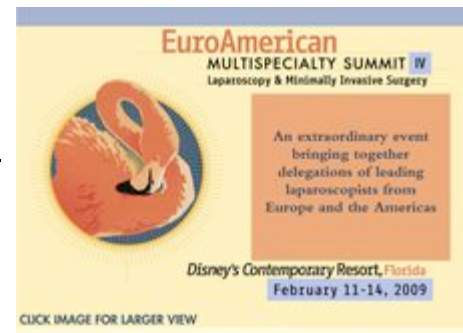


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The objectives of this program are to provide attendees with:

- A multidisciplinary and multicultural exchange of information between surgeons representing their country or a professional organization on the challenges faced practicing and teaching minimally invasive surgeons.
- A clearer concept of new and standard laparoscopic and endoscopic instrumentation and techniques and how they enhance the standards of patient care and education of minimally invasive surgeons.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

General Surgeons, Gynecologists, and Urologists who have an interest in diagnostic and therapeutic minimally invasive techniques as well as those laparoscopists interested in the unique challenges and opportunities of minimally invasive surgery in Europe and the Americas.

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Preliminary Program Agenda

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009

3:00–6:00pm CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

6:00–7:00pm OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME

Paul Alan Wetter, MD, Chairman

Walt Disney World Sizzle

Delegation Introductions: Organizing Committee Chair and Co-Chair

Cultural Presentation: The Role of Endoscopic Surgery in Latin America and Its Development

Roberto Gallardo, MD • Guatemala

Cultural Presentation: Presentation on Celebration Health Hospital

Jay Redan, MD • United States

7:00–8:00pm WELCOME RECEPTION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009

7:00–12:00pm Conference Registration Open

7:00–7:30am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:30–7:45am OPENING REMARKS

Paul Alan Wetter, MD • Chairman

MULTIDISCIPLINARY

Moderators • Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA / Carl J. Levinson, MD

7:45-8:00am MR Guided Focused Ultrasound Surgery (MRgFUS): An Overview on Current Gynaecological Applications (for the Treatment of Uterine Fibroids, Adenomyosis, and Fertility)

Doron Kopelman, MD • Israel

8:00-8:15am The FLS Program for Teaching and Evaluating Fundamental Laparoscopic Skills

Gerald Fried, MD • Canada

8:15-8:30am Laparoscopic Management of the Acute Abdomen

Roberto Gallardo, MD • Guatemala

8:30-8:45am Laparoscopic Colposacropexy in the Treatment of Pelvic Organ Prolapse. Is It Always Feasible?

Cosimo De Nunzio, MD • Italy

CANCER

Moderators • Farr Nezhat, MD / William E. Kelley, Jr., MD

8:45-9:00am Laparoscopic Lymphonode Dissection in Gynecology Oncology: Indications and Techniques

Roberto Angioli, MD • Italy

9:00-9:15am The Molecular Mechanism of Peritoneal Dissemination of Cancer and of Adhesion Formation After Laparoscopy and Laparotomy

Michel Canis, MD • France

9:15-9:30am Laparoscopic Gastrectomy for Cancer: Adequacy of Surgical Resection; Outcome

Baki Topal, MD • Belgium

9:30-9:45am Laparoscopic Total Gastrectomy for Gastric Cancer

Maher Hussein, MD • Lebanon

9:45-10:00am BREAK

GENERAL SURGERY

Moderators • Michael S. Kavic, MD / Gustavo Stringel, MD

10:00-10:15am Our First Hybrid Vascular Procedure, Combination Robotic and Endovascular Therapy

Petr Stadler, MD, PhD • Czech Republic

10:15-10:30am Staging Laparoscopy in Oncological Abdominal Diseases

Rosario Vecchio, MD • Italy

10:30-10:45am Cultural Presentation: Evolution (Or Involution?) of Laparoscopic Gynecological Surgery in the Past 20 Years. A Window on Italy

Ornella Sizzi, MD • Italy

GYNECOLOGY

Moderators • Maurice K. Chung, MD / Liselotte Mettler, Prof Dr Med

10:45-11:00am Major Complications in Vaginal Laparoscopic Hysterectomy

R. Hector Anaya, MD • Mexico

11:00-11:15am LTH a Simplified Technique with the RUMI System and the Koh Cup: 150 Cases

