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## FOURTEENTH BELGIAN SURGICAL WEEK Ostend, Thermae Palace Hotel 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> May 2013



### FACING THE FUTURE OF SURGERY Preliminary Programme

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# Welcome Address

Dear Colleagues and Friends

It is an important task for the Royal Belgian Society of Surgery to bring together all the sections and affiliated societies during the annual Belgian Surgical Week.

Last year's Belgian Surgical Week, held in Spa, was a great success. Over 600 surgeons, of which 150 trainees, attended the congress.

As previously decided, this year's 14<sup>th</sup> Belgian Surgical Week will be hosted in Ostend, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

The theme will be:

## **Facing the Future of Surgery.**

Surgery is probably one of the most fascinating medical specialities.

However, in the future, we, surgeons, will be confronted with dramatic challenges.

A substantial part of these developments concern non-medical issues. Nevertheless, pure scientifically, surgeons must remain involved in the evaluation and selection of innovative treatment modalities; and this in their patients' best interest.

Paradoxically, because of certain technological breakthroughs, the surgical community has reached the tipping point at which further innovation could jeopardize the surgeons' traditional role. Furthermore, therapeutic advances could even make certain surgical treatments obsolete.

But we need to remain confident and, whatever the discipline, our surgical community will most probably cope with future changes.

Unfortunately, facing the future of surgery, the surgeon's referral-dependant position in health care delivery will remain a significant structural weakness.

In contrast to the congress' theme, we specifically invite you to the "Opening Ceremony", dedicated to "The History of Surgery: a Global View", presented by Professor R. Van Hee.

As in the past, all other surgical topics of interest, not necessarily linked to the congress' theme, will be highlighted.

Previous successful modifications to the congress' program will be continued, such as the "Trainer-Trainee session" organized by the BAST, the "Free Video and Papers" Sessions, as well as the "Young Investigator's Award", the "Free Posters", an ethical session and a plenary session focused on the congress' theme.

The Surgical Night will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013, and again this will be a nice opportunity to meet informally with all our colleagues.

And ... for the 15<sup>th</sup> BSW in 2014, we are pleased to announce you that it will take place again in the Spa Conference Centre.

We look forward to welcoming you again at the Belgian Surgical Week!

Jan Lamote  
Secretary General

Tobie Gys  
President



## PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

	Wednesday 1/05/2013	Thursday 2/05/2013	Friday 3/05/2013	Saturday 4/05/2013	
Hour	Fabiola Room	Astrid Room	Fabiola Room	Astrid Room	Fabiola Room
08.00-08.30					Albert II Room
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07.30-08.00					



## Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013

Belgian Association of Surgical Trainees.

Fabiola Room

### Trainees and Trainers session

*Moderators: D. Ysebaert (Antwerpen)  
L. Depypere (Leuven)*

- 2.00 A lady with a small bowel obstruction  
*Y. Mandeville, C. de Gheldere, J. Fierens, P. Vanclooster (Lier)*
- 2.20 Unexpected parotid lymph drainage for a melanoma localized on the back. Fourteen years follow-up  
*L. Mazzeo Cicchetti, M. Quriny, F. Sales (Bruxelles)*
- 2.40 Pitfall pancreateoduodenectomy  
*T. Meert, S. Landen (Bruxelles)*
- 3.00 Anterior or posterior, that's the question!  
*M. Van Lieshout, F. Berrevoet (Gent)*
- 3.20 Endovascular treatment of iliac artery stenoses for bilateral claudication  
*L. de Caluwé, M. Janssen, L. Desender, I. Van Herzele. (Gent)*
- 3.40 Clinical deterioration after gastric surgery with feeding jejunostomy  
*A. Stockman, S. De Gendt (Aalst)*

4.00 General Assembly BAST

Fabiola Room



## Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013

### Free Paper session

*Moderators: C. Jehaes (Liège)  
P. Pattyn (Gent)*

Fabiola Room

- 4.30 Right colectomy: Interest of the full laparoscopic approach  
*V. Poulaïn, G. Orlando, A. Legrand, L. Arru, A. Sanchez Ramos, O. Facy, M. Goergen, J. S. Azagra Soria (Luxembourg, L.)*
- 4.40 The perception of the safety culture in the operating rooms and the attitude to the use of the checklist  
*C. Sommeling (Waregem)*
- 4.50 Laparoscopic ventral rectopexy for solitary rectal ulcus syndromes  
*L.J. Van Driel, B. Van Geluwe, A. Wolthuis, A. D'Hoore (Leuven)*
- 5.00 Has single-incision laparoscopic surgery benefits over standard multiport laparoscopy in colorectal resections? A single centre case-matched comparison  
*F. Famiglietti, D. Leonard, Ch. Remue, E. Farinella, A. Ibsen, A. Kartheuser (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*
- 5.10 High cumulative closure rate for obstetric rectovaginal fistula  
*F. Vanrykel, B. Van Geluwe, A. De Buck Van Overstraeten, A. Wolthuis, A. D'Hoore (Leuven)*
- 5.20 Cytoreductive surgery (CRS) with hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC) for patients with peritoneal carcinomatosis from colorectal origin: a retrospective study on 50 patients  
*H. Nasser, G. Liberale, V. Mendes Marron, F. Bou Azza, A. Hendlisz, A. Delporte, I. El Nakadi (Bruxelles)*
- 5.30 Rectovaginal fistulas in Crohn's disease: a surgical challenge  
*F. Vanrykel, B. Van Geluwe, A. De Buck Van Overstraeten, A. Wolthuis, A. D'Hoore (Leuven)*
- 5.40 Comparison of safety and short-term outcomes after single incision laparoscopic versus multi incision laparoscopic restorative proctocolectomy with ileal pouch anal anastomosis. A case matched study  
*E. Farinella, D. Léonard, O. Dewit, P. Hoang, F. Famiglietti, A. Ibsen, Ch. Remue, A. Kartheuser (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*





## Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013

- 5.50 Can a fistulectomy + flap help the plug? Or vice versa? Proposing a combined sphincter-sparing anal fistula repair technique  
*Ch. De Gheldere, Ph. Borremans, J. Fierens, P. Vanclooster (Lier)*
- 6.00 Nodal counts and the extent of lymphadenectomy in colorectal cancer: a systematic review  
*W. Willaert, D. Van De Putte, K. Van Renterghem, Y. Van Nieuwenhove, P. Pattyn, W. Ceelen (Gent)*
- 6.10 Are waist circumference and waist/hip ratio better risk factors for mortality and morbidity after colorectal surgery than body mass index and body surface area?  
*D. Léonard<sup>1</sup>, F. Penninckx<sup>2</sup>, D. Brandt<sup>1,2</sup>, Ch. Remue<sup>1</sup>, C. Bugli<sup>3</sup>, N. Abbes-Orabi<sup>4</sup>, R. Chamblou<sup>5</sup>, C. Coimbra<sup>6</sup>, A. D'Hoore<sup>2</sup>, R. Droissart<sup>5</sup>, J. Etienne<sup>7</sup>, C. Jehaes<sup>8</sup>, B. Majerus<sup>9</sup>, F. Mbotti<sup>10</sup>, B. Monami<sup>8</sup>, F. Pierard<sup>11</sup>, J.P. Saey<sup>4</sup>, L. Stainier<sup>9</sup>, N. Tinton<sup>12</sup>, J. Van de Stadt<sup>10</sup>, Y. Van Molhem<sup>13</sup>, A. Kartheuser<sup>1</sup> (<sup>1</sup> Louvain-en-Woluwe; <sup>2</sup> Leuven, <sup>3</sup> Ottignies; <sup>4</sup> Mons; <sup>5</sup> Bruxelles; <sup>6</sup> Liège; <sup>7</sup> Namur; <sup>8</sup> Ottignies; <sup>10</sup> Bruxelles; <sup>11</sup> Bouge; <sup>12</sup> Gilly; <sup>13</sup> Aalst) and P. Ambrosetti (Genève, Ch), J. Baulieux (Lyon, F), P-Y. Bouteloup (Saint-Grégoire, F), E.J. Dozois (Minnesota, USA), J.C. Etienne (Poissy, F), J-CI. Faucheron (Grenoble, F), P. Frileux (Suresnes, F), O. Glehen, E. Cotte (Lyon, F), P-A. Lehur, G. Meurette (Nantes, F), F. Michot, J-J. Tuech (Rouen, F), J. Kayser (Luxembourg, L), Z. Krivokapic (Belgrade, SRB), J. Loriau (Paris, F), P. Matthiessen (Örebro, S), N. Mortensen, T. Yeung (Oxford, GB), Y. Panis, F. Bretagnol (Clichy, F), J. Pfeifer, D. Nagele-Moser (Graz, A), M. Pocard (Paris, F), F. Ris (Genève, Ch), Ph. Rouanet (Montpellier, F), F. Rulli (Rome, It), E. Rullier, Ch. Laurent (Bordeaux, F), Y.A. Shelygin, S. Achkasov (Moscow, Rus), C. Soravia (Genève, Ch), E. Tiret (Paris, F), A. Valverde (Argenteuil, F)*
- 6.20 Debulking and intraperitoneal chemoperfusion for peritoneal metastasis from colorectal origin  
*W. Ceelen, K. Geboes, St. Laurent, P. Pattyn (Gent)*



## Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013

Belgian Trauma Society

Astrid Room

### The future of trauma surgery

Moderators: Ch. Aelvoet (Bonheiden)  
M. Bonckaers (Turnhout)

- 4.30 The future of traumatology in Europe  
*P. Rommens (Mainz, D)*
- 5.00 Traumain a global environment  
*P. Messmer (Leuven)*
- 5.10 Traumatology in a metropolitan area  
*D. Putineanu (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*
- 5.20 New technologies in musculoskeletal trauma  
*P. Hollering (Turnhout)*
- 5.30 PFNA augmentation  
*H. Topal (Bonheiden)*
- 5.40 Distal tibia fractures  
*H. Hoekstra (Leuven)*
- 5.50 Predictive parameters of complications in tibia fractures treated endomedullary  
*W. Metsemakers (Leuven)*



## Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013

### Satellite symposium Ethicon Surgical Care

Fabiola Room

- 7.00 Public tenders: a shift in decision making ... you'd better be prepared.
- The legal context
  - Vision of the hospital director  
*P. Verdonck, Vice President of the Belgian Association of hospital directors.*
  - Vision of the surgeon  
*Cl. Bertrand, Chef de Service Chirurgie Générale CHU Mont Godinne*
- 8.00 Prevention of incisional hernias after AAA repair by mesh augmentation: preliminary results of a Belgian RCT with 120 patients  
*F. Muysoms, Maria Middelares Gent*

Registration required before 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013: [tceulemans@ITS.JNJ.com](mailto:tceulemans@ITS.JNJ.com)



## Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013

### Free Paper Session

*Moderators: M. Lannoo (Leuven)*

*J.M. Collard (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*

Fabiola Room

- 8.30 New indication of sleeve gastrectomy: morbidly obese patients with IBD  
*B. Willaert, M. Lannoo, J. Willeman, S. Vermeire, A. D'Hoore (Leuven)*
- 8.40 Nardi test and laparoscopically assisted ERCP in sphincter of Oddi dysfunction after gastric bypass surgery  
*D. Opsomer, J. Valk, L. Hendrickx (Antwerpen)*
- 8.50 Long term results of laparoscopic conversion to Roux-en-Y gastric bypass after previous laparoscopic gastric banding procedure, patients outcome and 5 year follow-up: an expert centre experience  
*St. Heyman, B. Gypen, L. Hendrickx, J. Valk (Antwerpen)*
- 9.00 Predictive factors of diabetes remission at one year after laparoscopic gastric bypass  
*N. Gilson, L. Kohnen, A. Haumann, J. Deflives, B. Lembo, V. Goessens, Cl. Bodeson, M. Meurisse, A. De Roover (Liège)*
- 9.10 Simultaneously combining the thoracic and abdominal phase in oesophageal cancer resection: results in 16 patients  
*Ch. Vercauteren, J. Lesaffer, S. Van Cauwenberge, B. Dillemans (Brugge)*
- 9.20 Short-term morbidity and mortality in primary and conversion procedures to laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass using hand sown gastrojejunal anastomosis. A retrospective study on 950 patients  
*L. Kohnen, A. De Roover (Liège)*
- 9.30 Assessing relationships between health-related quality of life (HRQL) and postoperative length of hospital stay (LOS) after esophagectomy for cancer of the esophagus and gastroesophageal junction (GEJ)  
*Ph. Nafteux, J. Duriez, J. Moons, W. Coosemans, G. Decker, H. Van Veer, A. Lerut, P. De Leyn (Leuven)*
- 9.40 Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass for morbid obesity, primary versus revisional  
*J. Navez, D. Dardamanis, M.-T. Marechal, L. Coubeau, B. Navez (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*
- 9.50 Predictive factors of weight loss at one year after laparoscopic gastric bypass  
*A. Haumann, L. Kohnen, N. Gilson, J. Deflives, B. Lembo, V. Goessens, Cl. Bodeson, M. Meurisse, A. De Roover (Liège)*

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## Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013

- 10.00 Cardia and gastric adenocarcinoma surgery: experience of a teaching hospital  
*A. Delens, J. Weerts, J-M. Dewandre, D. Francart, C. Jehaes, B. Monami, Ch. Whalen, S. Markiewicz (Liège)*
- 10.10 Internal hernia after laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass: a diagnostic and therapeutic challenge  
*F. Goudsmedt, B. Deylgat, B. Dillemans (Brugge)*
- 10.20 Single-step conversion of gastric banding to Roux-en Y gastric bypass is feasible and safe: a single centre study of 559 patients  
*B. Defoort, Ch. Vercauteren, S. Vandenhante, D. Van der Fraenen, St. Van Cauwenberge, B. Dillemans (Brugge)*

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### Free Paper Session

*Moderators: V. Lucidi (Bruxelles)*

*Th. Chapelle (Antwerpen)*

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- 8.30 Computer assisted knee arthroplasty, the future in knee replacement?  
*T. Van den Langenbergh, G. Peersman (Antwerpen)*
- 8.40 Comparison between single incision and conventional laparoscopic cholecystectomy: a prospective randomized study with operative time as primary endpoint  
*O. Julliard, J. Possoz, E. Kovacs, J. Baert, Ph. Hauters (Tournai)*
- 8.50 Laparoscopic versus open resection of intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm: a retrospective comparative study  
*J. Navez, C. Hubert, J-F. Gigot, B. Navez (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*
- 9.00 Comparison of non-operative management with embolization versus operative management for major blunt liver trauma: a retrospective study  
*V. Ochieng, F. Berrevoet (Gent)*
- 9.10 Is ultra-short cold ischemia the key to ischemic cholangiopathy avoidance in DCD-LT?  
*O. Detry, A. De Roover, S. Cheham, H. Ledinh, C. Coimbra, E. Decker, L. Kohnen, M-F. Hans, J. Joris, S. Lauwick, A. Kaba, J. Delwaide, M. Meurisse, P. Honoré (Liège)*
- 9.20 The future of in-patient follow-up. Easy-to-implement electronic patient registration using IPad Mini. A proof of concept  
*F. Haenen, Th. Lafullarde, T. Gys (Geel)*
- 9.30 Associating liver partition and portal vein ligation for staged hepatectomy compared to percutaneous and surgical portal vein embolization for resection of initially unresectable colorectal liver metastasis  
*C. Boven, N. Ciobanu, J. Abi-Khalil, G. Katsanos, B. Ickx, R. Maréchal, P. Demetter, M-A. Bali, V. Donckier, V. Lucidi (Bruxelles)*
- 9.40 Is recertification to be anticipated in the future?  
*J.A. Gruwez (Leuven)*
- 9.50 The surgical safety checklist; a glance in the future  
*C. Sommeling (Waregem)*

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- 10.00 Significance of R "0" and R "1" margins in laparoscopic resection of colorectal liver metastases using the ultrasonic surgical dissector: long-term results  
*S. Sebastiani, L. D'Ambrosi, I. Bonadio, A. Vanlander, F. Berrevoet, X. Rogiers, L. Libbrecht, K. Geboes, St. Laurent, R. Troisi (Gent)*
- 10.10 Factors influencing survival in patients undergoing liver resection for breast cancer metastasis: single institutional experience over 15 years  
*K. Jottard, C. Verriest, R. Vanden Broucke, H. Denys, V. Cocquyt, S. Van Belle, B. de Hemptinne, R. Troisi (Gent)*
- 10.20 Patterns of failure to grow future liver remnant volume after portal vein embolization  
*G. Sergeant, E. Schadde, Ch. Tschoor, K. Slankamenac, V. Ardiles<sup>1</sup>, K. Croome<sup>3</sup>, J. Baumgart<sup>2</sup>, H. Lang<sup>2</sup>, R. Hernandes-Alejandra<sup>3</sup>, E. de Santibanes<sup>2</sup>, P-A. Clavien (Zurich, Ch; <sup>1</sup>Buenos Aires, Arg; <sup>2</sup>Mainz, D; <sup>3</sup>Ontario, Cdn)*

