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1. STAVROS A. ANTONIOU (Limassol, Cyprus)

Stavros A. Antoniou was born in Athens, Greece. He received his undergraduate degree in Thessaloniki, Greece and postgraduate clinical and research training in Germany and in Greece. He holds a PhD in minimally invasive surgery, a Master Degree in Public Health and Health Business Administration and he is a Fellow of the European Board of Surgery. His scholarly work is focused on synthesis of evidence (meta-analysis, meta-regression, trial sequential analysis, network meta-analysis) and he has performed research on the quality of surgical trials. He has served as head or member of several guidelines development groups and is associate editor and member of editorial board in numerous peer-reviewed journals. He is chair of the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery Consensus & Guideline Subcommittee and member of the United European Gastroenterology Quality of Care Task Force. He is scientific collaborator at the European University Cyprus and practises General & Colorectal Surgery at the Mediterranean Hospital of Cyprus in Limassol, Cyprus.



2. MOHIT BHANDARI (Indore, India)

Dr. Mohit Bhandari is a Bariatric, Metabolic and Robotic surgeon who is based out of Indore, India. He is the founder and director of Mohak Bariatrics and Robotics, a dedicated Bariatric and Robotic Surgery Hospital.

Dr. Bhandari has rare distinction of performing the highest number of bariatric and metabolic procedures in Asia Pacific region and probably globally. Till date he has performed more than 11000 bariatric procedures. He has been the pioneer in starting Robotic Bariatric surgery in the country and was the first surgeon in the country to perform Robotic Duodenal Switch.

Dr. Mohit Bhandari is also an Endoluminal weight loss specialist and is credited with performing one of the first and highest number of Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty in the Asian subcontinent. He has also pioneered the largest series of single incision weight loss procedures ranging beyond 1500.

Dr. Bhandari's centre has been declared Ranked one weight loss surgery centre by Times of India, 3IC Research Consultants audit for 4 successive years in a row.



3. MILOŠ BJELOVIĆ (Belgrade, Serbia)

Professor of surgery and Head of the Department for Minimally Invasive Upper Digestive Surgery at the University Hospital for Digestive Surgery, Clinical Center of Serbia. Operating on an average of 300 patients per year to treat predominantly upper digestive tract disorders, both benign and malignant; out of the total number of surgical procedures, more than 85% are performed using a minimally invasive approach. Among other MI procedures, laparoscopic gastrectomy for cancer and total minimally invasive esophagectomy are standard of care.



First President of Serbian Association of Endoscopic Surgeons.

Congress President: Digest on Gastroenterology and Minimally Invasive Surgery: From GERD to adenocarcinoma. Belgrade, April 27, 2018.

Frequently conducted research to develop and test minimally invasive surgical techniques that would improve operating procedures and outcomes.

4. SIR ALFRED CUSCHIERI (Dundee, UK)

Qualifications: MD, ChM, DSc, FRCS FACS (Hon), FRSE, FMedSci, RSBiol



Major awards: International Society of Surgery/ Société Internationale de Chirurgie, 1993 Prize of the Society for "pioneering work in minimal access surgery". Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Gold Medal, 1997 Knight Bachelor – Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, 1998 Gold medal of the Royal Society in 2002 Queen's award for higher and continued education, 1999 The Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) outstanding achievement award – March 2001 The Nissen Prize – German Surgical Association – May 2001 Gimbernet's prize – Catalonian Surgical Society – October 2001 Hon FACS, American College of Surgeons, 2005 for 'outstanding contributions to the science and practice of surgery' Hon Member American Surgical Association, 2006 'for seminal contributions to surgical science' International Steven Hoogendijl prize 'for outstanding contributions to Medical technology' 2012.

Present appointments: Senior Scientific Advisor and PI Surgical Technology and Robotics Group, Institute for Medical Science and Technology (IMSaT), University of Dundee Professor of Surgery and Medical Technology, Scuola Superior Sant'Anna, Pisa Italy

Previous senior appointments: Professor of Surgery & Chairman of Department, Surgery and Molecular Oncology, University of Dundee Director Minimal Access Therapy Training Unit for Scotland Director of Cuschieri Skills Centre, University of Dundee

Editorial appointments

Editor: Surgical Endoscopy, 1992 -2017

Editor: Seminars in Laparoscopic Surgery, 1993 – 2000

Books and Monographs: 23

Original publications in peer review journals: over 600

European and USA patents: 49

5. MATHIAS FOBI (Indore, India)

Mathias Fobi MD, FACS, FICS, FACN, A Clinical Professor at SAIMS JIO University, is currently the Clinical Affairs Director of Research and Training at Mohak Bariatric and Robotic Surgery Center in Indore, India. He served as the Medical Director of the Center for Surgical Treatment of Obesity in Los Angeles (1979 - 2012).