Manuel Mota, MD • Mexico

UROLOGY

Moderators: Elspeth M. McDougall, MD / Harrieth M. Hasson, MD

11:15–11:30am Lessons Learned After 2500 Robotic Prostatectomies

Vipul Patel, MD • USA / Bernardo Rocco, MD • Italy

11:30–11:45am Technical Aspects Step by Step of Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy

Giuseppe Morgia, MD • Italy

11:45–12:00pm Laparoscopic Radical Cystectomy with Ileal Conduit Diversion. Can It Be Already Considered a New Standard of Care?

Alberto Pansadoro, MD • Italy

12:00–12:15pm Laparoscopic Partial Nephrectomy: What's the Real Time of Warm Ischemia?

Luigi Schips, MD • Italy / Luca Cindolo, MD • Italy

HEPATOBIILIARY

Moderators • William E. Kelley, Jr., MD / John E. Morrison, Jr., MD

12:15-12:30pm Difficult Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy: Can It Be Predicted Preoperatively?

Ashfaq Chandio, MD • Ireland

12:30-12:45pm Minimally Invasive Surgery for Hepatic Malignancies (Resection, Ablation): Techniques, Short and Long-Term Outcome

Baki Topal, Prof Dr Med • Belgium

12:45-1:00pm Biliary Tract Variations & Correlation with Clinical Presentation

Ashfaq Chandio, MD • Ireland

2:00-3:00pm Tour of the Florida Hospital Celebration Health

6:30–9:00pm SLS SOCIAL EVENT WITH FACULTY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2009

7:00–12:00pm Conference Registration Open

7:00–7:30am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

MULTIDISCIPLINARY

Moderators • Michael S. Kavic, MD / Charles H. Koh, MD

7:30-7:45am The Use of the CUSUM Model for Critically Evaluating the Learning Curve

Gerald Fried, MD • Canada

7:45-8:00am Laparoscopic Appendectomy in Routine Emergency Basis

Evangelos Misiakos, MD • Greece

8:00-8:15am N.O.T.E.S. Procedures

Philippe Morel, MD • Switzerland

8:15-8:30am Laser Tissue Soldering- Animal Studies of a New Device

Doron Kopelman, MD • Israel

CANCER

Moderators • John E. Morrison, Jr., MD / Farr Nezhat, MD

8:30-8:45am Laparoscopic Procedures for Colorectal Cancer

Lucas Sakra, MD, PhD • Czech Republic

8:45-9:00am The Challenges Encountered to Initiate a Gynaecological Oncology Unit and Developing

Minimal Invasive Surgery in Kuwait**Eiman Tawheed, Prof Dr Med • Kuwait**9:00-9:15am **Oncological and Functional Results of Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy****Mario Falsaperla, MD • Italy**9:15-9:30am **Cultural Presentation: South Africa — A True Rainbow Nation****Abri de Bruin, MD • South Africa**9:30-9:45am **BREAK****GENERAL SURGERY****Moderators • Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA / Gustavo Stringel, MD**9:45-10:00am **Laparoscopic Band for Morbid Obesity****Maher Hussein, MD • Lebanon**10:00-10:15am **Laparoscopic Inguinal Hernia Repair: Is It Preferable to the Open Repair?****Evangelos Misiakos, MD • Greece**10:15-10:30am **Cultural Presentation: The Birth and Rise of Endourology in Cukurova University since 1973: The Historical Cornerstones****I. Atilla Aridogan, MD • Turkey****GYNECOLOGY****Moderators • Charles H. Koh, MD / Liselotte Mettler, Prof Dr Med**10:30-10:45am **Laparoscopic Use of a Novel Matrix Hemostatic Sealant (FloSeal) for Ovarian Cyst and Myomectomy****Roberto Angioli, MD • Italy**10:45-11:00am **The Evolving Role of Laparoscopic Surgery in Gynecology in Greece****Ioannis Mpontis, MD • Greece**11:00-11:15am **Surgical Approaches to Rectovaginal Septum Endometriosis****Alfonso Rosseti, MD • Italy****UROLOGY****Moderators • Carl J. Levinson, MD / Elspeth M. McDougall, MD, MHPE**11:15-11:30am **Complications in Laparoscopic Urology: Prevention and Management****Costantino Leonardo, MD • Italy**11:30-11:45am **Technical Aspects of Laparoscopic Partial Nephrectomy****Roberto Sanseverino, MD • Italy**11:45-12:00pm **Laparoscopic Radical Nephrectomy: Retroperitoneal vs. Transperitoneal Approach****Lorenzo Repetto, MD • Italy**12:00-12:15pm **Laparoscopic Pyeloplasty: Pro and Con of Extraperitoneal and Transperitoneal Approach. Is It the New Standard of Care?****Andrea Polara, MD • Italy / Gaetano Grosso, MD • Italy****GASTROINTESTINAL****Moderators • William E. Kelley, Jr., MD / John E. Morrison, Jr., MD**12:15-12:30pm **Surgical Treatment of Paraesophageal Hernia: Evidence for the Minimally Invasive Approach**

