

PRESENTERS

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Ricardo Mingarini Terra, MD, MPH, PhD	Sao Paulo Cancer Institute, Sao Paulo, Brazil
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DEAR COLLEAGUES,

on behalf of the German Society for Thoracic Surgery (DGT), the Spanish Society for Thoracic Surgery (SECT), the Italian Society for Thoracic Endoscopy (SIET) and the Department of Thoracic Surgery of the University Medical Center Mainz it is our honor and pleasure to invite you the 2026 series of the

MAINZ EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF MINIMALLY INVASIVE THORACIC SURGERY – RISE OF THE ROBOTS –

According to the audience suggestions we will focus on robotic surgery which are highly relevant from junior independent up to up senior surgical staff.

We will start with basic RATS lobectomy tutorials and continue with more advanced procedures like RATS sleeve resections and RATS segmentectomies.

We will cover the latest evidence discussion on segmentectomies in the light of the JCOG0802 trial results.

On top as a special request, we will cover T4 resections including the spine and chest wall procedures

We are looking forward to welcome you all to 2026 series of the Mainz School!

Do not hesitate to register – it is free of charge!

On behalf of the organizing group

ERIC RÖSSNER, CARLOS GÁLVEZ, RAFAEL ANDRADE AND MOHSEN IBRAHIM

THE MAINZ SCHOOL AT A GLANCE:

TOPIC: Hot topics in thoracic surgery, step by step teaching of minimally invasive procedures RATS lobectomies, segmentectomies and advanced procedures

TARGET AUDIENCE: Junior thoracic surgeons in training and thoracic surgeons with a special interest in RATS anatomical resection and advanced open procedures.

FORMAT: Series of webinars and a completing hands-on course Interaction with Q&A is endorsed

SPEAKERS AND PANEL: Internationally recognized experts from Europe, America and Asia

REGISTRATION AND COSTS: Each webinar can be booked separately and it is free of charge



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PANEL

25.02.	RATS Upper lobectomy	Amit Bhargava, Minneapolis	Ralph Schmid, Cosenza	Sara Fra Fernández, Madrid	Monica Casiraghi, Milan
11.03.	RATS lower lobectomy	Franca Melfi, Cosenza	Khaled Mardazani, Siegen	Marco Antonio Iniguez, Mexico City	Antonio Mazzella, Milan
25.03.	RATS sleeve resection	Andrea Bille, London	Kai Bachmann, Kiel	Matias Nicolas, Mar del Plata	tbd tbd
22.04.	RATS thoracic outlet or pancoast	Cherie P. Erkman, Philadelphia	Hauke Winter, Heidelberg	tbd tbd	Andrea Bille, London
20.05.	RATS segments upper lobe	Carlos Martinez Barenys, Badalona	Jens Rückert, Berlin	Jose Luis Recuero, Zaragoza	Luca Luzzi, Siena
10.06.	Segments for lung cancer – current evidence	Carlos Gálvez, Alicante Paula Ugalde, Boston	Erich Hecker, Herne	Enrique Guzman, Mexico City	Cristina Zirafa, Pisa
24.06.	New robotic platforms: DV5 and Shurui	Johannes Bodner, Munich Peter Kneuert, Columbus	Hans Michael Frank Schweigert, Kiel	Madhuri Rao, Minneapolis	tbd tbd
09.09.	RATS complication management	Jean Marc Baste, Rouen	tbd tbd	Francina Bolanos, Mexico City	tbd tbd
23.09.	RATS segements lower lobe	Ricardo Mingarini Terra, Sao Paulo	Joachim Schmidt, Bonn	Andrés Obeso, Abu Dhabi	Elisa Meacci, Rome
14.10.	Early Da Vinci SP experience	Eric Rössner, Mainz	tbd tbd	Juan Emilio Cheyre, Providencia	Cristina Zirafa, Pisa
28.10.	T4 with spine involvement	Elie Fadel, Le Plessis Robinson	Stefan Fischer, Ibbenbüren	tbd tbd	Mohsen Ibrahim, Rome
11.11.	MIS surgery of pectus	Jose Ribas Milanez, Sao Paulo	Korkut Bostanci, Istanbul	Juan Carlos Trujillo, Barcelona	Giampiero Dolci, Bologna
02.12.	Ni VATS	Jin-Shing Chen, Taipei	Patrick Zardo, Hannover	Carlos Galvez, Alicante	tbd tbd

Each event will take place 6:00 to 7:00 pm CET.