Dr. Fobi hosted an annual International symposium on surgical treatment of obesity in Los Angeles. This was the foundation for the formation of IFSO. He was a founding member of ASMBS and served as president of the California Chapter (2006-2008), president of the ASMBS Foundation (2005-2007), president of IFSO (2008-2009) and chairman of the Board of Trustees of IFSO (2013-2015).

Dr. Fobi is credited with the concept of banding the gastric bypass and the sleeve gastrectomy to enhance weight loss maintenance. MAL, Surgeon to the Stars, as he is popularly called, is a member and honorary member of many National Medical Societies. He has published and lectured extensively on bariatric surgery and served on various editorial boards.



6. NADER FRANCIS (Yeovil, UK)

Nader Francis is an outstanding colorectal surgeon with excellent clinical outcomes. He is committed to minimal invasive surgery and enhanced recovery and continues to improve patient experience through an excellent relationship with the whole Multi-disciplinary team. In addition to fostering this locally he has working to promote the spread and adoption of enhanced recovery nationally through Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS-UK) society, which he chairs.



Nader is passionate about education and training in health care with a prior educational PhD in surgical skills assessment in laparoscopic surgery which underpinned his educational leadership role in the field. Nader is currently the National Educational Tutor for Coloproctology, developing the education portfolio for the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland (ACPGBI). Nader has published and presented widely in the field.

Nader is currently the Chair of the research committee of the EAES and he has key research interest in education; colorectal cancer; laparoscopic surgery and perioperative care and has been a chief investigator of a number of studies and he presented and published widely in those areas.

7. PASCAL R. FUCHSHUBER (San Francisco, California, USA)

Dr Fuchshuber obtained his MD degree from Heidelberg University in 1984 and his PhD degree in Tumor Biology from Cologne University in 1986, both in Germany. He was awarded a traveling research grant from the German Research Council in 1987 to pursue 2 years of basic science research in Tumor Immunology at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Texas, USA. He continued his research activities as a project investigator in the department of Surgery at MD Anderson, laboratory of Tumor Immunology, Dr Eva Lotzova. From 1990 to 1996 he completed a General Surgery Residency at UMASS in Worcester, Massachusetts and UTHSC Houston, Texas, followed by a two year Fellowship in Surgical Oncology at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York.



Since 1998, Dr Fuchshuber is a Clinical Surgeon in The Permanente Medical Group, Medical Center Walnut Creek, California. He served as the Chief of Surgical Oncology and Hepatobiliary Surgery and is Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of California, East Bay. Since January 1st 2018 Dr Fuchshuber has retired from Kaiser. He is pursuing a career in surgical education. Dr Fuchshuber has extensively published on tumor immunology, hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery, surgical outcomes and electrosurgical device education for surgeons. His main clinical focus in surgery is on Hepatopancreatobiliary and Upper GI oncology. His educational focus is in surgical safety in the operating room. Dr. Fuchshuber is a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, a honorary member of the Académie Nationale de Chirurgie, Paris and the Peruvian Society of General Surgeons. He is a board member of SAGES holds membership of the AACR, SSO, AHPBA, IASGO, and the German National Scholarship Foundation.

8. G.C.M. (PEPPINO) GRAZIOSI (Utrecht, The Netherlands)

(Peppino) Graziosi is gynaecologist at the St. Antonius Hospital IJouwegein / Utrecht since 2005. He is focused on a multidisciplinary approach for endometriosis, (including menstrual disorders and hormonal dysfunction), and minimal invasive surgical techniques (including robotic surgery).

The research is focused mainly upon everyday practices. He is head of the teaching department and is working toward the implementation of principles of evidence-based medicine in his area of expertise.

Graziosi considers his most important task to stimulate education, innovation, evaluation and implementation. Furthermore improvement of healthcare organisation strategies for daily practice in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.



9. REI KATO (Tokyo, Japan)

Dr. Rei Kato is an Assistant Professor at Department of Gastroenterological & General Surgery, at the School of Medicine, Showa University. He specializes in:

- Upper GI surgery
- Esophageal surgery
- Minimally Invasive Surgery
- Endoscopy

Experience:

- Clinical resident of School of Medicine, Showa University, Tokyo, Japan (April 2008)

- Department of Gastroenterological & General Surgery, School of Medicine, Showa University (April 2010)

- Assistant professor since 2013

Education:

2002- 2008, School of Medicine, Showa University, Tokyo, Japan.