Gerald Fried, MD • Canada

12:30-12:45pm Laparoscopic Pancreaticoduodenectomy: Part I- Resection, Part II- Reconstruction

Mahe Hussein, MD • Lebanon

12:45-1:00pm Compression Gastrointestinal Anasthomosis—The Revival of an Old Idea and Novel Compression Technologies

Doron Kopelman, MD • Israel

1:00-5:00pm Surgical Surprises, Accidents & Complications—To Err is Human, To Correct is Master Surgeon — Now How ##!?!* Do I Get Out of This?

John E. Morrison, Jr., MD

OPEN EVENING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2009

7:00–12:00pm Conference Registration Open

7:00–7:30am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

MULTIDISCIPLINARY

Moderators • Maurice K. Chung, MD / Gustavo Stringel, MD

7:30-7:45am Training & Assessment in Minimal Access Surgery for the New Generation

Sudip Sarker, MD, PhD • United Kingdom

7:45-8:00am Robot-Assisted Vascular Surgery

Petr Stadler, MD, PhD • Czech Republic

8:00-8:15am Natural Orifice Surgery (NOS) on Thyroid Gland - Totally Transoral Video Assisted Thyroidectomy (TOVAT) — Final Experimental Results of a New Surgical Method

Tahar Benhidjeb, MD • Germany

8:15-8:30am The Role of Laparoscopy in Abdominal Emergency

Ali Uzunkoy, Prof Dr Med • Turkey

GENERAL SURGERY

Moderators • William E. Kelley, Jr., MD / John E. Morrison, Jr., MD

8:30-8:45am Laparoscopic Hernia Repair

Lukas Sakra, MD, PhD • Czech Republic

8:45-9:00am Robotic Total Gastric Bypass Using the Da Vinci

Philippe Morel, Prof Dr Med • Switzerland

9:00-9:15am MR Guided Focused Ultrasound Surgery (MRgFUS) for the Ablation of Liver, Prostate and Bone Lesions: State-of-the-Art

Doron Kopelman, MD • Israel

9:15-9:30am Cultural Presentation: Culture and Leisure in Greece

Evangelos Misiakos, MD • Greece

9:30–9:45am BREAK

GYNECOLOGY

Moderators • Maurice K. Chung, MD / Harrith M. Hasson, MD

9:45-10:00am Hysteroscopic the Evolution from the Beginning Until Present

Rafael Valle, MD • Mexico

10:00-10:15am Bladder Endometriosis in a Monozygotic Twin. Work-up and Excision Using the Harmonic Scalpel.

