerebral Aneurysms Interim Results of the OMTA Trial	Saleem Abdulrauf
09:20-09:30	Integrated NS, NP, and Kinematics: The Medici effect in investigating brain motor connectivity.	Francesco Sala
09:30-09:40	Minimal invasive endoscopic approaches to anterior skull base lesions	Sukru Caglar
09:40-09:50	Endoscope-controlled micro-neurosurgical removal of colloid cysts via transcortical route	Roman Bosnjak
09:50-10:00	Endoscopic approaches for skull base tumors	Takeo Goto
10:00-10:10	Minimally invasive treatment of spontaneous intracranial hemorrhage	Claudio Yamplosky
10:10-10:20	A Grading System for Cerebral and Cerebellar Cavernomas	Marco Fontanella
10:20-10:30	The role of endoscope in management of brain stem lesions.	Ali Ayyad
10:30-10:40	Management of Brainstem Cavernous Angioma	Eka J. Wahjoepramono
10:40-10:50	Surgery for brain stem Tumors.	Volodymyr Smolanka
10:50-11:00	Multimodal strategy for brain tumor resection in hospital with limited resources	Gabriel M. Vargas
11:00-11:10	"Nemo solus satis sapit" : Building Evidence Together	Ius Tamara
11:10-11:20	MRI focus ultrasound role in Neurosurgery	Mohammed Alolama
11:20-11:45	Break & Group photo	
11:45-12:45	Business meeting "Closing" (Members only)	
12:45-14:30	Lunch	

14:30-19:00 Guided Tour: Coast, Isola Bella, Blue Grotto and Castelmola.



19:30 Transport back to the airport !