10. GYÖRGY LÁZÁR (Szeged, Hungary)

Education and Training:

Medical University, Szeged, Hungary, Medical Doctor, 1985

Specialization in Surgery, 1989

PhD, 1994; Dr. med. habil. 1999; DSc, 2013

Professional Experience

Current:

Dean of the Medical Faculty, University of Szeged, Hungary, from 1st July 2018

Head of Department of Surgery, Professor of Surgery, University of Szeged
Department of Surgery, Szeged, Hungary, from 2004

Research

New surgical methods in the minimally invasive and oncological surgery; Clinical and experimental study of the Barrett's esophagus

Surgery of the gastroesophageal reflux disease; Investigation of microcirculation in different diseases of the gastrointestinal tract

Professional Membership

Hungarian Surgical Society – President (2013-2015)

President of the Educational Committee of the Hungarian Surgical Society

President of the Surgical Oncology Section of the Hungarian Surgical Society

Representative of the Hungarian Surgical Society in UEMS (Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes)

European Association for Endoscopic Surgery

International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists – President of the Hungarian Section

European Society of Surgical Oncology

International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus

European Hernia Society

European Shock Society

European Association for Transluminal Surgery

Hungarian Society of Physiology

Hungarian Society of Immunology

Hungarian Oncological Society

Hungarian Society of Gastroenterology

Hungarian Society of Senology

Awards

Hungarian Physiological Society, 1985

Hungarian Surgical Society 1990

Petri Gábor Medical Science Award 1992

Széchenyi István Award – 2001

Kulka Frigyes Award, 2002

Földes Ferenc Award, 2003

Haynal Imre Award, 2011

Pro Urbe – Szeged – Award, 2012

Ságvári Award, 2013

Honorary Member of Bulgarian Surgical Society, 2014

Astellas „PRO SALUTATE HOMINUM”, 2014

Kardos Géza Award, 2017

Publications

Number of publications: 234; Cumulative impact factor (prereviewed full articles): 189,623; Citations: 970 (without self-citation); Hirsch index: 19



11. ROSSEN MADJOV (Varna, Bulgaria)

Education, Titles, Appointments:

1983 - Medical University Varna - MD degree

1988 - Surgical Specialty

1999 – PhD

2002 - Assoc. Professor of Surgery, Medical University Varna

2003 - Head 2nd Dept. Abdominal Surgery

2004 - 2012 - Vice Rector of Medical University Varna

2007 - Oncology Specialty

2008 - Doctor of Medical Science (DSc)

2009 - Full Professor of Surgery, Medical University Varna

2012 - 2020 - Chairman of General Assembly of Medical University Varna



Society memberships:

- President of BSS (2014-16) Vice-President (2006-12)
- President of European Society of Surgery /ESS/-2018
- Bulgarian Association of Surgeons and Gastroenterologists / BASG / - from 1996
- International Association of Surgeons and Gastroenterologists / IASGO/ - from 1993
- Board member of the European Society of Surgery /ESS
- European Digestive Surgery / EDS / - 2002
- Intern. Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA) & E-AHPBA
- Honorary Member of Academia Romana di Chirurgia, Roma 2006
- Honorary Member of Romanian Society of Surgery, 2012
- Honorary Member of Hungarian Society of Surgery, 2018
- Honorary Member of ARCHBPTH, 2015
- Honorary Member of BSS, 2018

Editorial Boards:

Scripta Scientifica Medica, Hepato-Gastroenterology, Chirurgia

Review Board of Scientific Journals International (SJI), Surgery/Bg; Visceral Surgery/Bg

Main fields of surgical activities:

Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Surgery, GI Surgical Oncology, Herniology

Publications: More than 280 scientific activities published (in Bulgaria-195 & Abroad-85)

12. ANDREAS MELZER (Dundee, UK)



Andreas Melzer was born in 1960 and after studies in Mainz and Tübingen he qualified in Dentistry DDS in 1989 and as MD in 1993. He has 28 years experiences in the development of medical technologies named on 103 patents and over 200 publications. He completed his research and work in Germany at the University of Applied Sciences, Gelsenkirchen where he built up the first integrated teaching OR with MRI, CT and minimally invasive surgery workplace and completed a project on MRI guided heart valve implantation as Visiting Professor at the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, NIH. Since 2006 he is Professor of Medical

Technology and Founding Director of the Institute for Medical Science and Technology and he serves as Director of the Joint Research Institute Medical Technology of the Northern Research partnership and is Honorary Clinical Professor at Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee. IMSaT has exceeded € 35 million total project budget in the last 7 years The current IMSaT strategy developed by Professor Melzer is focused on a synergistic program of translational research of basic science towards novel biomedical and clinical applications. Through the Marie Curie and FP/ programme, he was awarded €4.5 million in 6 projects for the development of MRI-guided interventions and focused ultrasound including targeted drug delivery. In 2014 he has been appointed as Professor of Computer Assisted Surgery and Director of ICCAS the Innovation Center for Computer Assisted Surgery of the University Leipzig, Germany. In the same year he has been invited and one of 1000 experts to serves as Professor of FUS at Chongqing University, China