[Johannes van Beek, MD, PhD • Netherlands](#)

10:15-10:30am Update on Severe Endometriosis. 178 Cases on Rectovaginal Endometriosis

[Abri de Bruin, MD • South Africa](#)

10:30-10:45am Cultural Presentation: Gobeklipe (Sanliurfa) Known as First Settlement in the World

[Ali Uzunkoy, Prof Dr Med • Turkey](#)

UROLOGY

Moderators • [Charles H. Koh, MD / Elspeth M. McDougall, MD](#)

10:45-11:00am Retroperitoneal Soft Tissue Neoplasms Laparoscopic Resection

[Giorgio Martina, MD • Italy](#)

11:00-11:15am Laparoscopic Donor Nephrectomy: Lessons We Have Learned

[Georgios Tsoulfas, MD • Greece](#)

11:15-11:30am Robotic Assisted Prostatectomy in Laparoscopic Naive European Center

[Ottavio de Cobelli, MD • Italy](#)

HEPATOBIILIARY

Moderators • [Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA / Gustavo Stringel, MD](#)

11:30-11:45am Agenesis of Gallbladder

[Ashfaq Chandio, MD • Ireland](#)

11:45-12:00pm Common Bile Duct Stones: Laparoscopy vs. Endoscopy

[Baki Topal, Prof Dr Med • Belgium](#)

12:00-12:15pm Cystic Duct Opens into Right Hepatic Duct

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12:15-12:30pm Laparoscopic Cardiomyotomy for Achalasia

[Maher Hussein, MD • Lebanon](#)

12:30-12:45pm Severe Acute Pancreatitis. Usefulness of the Multimodal Management: Endoscopy, Laparoscopy, Drain, Surgery

[Vincenzo Neri, Prof Dr Med • Italy](#)

12:45-1:00pm DELEGATES MEETING

SLS Social Event

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- Experience a unique summit offering a multispecialty approach to minimally invasive surgery.
- Expand your knowledge of the use of laparoscopic diagnostic and treatment techniques taught by acknowledged leaders in their respective specialties and countries.
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- Understand how different countries have met the challenges of training and practicing minimally invasive surgery.
- Learn about the cultural differences and similarities between neighboring countries.

TECHNICAL EXHIBITS

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Wednesday, February 11, 2009 • Welcome Reception • 7:00pm – 8:00pm

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Friday, February 13, 2009 • 7:00am – 12:00pm

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For a truly memorable dining experience, the award-winning California Grill offers breathtaking views of Cinderella Castle from high atop the hotel. And, you're just a short stroll or monorail ride away from all the sights and sounds of the Magic Kingdom® Park and Epcot®.

ROOM RATES

Special daily rates (in US dollars) for conference attendees are as follows:

Single / Double Occupancy: \$225.00 per night

A first night's deposit, plus applicable taxes, refundable up to five (5) days in advance will be required. Any cancellations within five (5) days prior to arrival and all no-shows will be assessed a cancellation penalty equal to one night's stay. Check-in time is after 3:00 pm, check-out time is before 11:00 am. At check-in/registration, please advise the hotel if you will be checking out early. A fee will be charged to the guest's account if the hotel is not advised of your plans in advance.

Make your reservations no later than January 21, 2009. After January 21, 2009, reservations will be confirmed on a space availability basis only. Be sure to mention that you are attending this conference in order to receive the discounted room rate.

For those attending the conference, who require special assistance (accessibility, dietary, etc.), please notify the hotel of special requests upon making your reservations or before January 21, 2009.

Please make your reservations early!

VISA INFORMATION

Official letters of invitation, designed to help overcome administrative difficulties in certain countries, will be sent upon request after registration is complete, and upon receipt of the appropriate registration payment from the delegate/attendee. It must be understood that such letters do not represent a commitment on the part of SLS or the conference to provide any financial assistance. All expenses incurred with relation to the conference are the sole responsibility of the delegate/attendee.

Once online registration is completed, delegates/attendees should contact Conferences@SLS.org to issue the letter.

Please note that it is the sole responsibility of the delegate/attendee to take care of his/her visa requirements. A delegate/attendee who requires an entry visa must allow adequate time for the application procedure. You should consider beginning the visa application process 5 months prior to the conference although this process may take longer in some countries.

If a delegate/attendee visa application is denied by the embassy/consulate, the delegate/attendee may apply to Conferences@SLS.org for a refund of his/her registration fee. Full proof that the visa application was denied must be provided prior to the date listed in the meeting cancellation policy. Refunds will not be considered after that date. See cancellation policy for the conference you are attending.

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