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### Free Paper Session

Moderator: *J. Lerut (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*  
*S. Van Slycke (Aalst)*

Albert II Room

- 8.30 Does bilateral adrenalectomy really benefit to the patients?  
*J.-F. Maillart, S. Van Deun, L. De Pauw, D. Maiter, M. Mourad (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*
- 8.40 Clinical results of proceed ventral patch after laparoscopic evaluation in small ventral hernia repair  
*F. Berrevoet, S. Sagaama<sup>1</sup>, A. Vanlander, T. Tollens<sup>1</sup> (Gent; <sup>1</sup> Bonheiden)*
- 8.50 Multicentric RCT to compare large pore versus small pore mesh in laparoscopic ventral hernia repair using a non-closing technique  
*F. Berrevoet, S. Pauli<sup>1</sup>, P. Mendes da Costa<sup>2</sup>, T. Vierendeels<sup>3</sup>, B. Monami<sup>4</sup> (Gent; <sup>1</sup> Deurne; <sup>2</sup> Bruxelles; <sup>3</sup> Aalst; <sup>4</sup> Liège)*
- 9.00 Lifelike revascularization of embalmed kidneys: a promising new surgical training model?  
*W. Willaert, D. Van de Putte, K. Van Renterghem, Y. Van Nieuwenhove, W. Ceelen, K. D'Herde, P. Pattyn (Gent)*
- 9.10 One-year outcome of biological and synthetic bioabsorbable meshes for augmentation of large abdominal wall defects in a rabbit model  
*E. Peeters, K. Van Barneveld<sup>1</sup>, M. Schreinemacher<sup>1</sup>, G. De Hertogh, Y. Ozog, N. Bouvy<sup>1</sup>, M. Miserez (Leuven; <sup>1</sup> Maastricht, NL)*
- 9.20 Prevention of parastomal hernia in permanent transperitoneal colostomy by laparoscopic abdominal wall reinforcement with a specific Parietex® parastomal mesh  
*J. Baert, E. Kovacs, J. Landenne, Ph. Malvaux, B. Essola, Ph. Hauters (Tournai)*
- 9.30 The principles of abdominal wound closure  
*E.-J. Meijer, L. Timmermans<sup>1</sup>, J. Jeekel, J. Lange, F. Muysoms<sup>1</sup> (Rotterdam, NL; <sup>1</sup> Gent)*
- 9.40 Intra-operative vagal neuromonitoring predicts non-recurrent laryngeal nerve  
*K. Van den Heede, S. Van Slycke (Aalst)*
- 9.50 The incidence of incisional hernias after colorectal carcinoma resection on follow-up CT scan  
*K. Claes, R. Beckers, E. Heindryckx, I. Kyle-Leinhase, P. Pletinckx, D. Claeys, F. Muysoms (Gent)*

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- 10.00 Does autologous breast reconstruction increase the incidence of recurrence of invasive breast cancer?  
*J. Geers, A. Smeets, H. Wildiers, K. Van Calster, A. Laenen, G. Floris, M. Vandevoort, M-R. Christiaens (Leuven)*
- 10.10 Skin as marker for collagen type I/III ratio in abdominal wall fascia  
*E. Peeters, G. De Hertogh, K. Junge<sup>1</sup>, U. Klinge<sup>1</sup>, M. Miserez (Leuven; <sup>1</sup> Aachen, D)*
- 10.20 Negative pressure therapy and mesh mediated fascial traction result in very high closure rates after open abdomen treatment  
*A. Vanlander, J. De Waele, E. Hoste, F. Berrevoet (Gent)*

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## Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013

### Opening Ceremony

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- 11.00 Introduction  
*T. Gys (Geel)*
- 11.15 History of Surgery: a global view  
*R. Van Hee (Antwerpen)*

12.00 Welcome cocktail – Open to all participants

12.30 President's lunch – Upon invitation

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## Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013

**Belgian Section of Abdominal Wall Surgery  
Belgian Section of Colo-Rectal Surgery**

Fabiola Room

### Parastomal hernias

*Moderators: F. Muysons (Gent)  
D. Claeys (Gent)*

- 1.30 How to prevent stoma complications? (recommendations about stoma construction and stoma management)  
*A. D'Hoore (Leuven)*
- 1.55 When and how to treat parastomal hernias  
*B. Hansson (Nijmegen, NL)*
- 2.20 Laparoscopic modified Sugarbaker technique and sandwich technique  
*E. Chelala (La Louvière)*
- 2.40 A mesh in the prevention of parastomal hernias  
*P. Hauters (Tournai)*
- 3.00 Coffee Break

### Difficult-to-close abdomen

*Moderators: M. Miserez (Leuven)  
C. Jehaes (Liège)*

- 3.30 How to close the abdomen in a contaminated situation?  
*M. Thoma (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*
- 3.50 Closing the open-abdomen  
*F. Berrevoet (Gent)*
- 4.10 The closure of the pelvis after APR  
*Y. Parc (Paris, France)*
- 4.40 Perineal hernias  
*I. Martijnse (Tilburg, The Netherlands)*

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## Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013