Selected Publications (Invited)

1. A.Melzer, S.Cochran, P.Prentice, M.P.MacDonald, Z.G.Wang and A.Cuschieri, "The importance of physics to progress in medical treatment" INVITED by Lancet (2012) 379 (9825) 1534 – 43
2. Melzer A "Principles of MR-guided interventions, surgery, navigation, and robotics". INVITED by Bundesgesundheitsblatt Germany 53(8):768-75 (2010)
3. Melzer A "Technology in the operating theatre of the future - Integration of imaging methods in image guided surgery" INVITED by Zentralblatt für Chirurgie, 133 (3) 197 - 200 (2008)
4. Melzer A, Gutmann B, Remmele T, Wolf R, Lukoscheck A, Bock M, Bardenheuer H, and Fischer H, "INNOMOTION first Robot for percutaneous image-guided interventions" INVITED by IEEE Eng. Med. Biol. Magazine 27 (3) 66 - 73 (2008)
5. Melzer A, Schmidt A, Kipfmüller K, Gronemeyer G, Seibel R. Technology and principles of tomographic image-guided interventions and surgery. INVITED by Surgical Endoscopy-Ultrasound and Interventional Techniques, Vol 11, Issue 9, 946-956 (1997)
6. Melzer A, Schurr MO, Buess G, Schmidt A, Seibel RMM, Gronemeyer DHW. Medical approach to system science. INVITED by Minimally Invasive Therapy and Allied Technologies, Vol 4, Issue 5-6, 301-308 (1995)
7. Melzer A, Schurr MO, Kunert W, Buess G, Voges U, Meyer JU. Intelligent Surgical Instrument System ISIS. Concept and Preliminary experimental application of components and prototypes. INVITED by Endoscopic Surgery and Allied Technologies, Vol 1, Issue 3, 165-170 (1993)

Selected publications in the last 5 years

Gourevich D, Dogadkin O, Volovick A, Wang L, Gnaim J, Cochran S, Melzer A. Ultrasound-mediated targeted drug delivery with a novel cyclodextrin-based drug carrier by mechanical and thermal mechanisms. J Control Release. 2013;170(3):316-24.

Saliev T, Feril LB Jr, Nabi G, Melzer A. Targeted manipulation of apoptotic pathways by using High Intensity Focused Ultrasound in cancer treatment. Cancer Lett. 2013 ;338(2):204-8.

Melzer A, Cochran S, Prentice P, MacDonald MP, Wang Z, Cuschieri A. The importance of physics to progress in medical treatment. Lancet. 2012;379(9825):1534-43.

Zangos S, Melzer A, Eichler K, Sadighi C, Thalhammer A, Bodelle B, Wolf R, Gruber-Rouh T, Proschek D, Hammerstingl R, Müller C, Mack MG, Vogl TJ. MR-compatible assistance system for biopsy in a high-field-strength system: initial results in patients with suspicious prostate lesions. *Radiology*. 2011;259(3):903-10.

Chen S, Wang L, Duce SL, Brown S, Lee S, Melzer A, Cuschieri A, André P. Engineered biocompatible nanoparticles for in vivo imaging applications. *J Am Chem Soc*. 2010;132(42):15022-9.

Editorial functions and Review boards

Co-Editor in Chief Endoscopic Surgery and Allied Technologies ESAT 1993-1996

Technology Editor Surgical Endoscopy 1995-2003

Assistant Editor Minimally Invasive Therapy and Allied Technologies since 1996

2005 Endoskopie Heute, Thieme Publisher

2007 Computer aided Radiology and Surgery

2009 Editorial Board Surgical Endoscopy

since 2010 Member of LS7 panel of European Research Council ERC

Reviewer for BMBF, Wellcome Trust, EPSRC, and MRC

Reviewer for the Governments of: Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland.

Co-organizer and chairman of medical conferences and member of medical societies

General Secretary of the international Society for Medical Innovation and Technology www.iSMIT.org

CoFounder and General Secretary of the European Society for Focused Ultrasound Therapy www.EUFUS.org

Board member/counselor of 1) German Society for Endoscopy and Imaging Techniques DGE-BV; 2) German Society for Medical Technologies DGBMT; 3) German Roof Association of Societies of Medical Technologies DVMT 4) counselor of the European Alliance of Biomedical Engineering Society EAMBES.

Permanent Member of the Technology Committee of the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery EAES, organizer of the Winter Meetings.

