



9<sup>th</sup>

FORTE

MAGNA GRÆCIA  
SUMMER SCHOOL

University Campus  
Catanzaro - Italy  
June 8 - 12, 2026

Honorary Course Chair  
prof. Giorgio Gasparini

Course Chair  
prof. Michele Mercurio



*preliminary program 1.0*

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The FORTE Summer School, a top-tier educational event dedicated to Orthopaedic and Trauma trainees and young orthopaedic surgeons, is coming in June 2026 to Magna Graecia University in Catanzaro, Italy. The five-day program offers two parallel courses:

- the **Comprehensive Review Course** for a general knowledge review, and
- the **Exam Preparation Course** for interactive training to help participants pass national and EBOT exams engaging in case discussions and interacting with the experts in a friendly and comfortable atmosphere.

With international experts and EBOT examiners on the faculty, the school provides high-quality lectures, case presentations, and keynote talks. The event promises a state-of-the-art learning experience combined with a social program, allowing attendees to learn from the best, network with peers, and enjoy the beautiful setting of Catanzaro.

Best regards,

*Michele Mercurio*

*Past President of the FORTE*

*Chair of the 9<sup>th</sup> FORTE Summer School*

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Please, note that the titles of the lectures will be published shortly in the next version of the program.

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Monday, June 8

- 07.25 Bus departure from the Palace hotel
- 07.30 Bus departure from the Perla del Porto hotel
- 07.50 Bus arrival at University campus  
Welcome coffee  
Attendees' registration
- 08.10 Auditorium  
Opening ceremony
- 08.40 Auditorium  
Courses presentation



## Basic science

### Auditorium

Comprehensive review Course

#### Gianni Cuda

Dean and Full professor,  
Molecular Biology, Magna Graecia  
University (Catanzaro, Italy)

#### Gabriela Graziani

Assistant professor,  
Biomaterials and Cultural Heritage  
Conservation, San Raffaele  
University (Roma, Italy)

#### Marko Ostojic

Assistant professor, University  
Hospital "Sestre Milosrdnice"  
(Zagreb, Croatia)

#### Antonio Ammendolia

Full professor, Physical Therapy,  
Magna Graecia University  
(Catanzaro, Italy)

#### Stefan Nehrer

Professor of Tissue Engineering,  
Dean of the Faculty of Health and  
Medicine, University for Continuing  
Education Krems (Krems, Austria)

### Room G1

Exam preparation Course

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Full professor, Physical Therapy,  
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Conservation, San Raffaele  
University (Roma, Italy)

#### Marko Ostojic

Assistant professor, University  
Hospital "Sestre Milosrdnice"  
(Zagreb, Croatia)

10.35-11.10 **Coffee break**

## Shoulder instability

### Auditorium

Comprehensive review Course

#### Gazi Huri

*FIFA Center of Excellence (Aspetar, Qatar), and Associate Professor, Hacettepe University (Ankara, Turkey)*

tbd

#### Simone Cerciello

*Associate Professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Unicamillus University (Roma, Italy)*

#### Pierre Hoffmeyer

*Professor Emeritus and Chairman, Orthopaedic Service, University Hospital of Geneva (Geneva, Switzerland), Editor-in-Chief EFORT Open Reviews*

#### Maristella Saccomanno

*Assistant professor, Orthopaedics and Traumatology, University of Brescia (Brescia, Italy)*

### Room G1

Exam preparation Course

#### Simone Cerciello

*Associate Professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Unicamillus University (Roma, Italy)*

11.15

#### Pierre Hoffmeyer

*Professor Emeritus and Chairman, Orthopaedic Service, University Hospital of Geneva (Geneva, Switzerland) Editor-in-Chief EFORT Open Reviews*

11.55

#### Maristella Saccomanno

*Assistant professor, Orthopaedics and Traumatology, University of Brescia (Brescia, Italy)*

12.15

#### Gazi Huri

*FIFA Center of Excellence (Aspetar, Qatar), and Associate Professor, Hacettepe University (Ankara, Turkey)*

12.35

tbd

13.00 -13.30 Plenary session

**Keynote lecture**

tbd

13.35-14.45 **Lunch**



## Spine

### Auditorium

Comprehensive review Course

### Room G1

Exam preparation Course

**Stipe Corluka** 14.50

Spine Surgeon, University Clinical Hospital Center "Sestre Milosrdnice" (Zagreb, Croatia)