**Collegium Chirurgicum  
Belgian Association of Ambulatory Surgery**

Astrid Room

### Facing the future: ambulatory as the standard?

*Moderators: L. Van Outryve (Gent)  
D. Claeys (Gent)*

- 1.30 Day Surgery: what can be achieved and why it is important for our health systems  
*I. Jackson (York, U.K.)*

### Billing codes for surgical activities in Belgium

*Moderators: D. Claeys (Gent)  
L. Van Outryve (Gent)*

- 2.00 Billing codes for surgical activities in Belgium  
*R. Van den Oever (Leuven)*

- De nomenclatuur – La nomenclature
- Operatieve hulp – L'aide opératoire
- Multiple operatievelden – Champs opératoires multiples
- Multidisciplinaire ingrepen – Interventions multidisciplinaires
- Vraag en antwoord – Question et réponse

Gelet op het onderwerp, stellen wij voor de discussie in de beide landstalen te houden.

Compte tenu du sujet, nous proposons de mener la discussion dans les deux langues nationales.

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### Belgian Section of Upper G.I. Surgery

Moderators: *P. Pattyn (Gent)*

*I. El Nakadi (Bruxelles)*

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- 1.30 Belgian KCE guidelines for esophageal cancer  
*Ph. Nafteux (Leuven)*

- 2.00 Belgian KCE guidelines for gastric cancer  
*J.M. Collard (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*

- 2.30 Extended lymph node dissection in upper G.I. cancers  
*J. Räsänen (Helsinki, F)*



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Belgian Association of Pediatric Surgery

Albert II Room

### Robotics in Adult and Pediatric Surgery: Pro-Con Debate

Moderators: E. Van Der Veken (Bruxelles)  
C. Bertrand (Mont Godinne)

- 3.30 Pro  
A. Pietrabissa (Pavia, It.)
- 3.50 Con  
G.B. Cadière (Bruxelles)
- 4.10 Lecture on Pediatric Robotic Surgery  
J. Meehan (Seattle, WA, USA)
- 4.40 Discussion

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## Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013

**Belgian Group of Endoscopic Surgery  
Belgian Section of Obesity and Metabolic Surgery**

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### Present and future in laparoscopic surgery

*Moderators: V. Lucidi (Bruxelles)*

*Y. Van Nieuwenhove (Gent)*

- 8.30 Robotic colorectal surgery  
• Why I like it  
*L. Balliu (Antwerpen)*  
• Why I stopped using it  
*P. Pattyn (Roeselaere)*
- 9.00 Intraoperative augmented reality in laparoscopic surgery  
*R. Cahill (Dublin, Irl)*
- 9.25 Inventing and constructing future laparoscopic instruments.  
*F. De Waele (Gent)*
- 9.45 Robotic bariatric surgery  
Why I like it, why I stopped using it  
*G. Hubens (Antwerpen)*
- 10.00 Coffee Break

### Evolution in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery

*Moderators: L. Lemmens (St Niklaas)*

*E. Van Vyve (Bruxelles)*

*M. Legrand (Huy)*

- 10.30 Introduction  
*J. Closset (Bruxelles)*
- 10.35 Is BMI the true and the best "cutt off" for indication  
*J. Saey (Mons)*
- 10.50 Weight regain after RYGBP  
• Why I use an inflatable band?  
*B. Dillemans (Brugge)*  
• Why I use a non-adjustable band?  
*L. Lemmens (St Niklaas)*
- 11.15 New surgery, ileal interposition  
*M. Lannoo (Leuven)*

- 10.00 General Assembly BeSOMS  
11.00 General Assembly BSBS  
1.30 General Assembly BSHBPS  
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### Plenary Session

#### The Future of Surgery

*Moderators: T. Gys (Geel)  
Ph. Kolh (Liège)*

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- 11.30 Busy with care or caring about business?  
*P. Verhaeghe (Gent)*
- 11.45 Organisation of ambulatory surgery in the USA: past, present and future  
*A. Valedon (Rockville, MD, USA)*
- 12.00 Prospective randomized multicenter trial on pancreatic gastro vs panreato jejunostomy after Whipple  
*B. Topal (Leuven), J. Closset (Bruxelles)*
- 12.15 The future of digestive surgeons is "hybrid"  
*B. Dallemane (Strasbourg, F)*
- 12.30 Care and the concept of man  
*E. Mortier (Gent)*



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Belgian Association of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery

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### Complications after lung surgery

*Moderators: Ph. Nafteux (Leuven)  
Y. Sokolow (Bruxelles)*

- 8.00 Improvements in anesthesiology  
*A. Neyrinck (Leuven)*
- 8.15 Complications after VATS resections  
*H. Decaluwe (Leuven)*
- 8.30 Prolonged air leak  
*E. Wijtenburg (La Louvière)*
- 8.45 Postoperative empyema  
*Y. Sokolow (Bruxelles)*
- 9.00 Use of VAC in thoracic surgery  
*D. Lardinois (Bâle, Ch)*
- 9.30 Coffee Break