Chairman of 1) MRI Technology in Medicine Committee at DGBMT; 2) Endoscopic Surgery AA Committee on German Standards DIN; 3) MRI Terms and Definitions working group at Germans Standards DIN AA Magnetic Resonance; 4) Microsystems in Medicine Committee 4.6 of GMM and VDE/VDI 1996-2004

13. PIOTR MYŚLIWIEC (Białystok, Poland)

Piotr Myśliwiec graduated at Medical University of Białystok, Poland; Medical Faculty - 1996

Thesis: – June 2000; Degree of Consultant in General Surgery: 2004; Habilitation (Ph.D.) – 2010

Surgical training:

1994: University Hospital of ANGERS; France – (12 months)

1997-1998 Department of General and Gastroenterological Surgery, Białystok, Poland

1999 Oncologic Surgery Centre, Białystok, Poland

2000-2009 2nd Department of General and Gastroenterological Surgery, University Clinical Hospital, Białystok, Poland

2002: Gartnavel General Hospital; University of Glasgow, Scotland - Department of General and Vascular Surgery (6 months)

2007-2008: Laboratory of Gastroenterology Department, Medical University of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada – post-doc.

2009-present: 1st Department of General and Endocrine Surgery, University Clinical Hospital, Białystok, Poland

2010 – November: Division of Bariatric Surgery (Almantas Maleckas) – University of Kaunas, Lithuania (2 weeks)

Fields of interest: Minimally Invasive Surgery, Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, Endocrine Surgery;

President of the Chapter of Endoscopic Surgery, Association of Polish Surgeons,

President of LapCo-Poland Council, founded to improve the quality and penetration of laparoscopic colorectal surgery in Poland;

Member of the International Federation for Surgery of Obesity, Board of Association of Polish Surgeons;

Member of Polish Club of Endocrine Surgeons and Polish Neuromonitoring Study Group;

President of the E.A.E.S. Congress 2020 in Krakow, Poland;

Papers (published and accepted): impact factor 49.878



14. ALEKSANDR NEIMARK (Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation)

Neimark Aleksandr – MD, PHhD

Almazov National Medical Research Centre



Education:

1996-2002 Pavlov State medical University, *Saint-Petersburg, Russia*

2002-2005 Resident in surgery - Pavlov State medical University, *Saint-Petersburg, Russia*

2005-2008 PhD Pavlov State medical University, *Saint-Petersburg, Russia*

Professional Experience:

2007-2013 Assistant Professor of surgery Faculty surgery clinic, Pavlov State medical University, *Saint-Petersburg, Russia*

2013-2016 Associate Professor Faculty surgery clinic, Pavlov State medical University, *Saint-Petersburg, Russia*

2015 - Chief of Scientific Research Laboratory Surgery of metabolic disorders. Almazov National Medical Research Centre, *Saint-Petersburg, Russia*

2016 - Chief of surgical department of general and abdominal surgery. Almazov National Medical Research Centre, *Saint-Petersburg, Russia*

Fellowship and training:

2011 - Basic skills in laparoscopic colorectal surgery. Kazan, Russia.

2012 - Laparoscopic bariatric and metabolic surgery. IRCAD, Strasburg, France.

2012 - Laparoscopic colorectal surgery. Moscow, Russia.

2012 - Laparoscopic single incision approach (S-PORTAL) in surgery. Moscow, Russia.

2014 - Bariatric and metabolic surgery. Cleveland clinic. Cleveland, USA.

2014 - Endocrine surgery. Essen, Germany.

2014 - Laparoscopic and robotic pancreatic surgery. Russia, Moscow.

2017 - Leading the change in the management of obesity & T2D. European Surgical Institute, Hamburg, Germany.

Professional memberships:

Russian society of Bariatric surgeon – President

IFSO (International federation surgery of obesity and metabolic disorders) - IFSO membership

Russian society of surgeon – Membership

15. MIRCEA ONACA (Bucharest, Romania)

Educatie:

1982-1988: Facultatea de Medicina Generala Carol Davila Bucuresti, diploma 1988; 1994-1996: Facultatea de Medicina Utrecht, Olanda, diploma 1996; 1998-2003: Specializarea in Urologie s-Hertogenbosch / Utrecht, Olanda; 2004-2006 Specializare in laparoscopie; 2011: Specializare in robotica (da Vinci)

Experienta de munca:

1997, 2003: Rezident urologie pediatria Spitalul de Pediatrie Wilhelmina, Utrecht, Olanda ; 2004 - 2018: Urolog (oncologie urologica, laparoscopie si robotica), Spitalul Sf. Anton Utrecht, Olanda ; 2014 - 2018: Urolog (oncologie urologica, laparoscopie si robotica), Ponderas Academic Hospital, Bucuresti)