**Filipe Lima Santos**

Spine Surgeon, Hospital da Luz Arrábida (Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal)

tbd 15.10

**Enrico Pola**

Full professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Vanvitelli University (Napoli, Italy)

**Filipe Lima Santos** 15.30

Spine Surgeon, Hospital da Luz Arrábida (Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal)

**Gianluca Vadalà**

Associate professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Biomedical Campus University (Roma, Italy)

**Enrico Pola** 15.50

Full professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Vanvitelli University (Napoli, Italy)

**Stipe Corluka**

Spine Surgeon, University Clinical Hospital Center "Sestre Milosrdnice" (Zagreb, Croatia)

**Gianluca Vadalà** 16.10 tbd

Associate professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Biomedical Campus University (Roma, Italy)

16.35-16.55 Plenary session

**Focus on:** Education is expensive. Try ignorance...

**Pierre Hoffmeyer**

17.00 **Bus departure to the hotels**

20.00 **Typical calabrian dinner at Stella Maris restaurant**

07.55 Bus departure from the Palace hotel

08.00 Bus departure from the Perla del Porto hotel

## Fractures around the knee

### Auditorium

Comprehensive review Course

### Room G1

Exam preparation Course

#### Tommaso Bonanzinga

08.50

*Assistant professor,  
Orthopaedics & Traumatology,  
Humanitas University (Milano, Italy)*

#### Mario Ronga

*Full professor, Orthopaedics &  
Traumatology, Piemonte Orientale  
University (Novara, Italy)*

#### Peter Giannoudis

09.10

*Professor, School of Medicine,  
University of Leeds (Leeds, UK)*

tbd

#### Mario Ronga

09.30

*Full professor, Orthopaedics &  
Traumatology, Piemonte Orientale  
University (Novara, Italy)*

#### Hitesh Gopalan

*Professor and Chair, Department  
of Orthopaedics at KMCT Medical  
College (Calicut, India)*

tbd

09.50

#### Tommaso Bonanzinga

*Assistant professor, Orthopaedics &  
Traumatology, Humanitas  
University (Milano, Italy)*

#### Hitesh Gopalan

10.10

*Professor and Chair,  
Department of Orthopaedics,  
KMCT Medical College (Calicut,  
India)*

#### Peter Giannoudis

*Professor, School of Medicine,  
University of Leeds (Leeds, UK)*

10.35-11.10 **Coffee break**



## Fractures around the hip

### Auditorium

Comprehensive review Course

### Room G1

Exam preparation Course

#### Thomas Stark

*Orthopaedic Surgeon, Orthopädie  
Wasserschloss (Brugg, Switzerland)*

#### Peter Giannoudis

*Professor, School of Medicine,  
University of Leeds (Leeds, UK)*

#### Panayiotis Megaloikonomos

*Assistant Professor, Orthopaedics,  
Athens University Medical School  
(Athens, Greece)*

#### Eleftherios Tsiridis

*Professor and Chairman,  
Orthopaedic Surgery, PGH  
University Hospital (Thessaloniki,  
Greece)*

tbd

11.15

#### Panayiotis Megaloikonomos

*Assistant Professor, Orthopaedics,  
Athens University Medical School  
(Athens, Greece)*

11.35

#### Eleftherios Tsiridis

*Professor and Chairman,  
Orthopaedic Surgery, PGH  
University Hospital (Thessaloniki,  
Greece)*

11.55

tbd

12.15

#### Thomas Stark

*Orthopaedic Surgeon, Orthopädie  
Wasserschloss (Brugg, Switzerland)*

12.35

#### Peter Giannoudis

*Professor, School of Medicine,  
University of Leeds (Leeds, UK)*

13.00-14.00 **Lunch**

14.15-14.45 Plenary session

**Keynote lecture**

tbd

## Pediatric Orthopædics

### Auditorium

Comprehensive review Course

### Room G1

Exam preparation Course

**Nanni Allington** 14.50

*Professor and Orthopaedic Surgeon, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, CHR La Citadelle (Liège, Belgium)*