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### Free Papers session

Moderators: *Ph. Kolh (Liège)*  
*K. Cathenis (Gent)*

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- 10.00 A multi-institutional VATS lobectomy start-up: first year results  
*J. Possoz, S. Van den Veyver<sup>1</sup>, K. Ghammad, M. Lismonde<sup>1</sup>, Ph. Remy, E. Wijtenburg (Gilly; <sup>1</sup>Haine-Saint-Paul)*
- 10.10 Endovascular carotid angioplasty (CAS) by transcervical access: a series of 22 patients  
*Th. Wanet, J. Johnen, F. Pizzirussu, R. De Keuleneer, C. Vazquez (Sambreville)*
- 10.20 Laparoscopic aorto-bifemoral bypass: retrospective study of 16 cases  
*A. Kerzmann, J-P. Lavigne<sup>2</sup>, J. Quaniers<sup>2</sup>, E. Passeelecq<sup>2</sup>, J-O. Defraigne<sup>2</sup> (Eupen; <sup>2</sup>Liège)*
- 10.30 Bilateral pectoralis advancement flaps and transverse plate fixation system for sternal reconstruction in the complicated sternal wound  
*J. De Raet, H. De Praetere<sup>1</sup>, P. Sergeant<sup>1</sup> (Leipzig, D; <sup>1</sup>Leuven)*
- 10.40 The inferior ministernotomy is a valuable approach for elective aortic valve replacement  
*B. Trifan, Th. Guennaoui, P. Van Ruysevelt (Haine-Saint-Paul)*
- 10.50 Upper arm arteriovenous (AV) fistulas: relation between configuration of the fistula and the occurrence of hemodialysis access induces distal ischaemia (HAIDI) and high access flow rates  
*K. Peeters, S. Heye, L. Dewever, K. Claes, I. Fourneau (Leuven)*
- 11.00 Can extracapsular lymph node involvement be a tool to fine-tune pN1 for adenocarcinoma in UICC TNM 7<sup>th</sup> Edition?  
*L. Depypere, Ph. Nafteux, J. Moons, H. Van Veer, W. Coosemans, G. Decker, H. Decaluwe, D. Van Raemdonck, T. Lerut, P. De Leyn (Leuven)*
- 11.10 Right ventricular partial support for pulmonary arterial hypertension, an acute feasibility study in sheep  
*T. Verbelen, J. Verhoeven, M. Goda, M. Martin<sup>1</sup>, I. Van Tichelen, M. Delcroix<sup>2</sup>, D. Burkhoff<sup>2</sup>, F. Rega, B. Meyns (Leuven; <sup>1</sup>New Jersey; <sup>2</sup>New York, USA)*

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**Belgian Section of Hepato-Bilio-Pancreatic Surgery  
Belgian Society of Surgical Oncology**

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**Future challenges and expanding indications in colorectal liver metastasis  
Expanding indications**

*Moderators: G. Mentha (Genève, Ch)  
A. Dili (Haine-Saint-Paul)  
W. Ceelen (Gent)*

- 2.00 Synchronous liver and peritoneal colorectal metastasis  
*K Van der Speeten (Genk)*
- 2.30 Synchronous liver and lung colorectal metastasis  
*D Ysebaert (Antwerpen)*
- 3.00 Liver metastasis surgery in case of lymph node involvement  
*C. Hubert (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*
- 3.30 Coffee break

### Future challenges

*Moderators: G. Mentha (Genève, Ch)  
Th. Chapelle (Antwerpen)  
J. Weerts (Liège)*

- 4.00 Management of vanishing or missing liver metastasis  
*V. Donckier, Bruxelles*
- 4.30 Synchronous rectal cancer and liver metastasis  
*W Ceelen, Gent*
- 5.00 When liver first?  
*G. Mentha (Genève, Ch)*

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### Young Investigator's Award

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- 6.00 Gastrointestinal stromal tumours: our experience in a retrospective monocentric study  
*E. Hérimon, M. Aarab, J. Boudart, P. Loi, A. Mehdi, J. Closset (Bruxelles)*
- 6.10 Preliminary results after single-incision laparoscopic colorectal surgery  
*E. Yoshihara, M. Krick, St. De Gendt (Aalst)*
- 6.20 Rectal cancer treatment in a teaching hospital  
*V. Verdin, H. Hoeffelin, C. Jehaes, J.-M. Dewandre, D. Francart, B. Monami, Ch. Wahlen, J. Weerts, S. Markiewicz (Liège)*
- 6.30 Does the implementation of European working time directive (EWTD) have an effect on surgical training in a Flemish teaching hospital network?  
*L. Depypere, L. De Jonghe, W. Peetermans, P. De Leyn (Leuven)*
- 6.40 Future surgery for ODS: is it written in the STARRS?  
*B. Van Geluwe, A. Wolthuis, St. Fieuws, A. D'Hoore (Leuven)*
- 6.50 Correlation between liver regeneration and operative morbidity after right and extended right hepatectomies  
*N. Ciobanu, J. Abi-Khalil, G. Katsanos, M. A. Bali, R. Maréchal, B. Ickx, V. Donckier, V. Lucidi (Bruxelles)*

### 6.00 General Assembly BPSA

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**Belgian Society of Vascular Surgery  
Young Vascular Forum**

Astrid Room

### Femoropopliteal Session

*Moderators: R. Verhelst (Louvain-en-Woluwe)  
K. Keirse (Bonheiden)*

- 2.00 Remodeling of atherosclerotic femoropopliteal arterial stenosis: a new concept  
*D. Hoppenbrouwers, K. Keirse, B. Joos, J. Verbist, P. Peeters (Tienen)*
- 2.15 Which stent to choose in case of highly calcified femoropopliteal arterial stenosis  
*A. Hublet, C. Swaelens, P. Astarci, J. Nardella, R. Verhelst (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*
- 2.30 An alternative approach to help orthopaedic surgeons in femoropoplitea area  
*K. Lauwers, K. Deloose, J. Callaert, M. Bosiers (Dendermonde)*
- 2.45 Acute limb ischemia caused by acute aortic thrombosis in a patient receiving cisplatin based chemotherapy  
*A. Steyaert, Y. Blomme, C. Coucke (Gent)*
- 3.00 Management of recurrent aorto-iliac lesion after endovascular treatment  
*C. Swaelens, A. Hublet, V. Lacroix, P. Astarci, R. Verhelst (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*
- 3.30 Coffee break