Supraspecializari:

Urologie oncologica (prostata, vezica, ureter, rinichi), Laparoscopie si robotica (da Vinci), Terapie focala-crioterapie laparoscopica, Urologie pediatria (tract inferior si pieloplastie)

Lucrari stiintifice (dupa 2000):

2000: Stenoza de anastomoza vezico-uretrala dupa prostatectomia radicala, 6th Congress of the Dutch Urological association (DUO) & Rolul cistografiei dupa prostatectomia radicala, DUO "Nefrectomia si nefroureterectomia radicale laparoscopica", simpozionul stiintific anual Spitalul Sf Anton Utrecht

2006: "Tuberculoza scrotala", articol Nederlands Tijdschrift van Urologie; "Traumatismul renal cu o leziune rara a venei porte", Trauma Journal; "Hemospermia asociata rinichiului polichistic", case report si review NTVU (revista societatii olandeze de urologie)

"Prostatectomia laparoscopica" poster Simpozionului stiintific/de inovatii Spitalul Sf Anton Utrecht

"Crioterapia in tumorile urologice" Simpozionului stiintific / de inovatii Spitalul Sf. Anton Utrecht

2007: "PSA bounce dupa iradierea cancerului de prostata", co-autor, NTVU ; "Adenocarcinom sigmoidian ca o complicatie tardiva a deviatiei urinare Coffey" co-autor Nederlands Tijdschrift der Geneeskunde, Bredenoord AJ et al.

2008: "Laparoscopic cystoprostatectomy with "en bloc" nephroureterectomy", co-autor, al 26-lea Congres Mondial de Endourologie, Shanghai, China; "Laparoscopic radical cystectomy" coautor, prezentare stiintifica congres DUO

2009: "Tratamentul cancerului de prostata cu invazie in vezicula seminala", prezentare congres DUO ; Prezentare video "Partial ureterectomy", World Congress of Endourology ; Prezentare video "Transvesical laparoscopic treatment of a bladder diverticulum with Ta tumor in it", World Congress of Endourology

2010: "XperGuide biopsy in renal tumors", co-autor congres DUO

2011: "Rectal lesions during laparoscopic radical prostatectomy", prezentare congres DUO

2015: "Management of small renal masses" co-autor Congress of the European Association of Urology Viena

2013: Prostatectomia radicala laparoscopica, prezentare congres ARCE

2015: Laparoscopic Cystectomy in muscle invasive bladder cancer, prezentare South East European Robotic Symposium

2017: Perioperatorie aspects in Frial Elderly Patients - seara de referate Sf. Anton Utrecht; Robotic radical cystectomy - prezentare Ponderas Robotic Symposium; Fistula vezico-vaginala - experienta grupului de lucru dintr-un spital regional, co-autor articol Revista olandeza de ginecologie si obstetrica, in-press; Is laparoscopy still useful?, co-autor congres ARCE

Membri in societati medicale: ARCE; CMMB ; Asociatia Olandeza de Urologie; Asociatia Europeana de Urologie; Institutul Regional Oncologic Utrecht (IKMN), Olanda; Grupul de lucru Crioterapie Oncologica in Olanda; Comisia de chirurgie minimal invaziva Spitalul Sf. Anton Utrecht, Olanda.



16. KOJI OTSUKA (Tokyo, Japan)

My specialty is Upper GI Surgeon. I performed Laparoscopic Gastrectomy for Gastric Cancer and especially I performed Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy for Esophageal Cancer in recent 10 years. We have more than 1100 cases of minimally invasive esophagectomy from 1996 and this number is most experiences institute in Japan. I also performed Endoscopic Mucosal Resection (EMR) and Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD) for early esophageal and gastric and colonic cancer.



17. ACHILLES PLOUMIDIS (Athens, Greece)

Dr. Achilles Ploumidis graduated from the Medical School of the University of Athens (UOA) and completed his residency (General Surgery and Urology) in Athens where he was also trained in pediatric urology and Urogynecology. He further graduated from the two-year postgraduate program of the UOA: "Minimally Invasive Surgery, Robotic Surgery and Telesurgery".

In 2013 he defended his thesis (UOA) and he received his PhD degree with excellent grade. He was trained at the University Oncology Center "Karolinska Institutet" of Sweden in robotic surgery with scholarship from the Hellenic Urological Association after written exams. There he specialized in robotic surgery of the lower urinary tract under the supervision of Prof. Peter Wiklund, while at the same time undertook clinical research for prostate cancer.