**Vito Pavone**

*Full professor, Orthopaedic & Traumatology, Catania University (Catania, Italy)*

**tbd** 15.10

**Pasquale Farsetti**

*Full professor, Orthopaedic & Traumatology, Tor Vergata University (Roma, Italy)*

**Vito Pavone** 15.30

*Full professor, Orthopaedic & Traumatology, Catania University (Catania, Italy)*

**Federico Canavese**

*Full professor, Orthopaedic & Traumatology, Genova University (Genova, Italy)*

**Pasquale Farsetti** 15.50

*Full professor, Orthopaedic & Traumatology, Tor Vergata University (Roma, Italy)*

**Nanni Allington**

*Professor and Orthopaedic Surgeon, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, CHR La Citadelle (Liège, Belgium)*

**Federico Canavese** 16.10 **tbd**

*Full professor, Orthopaedic & Traumatology, Genova University (Genova, Italy)*

16.35-16.55 Plenary session

**Focus on:** Postoperative pain in orthopaedic surgery  
**tbd**

17.00 **Bus departure to the hotels**

20.00 **Fish dinner at Stella Maris restaurant**



07.55 Bus departure from the Palace hotel

08.00 Bus departure from the Perla del Porto hotel

## Hip recon

### Auditorium

Comprehensive review Course

### Room G1

Exam preparation Course

#### Marco Ezechieli

Professor and Chairman, ATOS  
Klinik Fleetinsel (Hamburg,  
Germany)

08.50

#### Luigi Zagra

Full professor, Orthopaedics &  
Traumatology, University of Milano  
(Milano, Italy)

#### Fares Haddad

Professor, University College  
Hospitals (London, UK) Editor-in-  
Chief The Bone & Joint Journal

09.10

#### Rocco Papalia

Dean and Full professor,  
Orthopaedics & Traumatology,  
Biomedical Campus University  
(Roma, Italy)

#### Luigi Zagra

Full professor, Orthopaedics &  
Traumatology, University of Milano  
(Milano, Italy)

09.30

#### George Macheras

Professor and Head of Orthopaedic  
Department, KAT Hospital of  
Athens (Athens, Greece)

#### Rocco Papalia

Dean and Full professor,  
Orthopaedics & Traumatology,  
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#### George Macheras

Professor and Head of  
Orthopaedic Department, KAT  
Hospital of Athens (Athens,  
Greece)

10.10

#### Fares Haddad

Professor, University College  
Hospitals (London, UK) Editor-in-  
Chief The Bone & Joint Journal

10.35-11.10 **Coffee break**

## Shoulder recon

### Auditorium

Comprehensive review Course

### Room G1

Exam preparation Course

**tbd 11.15 Olimpio Galasso**  
*Full professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Salerno University (Salerno, Italy)*

**tbd 11.35 Efstathios Chronopoulos**  
*Professor, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (Athens, Greece)*

**Olimpio Galasso**  
*Full professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Salerno University (Salerno, Italy)*

**11.55 David Limb**  
*Professor, University of Leeds (Leeds, UK)*

**Efstathios Chronopoulos**  
*Professor, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (Athens, Greece)*

**12.15 tbd**

**David Limb**  
*Professor, University of Leeds (Leeds, UK)*

**12.35 tbd**

13.00-14.00 **Lunch**

14.15-14.45 Plenary session  
**Keynote lecture**  
**tbd**



## Hand & elbow

**Auditorium**  
Comprehensive review Course

**Room G1**  
Exam preparation Course

**Olga Savvidou**  
*Associate Professor, Orthopaedics,  
National and Kapodistrian  
University of Athens (Athens,  
Greece)*

**14.50**

**Pierluigi Tos**  
*Director Hand Surgery and  
Reconstructive Microsurgery Unit,  
Orthopaedic Institute G. Pini  
(Milano, Italy)*

**tbd**

**15.10**

**Rob Nelissen**  
*Professor in Orthopaedics and  
chairman department of the  
Leiden University Medical  
Center (Leiden, Netherlands)*

**Pierluigi Tos**  
*Director Hand Surgery and  
Reconstructive Microsurgery Unit,  
Orthopaedic Institute G. Pini  
(Milano, Italy)*