### Aortic Session

*Moderators: F. Vermassen (Gent)  
L. Maene (Gent)*

- 4.00 Pinguin with a broken wing on CT  
*S. Vanloo, J. Verbist, K. Keirse, P. Peeters (Bonheiden)*
- 4.15 Virtual reality rehearsal to avoid branching in EVAR  
*V. Noyez, J. Duchateau, L. Desender\* (Duffel, \*Gent)*
- 4.30 The (almost) full spectrum of endoleaks  
*E. Decoster, I. Van Herzele, F. Vermassen (Gent)*

- 16.00  
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- 4.45 Superior Vena Cava Syndrome caused by combined intravascular and extravascular lipoma  
*J. Durnez, G. Lauwers, W. Lansink, L. Stockx, K. Vanslembroek, H. Schroë (Genk)*
- 5.00 Stenosis of the left subclavian artery treated by subclavian-axillary crossover bypass after failed ipsilateral surgery: a case report  
*H. Mufty, F. Gryffroy, K. Demey, S. Depuydt, L. Parmentier, S. Schepers (Oostende)*
- 5.15 Endovascular treatment of a giant pelvic post-traumatic arteriovenous fistula: a case report  
*B. Jozsa, G. Callebaut, M. Boukris, K. De Raedemaeker, M. Abdellah, R. Barchiche (Bruxelles)*

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## Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013

Belgian Young Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons

Albert II Room

### Failures and Successes in Cardio-Thoracic Surgery

*Moderators: Ph. Kolh (Liège)  
F. Rega (Leuven)*

- 2.00 Introduction BYCTS  
*K. Cathenis (Gent)*
- 2.10 Anomalous origin of the circumflex artery: an underestimated threat during mitral valve surgery  
*M. Pettinari (Leuven)*
- 2.20 Acute coronary syndrome in a child caused by malignant embolisation  
*T. Martens, K. François, K. Vandekerckhove, T. Bove (Gent)*
- 2.30 Extravascular migration of a guide wire with perforation of the heart eight months after PCI: consequence of a conservative approach  
*H. De Praetere, N. Di Bari, H. Gutermann, C. Van Kerrebroeck, J. Dens, R. Dion (Leuven)*
- 2.40 Ischemic complications due to an anatomic versus intra-aortic balloon length mismatch: a case-report  
*K. Claes, K. Cathenis, P. Pletinckx, Ph. Ballaux, D. Goossens, R. Hamerlijnck (Gent)*
- 2.50 Endocarditis should be treated like cancer: remove all infected tissue  
*K. De Brabandere, B.J.Amsel, B.Paelinck, I. Rodrigus (Antwerpen)*
- 3.00 Waffle procedure for constrictive peri- and epicarditis in the early setting after induction therapy and Ivor-Lewis resection for esophageal cancer  
*S. De Sutter, K. Cathenis, P. Pletinckx, L. de Carvalho, R. Hamerlijnck, D. Claeys (Gent)*
- 3.10 Bilateral pectoralis advancement flaps and transverse plate fixation system for sternal reconstruction in the complicated sternal wound  
*J. De Raet, H. De Praetere, P. Sergeant (Leuven)*
- 3.20 Iatrogenic right-left shunting, a pitfall in ASD repair  
*S. Sainte, P. Herijgers (Leuven)*

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### Case Reports and Videos

*Moderators: M. Goergen (Luxembourg, L)  
J. Valk (Antwerpen)*

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- 4.00 Meso-Rex shunt using a deep femoral vein conduit: first report in the literature  
*S. Sebastiani, L. Lootens, Th. Martens, C. Randon, R. Debruyne, R. Troisi (Gent)*
- 4.10 Associating liver partition and portal vein ligation for staged hepatectomy (ALPPS): a new approach in bilobar liver metastases  
*M.-T. Maréchal, R. Pinheiro, J.M. Rico-Juri, H. Van Popel, D. Herlinde, J. Lerut (Louvain-en-Woluwe)*
- 4.20 Alveolar echinococcosis in a Belgian urban dweller  
*J. Van de Sande, B. Bomans, K. Van Belle, S. Landen (Bruxelles)*
- 4.30 First experience with the use of Percutaneous Surgical Set (PSS) during laparoscopic surgery  
*J. Van Herck, F. Van Sprundel, B. Gypen, J. Valk, L. Hendrickx (Antwerpen)*
- 4.40 Laparoscopic management of common bile duct stones  
*B. Bassil, E. Pappalardo, E. Gruden, A. Husset, C. Revitea (Dreux, F)*
- 4.50 A new mesh deployment device: the future of laparoscopic ventral hernia repair?  
*S. Van Cauwenberge, F. Goudsmedt, T. Feryn, B. Dillemans (Brugge)*
- 5.00 Transgastric laparoscopic resection of submucosal tumour of the esophagogastric junction  
*R. Rubay, E. Van Vyve (Bruxelles)*
- 5.10 Prevention of parastomal hernia in permanent transperitoneal colostomy by laparoscopic intraperitoneal placement of a specific Parietex® mesh  
*O. Julliard, J. Baert, J. Landenne, B. Essola, Ph. Malvaux, Ph. Hauters (Tournai)*

- 3.30 General Assembly BSSO  
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## Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013

**Belgian Association of Surgical Trainees  
Ethicon**

**Fabiola Room**

- 9.00 Workshops I**  
**Anastomotic techniques for reduced airspace**  
*P. Sergeant (Leuven)*  
A hands-on low fidelity simulation for trainees and senior surgeons.  
Limited number of simultaneous participants, registration at the BSW reception desk.  
First come first serve basis.  
Free for BSW participants
- 10.30 Royal Belgian Society of Surgery**  
**Medbook, an integrated digital portfolio for surgical residents**  
*G. De Win, K. Verbert, G. Peeraer (Antwerpen)*
- 11.00 Workshops II**  
**Anastomotic techniques for reduced airspace**  
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## General Information

**Date:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> until 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

**Venue:** Thermae Palace Hotel, Ostend  
Koninkin Astridlaan 7, 8400 Ostend  
Phone during the Congress +32 (0)59 80 66 44  
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**Car Park:** Parking is no longer free at the Thermae Palace.