He was further trained in robotic surgery of the upper urinary tract and Urogynaecology at OLV Vattikuti Robotic Surgery Institute in Belgium, under the supervision of Prof. Alexander Mottrie, with a scholarship from the European Robotic Urological Association (ERUS). He participated in research and clinical programs in the field of urogynecology and single site robotic surgery. During that time he was also an instructor in robotics and laparoscopic surgery at ORSI Robotic Training Center, a position that he holds until today.

He completed a fellowship program in endourology and flexible ureteroscopy at the Tenon Hospital, Université Pierre et Marie Curie in Paris with a scholarship from the European Society of Urology (EAU), under the supervision of Prof. Olivier Traxer. During that period he published in the field of upper tract urothelial carcinoma and stone management. He has been visiting the University Urological Department of Ghent and the "Sava Perovic Foundation" in Belgrade, in order to retrain in pediatric urology, urethral surgery and plastic surgery of the genitalia.

He teaches at the Medical School of Athens University in the postgraduate Master course "Minimal Invasive Surgery, Robotic Surgery and Telesurgery", and he is responsible for the clinical and hands-on-training of physicians in robotic surgery. He is frequently invited as instructor (Hands-On-Training) in robotic surgery and endourology at the European Urology Residents Education Program (EUREP), in the International Workshop in Robotic Surgery for Southeastern Europe (SEERSS), in the annual congress of the European Association of Urology, in the European Robotic Urologic Symposia (ERUS) and in the European Multidisciplinary meeting on Urological Cancer (EMUC).

He frequently gives lectures (ESU Courses) on behalf of European Association of Urology (EAU). He is faculty and trainer at the hands-on certification courses on Robotic Pediatric Urology (ORSI Academy Training Center, Belgium). He has introduced and established clinical robotic programs in different hospitals in Cyprus and Romania (official robotic proctor).

He has been honored with best paper award at the annual European Congress of Urology (EAU, Milan 2013). He has also received best paper award from the European Society of Robotic Surgery (ERUS 2011). In 2016, he was honored with the second prize for his video presentation (ESGURS16). In 2017 he was awarded second prize during the EAU "Challenge the Experts" Winter Forum in Davos. He has been honored with best poster session on ureteroscopy tools and techniques (EAU, London 2017).

He is a member of the robotic group of the Young Academic Urologists (YAU), of the PETRA group, of the ERUS reconstruction-working group and he is a founding member of the Greek society for reproductive medicine. Since the beginning of this year he is a panel member of the European Association of Urology (EAU) Guidelines Office. He has been involved in basic and clinical research for prostate and bladder cancer, benign prostatic hyperplasia, robotic surgery, stone surgery and endourology. He is a full time consultant at the Athens Institute of Robotic & Endoscopic Urology at the Athens Medical Group.



18. TOMASZ ROGULA (Krakow, Poland)

Tomasz Rogula, MD, PhD, FACS is currently a full time professor of surgery at the Jagiellonian University I Department of Surgery, Chief of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery and Part-Time Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at the Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH, United States. He is also a professor of surgery at the Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce, Poland.



Prof. Rogula is a former Staff Surgeon and an Associate Professor of Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic – Bariatric Metabolic Institute, former Chief of General Surgery Division and Co-Director of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery at the University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center in Cleveland-Charlton, OH, USA. He was born in Poland, now US and Polish citizen living permanently in Poland and part time in USA.

He graduated from the Jagiellonian University School of Medicine in Krakow, Poland and was trained in weight loss and general surgery Fellowships in the United States (Mount Sinai School of Medicine – New York, University of Pittsburgh, PA), Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Canada, United Kingdom and Japan. In addition to bariatric surgery, his specialty interests include advanced laparoscopic and robotic surgery, gastrointestinal surgery and hernia repair. He performed the first robotic assisted gastric bypass for obesity and initiated single incision laparoscopic bariatric surgery, cholecystectomy and hernia repair at the Cleveland Clinic.

Dr. Rogula has done pioneering research on novel weight-loss surgery procedures. He published numerous articles and book chapters on topics of bariatric and laparoscopic surgery and is a peer reviewer for the journal of Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases and Guest Editor for Journal of Obesity and Annals of Surgical Innovation and Research. Dr. Rogula initiated the Bariatric Clinical Program for Medical Students at the Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. He was an invited speaker for numerous national and international surgical meetings and workshops.

He is a Fellow of American College of Surgeons (FACS), a member of the American Medical Association, Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons, American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and European Association for Endoscopic Surgery and Polish Society of Surgeons. He is a co-founder of the International Club of Young Laparoscopic Surgeons and a founder and President of the International Bariatric Club – a global bariatric network organization. He was awarded for his medical innovations and holds pending patents for new surgical devices.