**Access:** The Ostend railway station is located at a 20 minutes' walk from the Congress venue. The tram with destination De Panne stops in front of the Congress venue (the tram station is located next to the railway station).

**Language:** The official language of the Congress is English. Simultaneous translation is NOT provided.

**Accreditation:** An application for accreditation has been submitted (also for ethics).

**Liability:** In registering for the Congress, participants agree that neither the Congress Committee nor the Organisers assume any liability whatsoever. Participants and sponsors should therefore organise their own health and personal insurances.

**Exhibition:** An exhibition highlighting medical and surgical equipment, pharmaceutical products and books, will be held during the Congress.  
Access to the exhibition is free for all participants.

**Coffee and Lunch:** Coffee and tea will be available during the breaks between sessions and a light lunch is included in the registration fee.

### Surgical Night on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013



## Registration via the website

Registration Fee (Euro)	Until 20/04/13	As from 21/04/13
Lunches included		
<b>Surgeons</b>		
Members RBSS 4 days	210,00	230,00
Members RBSS 1 day	145,00	150,00
Non-Members 4 days	280,00	290,00
Non-Members 1 day	180,00	190,00
<b>Trainees</b>		
Members RBSS 4 days	140,00	150,00
Members RBSS 1 day	100,00	110,00
Non-Members 4 days	180,00	190,00
Non-Members 1 day	140,00	150,00
<b>Medical students</b> 1 day	25,00	25,00
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> (no lunch)	85,00	90,00
Surgical Night on Friday		
Surgeons	55,00	55,00
Trainees*	25,00	25,00

As from this year, titular members of the RBSS receive a 25,00€ discount on their registration fee.

### Registration includes:

- Participation in the Congress
- The congress bag containing the programme and abstract book, certificates and congress documents
- Lunches, coffee as indicated in the programme

### Payment

- By bank transfer onto account number  
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### Registration (only registrations through the web will be taken into account)

The complete programme of the congress and the registration form is available on [www.belsurg.org](http://www.belsurg.org) or <http://www.surgeryweek.be>.

### Confirmation

Acknowledgement of registration as well as receipt of payment will only be sent when both the registration form and the payment in full have been received.

\*The Surgical Night is offered to the RBSS' Junior members (partners are requested to settle their dinner). A guarantee payment of 25.00 € will be asked, but refunded upon attendance at the Surgical Night. The offer is only valid for reservations made **before 30th April 2013**.





## Cancellation Policy

- Participants cancelling their registration before 31<sup>st</sup> March are able to re-assign their registration to another person without any costs.
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- Cancellations must be notified to Semico nv/sa, by fax to +32 9 233 85 97.
- There will be no refunds for cancellations received after 20<sup>th</sup> April.
- All refunds will be made after the congress.

## Hotel Accommodation

Hotel accommodation for the Congress delegates has been secured at group rates at the Thermae Palace hotel. The hotel offers the following type of rooms:

Standard Room (sea view not guaranteed) 107,50 Euro/night

Palace Room with Terrace 175,00 Euro/night

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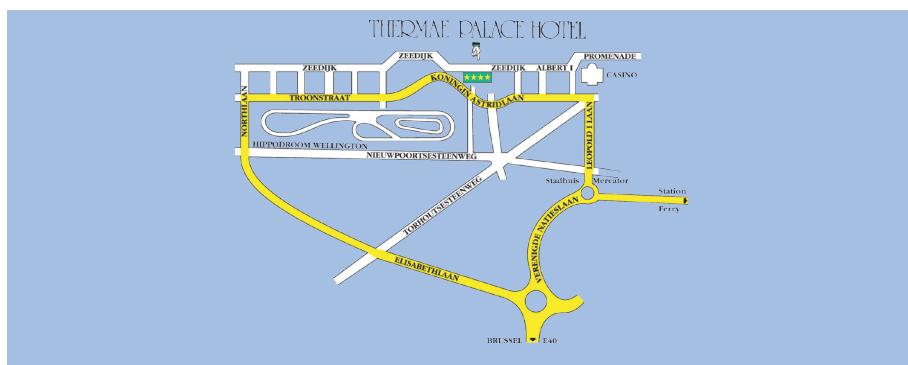
- Hotel accommodation can be booked through the registration website, a Credit Card number will be required in order to guarantee the reservation of the room. Rooms and extras will have to be paid at check-out.
- Room reservations will be confirmed by mail.
- Rooms are booked on a 'first come, first served' basis. Room availability cannot be guaranteed after 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## Registration and Hotel Reservation

<http://www.surgeryweek.be>

## About Ostend

Ostend is not only known as a royal seaside resort, home base of the famous painter Ensor but it also hosts one of Belgium's best museums of modern art. The city is famous for its casino and for its horse race course located opposite the Thermae Palace Hotel & Congress Centre, which is one of the most exciting congress centres of Belgium thanks to its tradition, style and location in front of the beach.





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