19. NORBERT RUNKEL (Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany)

- Surgical training and fellowship in visceral surgery at the Heidelberg University Hospital between 1984-1994.
- Attending General Surgeon Charite Berlin 1994-2000.
- Chairman of the Department of General Surgery Villingen-Schwenningen 2000-2018.
- Chairman of the Department of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, Sana Hospital Offenbach since 2018.



20. NIKOLAOS PLEVRIS (ATHENS, GREECE)

Dr. Plevris is an experienced minimally invasive gynecologic surgeon with special interest in robotic assisted laparoscopic surgery and gynecological oncology. Is interested in the use of innovation and technology in research projects for hereditary ovarian cancer and in healthcare since he is one of the first gynecological oncology robotic surgeons in Greece.



He has completed his studies in Medical School of Athens followed by a fellowship in Gynecological Oncology and Minimal Invasive Surgery in the United Kingdom. After completing his training in the NHS he became Da Vinci certified minimally invasive robotic surgeon and has completed numerous gynecological procedures since then in Greece and the United Kingdom.

21. P.E.F. (PASCAL) STIJNS (Utrecht, The Netherlands)

Dr. Stijns is an European Board of Urology certified urologist who specializes in the surgical treatment of urological cancers and reconstructive surgery of the urinary tract. He performs open and robotic surgical procedures.



22. EUGENIA YIANNAKOPOULOU (Athens, Greece)



Eugenia Yiannakopoulou works as an Academic Teacher in the Department of Biomedical Sciences of the Faculty of Health and Caring Professions, University of West Attica, Athens, Greece. In addition, since 2015 she works as a Faculty Staff of the Master in Science Biomedical Methods and Technology in Diagnosis organized by the Department of Biomedical Sciences, University of West Attica [lectures on hereditary and familial endocrine cancer]. Since 2004, she is Director of her own private medical practice where she works as a consultant surgeon with special interest in Endocrine Surgery and Breast Surgery. Since 2007 she works as a PI with research interests including minimally invasive surgery and surgical stress, neuroendocrine surgical stress, pharmacological modulation of neuroendocrine surgical stress, minimally invasive endocrine surgery, partial adrenalectomy, familial and hereditary breast and endocrine cancer, pharmacogenomics, epigenetics.

Eugenia Yiannakopoulou graduated from the Medical School of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Postgraduate studies: MSc Minimally Invasive Surgery; MSc Medical Biology; MSc Biostatistics; PhD Pharmacology; University Diploma in Breast Diseases Medical School University of Strasbourg, France; University Diploma of Laparoscopic Surgery Medical School University of Strasbourg, France. University Diploma of Endocrine Surgery Medical School University Pierre et Marrie Currie Paris, University Diploma in Targeted Biotherapeis of Inflammatory and Autoimmune Diseases, Medical School University of Montpellier, University Diploma in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases Medical School University Pierre et Marie Currie Paris., University Diploma in Ultrasound for Surgeons, University of Zaragoza, Spain, University Diploma 'Experto en ecografia clinica y abdoaminal y musculoesceletica' University Cardenal Herrera CEU Spain, Experto Universitario in Hepatobiliary Surgery CEU Cardenal Herrera University, Experto Universiatrio en Genetica Medica, University Rey Juan Carlos, University Diploma in Endocrine Surgery CEU Cardenal Herrera University. She has completed postdoctoral research in Pharmacology. Eugenia Yiannakopoulou is Hellenic National Board certified in Surgery. She speaks English, German, Italian, French, Russian, Spanish, Portugues, Dutch.

Eugenia Yiannakopoulou is member of the European Association of Endoscopic Surgery, of the European Society of Endocrine Surgeons, of the British Pharmacological Society, of the European Association of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, of the European Network for the study of Adrenal Tumors, of the British Association of Endocrine and Thyroid Surgeons . Eugenia Yiannakopoulou is member of the Research Committee of the European Association of Endoscopic Surgery, since 2014.

She has authored 60 research papers published in international journals and 6 book chapters and has presented 60 papers at national and international conferences. She is a Reviewer of peer-reviewed journals including Surgical Endoscopy, British Journal of Surgery, European Journal of Pharmacology, Journal of Clinical Pharmacology, Pharmacotherapy, Annals of Pharmacotherapy, European Journal of Preventive Cardiology, Molecular Nutrition and Food Research.. She has served as a Research Program Reviewer, Grant Reviewer, International Congress Abstract Reviewer. She is executive Editor of International Journal of Immunotherapy and Cancer Research and of Archives of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology. In addition, she is a member of the Editorial Board of a number of journals including Open Toxicology, Pharmacovigilance, Advances in Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety. She is Editor of the Book 'Diclofenac', 'Environmenatl Pharmacology of Diclofenac', 'Pharmacological Guide to Meloxicam' as well as of the Book 'Adrenalectomies' of Nova Science Publisher.