**15.30**

**Alessandro de Sire**  
*Associate professor, Physical  
Therapy, Magna Graecia  
University (Catanzaro, Italy)*

**Rob Nelissen**  
*Professor in Orthopaedics and  
chairman department of the  
Leiden University Medical  
Center (Leiden, Netherlands)*

**15.50**

**Olga Savvidou**  
*Associate Professor, Orthopaedics,  
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University of Athens (Athens,  
Greece)*

**Alessandro de Sire**  
*Associate professor, Physical  
Therapy, Magna Graecia  
University (Catanzaro, Italy)*

**16.10**

**tbd**

16.35-16.55 Plenary session

**Focus on:** Preparation to EBOT exam by BJJ resources

**David Limb**

17.00 **Bus departure to the hotels**

20.00 **Meat dinner at Stella Maris restaurant**

07.55 Bus departure from the Palace hotel

08.00 Bus departure from the Perla del Porto hotel

## Foot & ankle

### Auditorium

Comprehensive review Course

### Room G1

Exam preparation Course

tbd **08.50** **Joao Vide**

*Foot and Ankle Orthopaedic Surgeon, Hospital da Luz Lisboa, Hospital Particular do Algarve (Portugal)*

tbd **09.10** **Jasmin Diallo**

*Foot and Ankle Orthopaedic Surgeon, Spital Region Oberaargau (Lagental, Switzerland)*

**Joao Vide** **09.30** **Alberto Marangon**

*Foot and Ankle Orthopaedic Surgeon, Hospital da Luz Lisboa, Hospital Particular do Algarve (Portugal)*

*Foot and Ankle Orthopaedic Surgeon, Clinica San Francesco (Verona, Italy)*

**Jasmin Diallo** **09.50** tbd

*Foot and Ankle Orthopaedic Surgeon, Spital Region Oberaargau (Lagental, Switzerland)*

**Alberto Marangon** **10.10** tbd

*Foot and Ankle Orthopaedic Surgeon, Clinica San Francesco (Verona, Italy)*

10.35-11.10 **Coffee break**

## Knee recon

### Auditorium

Comprehensive review Course

#### Francesco Benazzo

Professor of Orthopaedics, Head at Poliambulanza (Brescia, Italy)

#### Roland Becker

Professor and Head, Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, Hospital Brandenburg (Brandenburg, Germany)

#### Theofilos Karachalios

Professor of Orthopaedics, University of Thessaly (Volos, Greece)

#### Martin Clauss

Professor and Head, Center for Musculoskeletal Infections (ZMSI), University of Basel (Basel, Switzerland)

#### Pierfrancesco Indelli

Professor of Orthopaedics, Stanford University and Brixen Hospital (Brixen, Italy)

### Room G1

Exam preparation Course

#### Theofilos Karachalios

Professor of Orthopaedics, University of Thessaly (Volos, Greece)

#### 11.35 Martin Clauss

Professor and Head, Center for Musculoskeletal Infections (ZMSI), University of Basel (Basel, Switzerland)

#### 11.55 Pierfrancesco Indelli

Professor of Orthopaedics, Stanford University and Brixen Hospital (Brixen, Italy)

#### 12.15 Francesco Benazzo

Professor of Orthopaedics, Head at Poliambulanza (Brescia, Italy)

#### 12.35 Roland Becker

Professor and Head, Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, Hospital Brandenburg (Brandenburg, Germany)

13.00 -14.00 **Lunch**

14.15 -14.45 Plenary session

**Keynote lecture**

tbd



## Musculoskeletal oncology

### Auditorium

Comprehensive review Course

### Room G1

Exam preparation Course

**Pietro Ruggeri** 14.50

*Full professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Padova University (Padova, Italy)*

**Giulio Maccauro**

*Full professor, Orthopaedic & Traumatology, Catholic University (Roma, Italy)*

tbd 15.10 tbd

**Giulio Maccauro** 15.30

*Full professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Catholic University (Roma, Italy)*

**Dimitra Melissaridou**

*Orthopaedic Surgeon at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Attikon Hospital (Athens, Greece)*

tbd 15.50

**Pietro Ruggeri**

*Full professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Padova University (Padova, Italy)*

**Dimitra Melissaridou** 16.10 tbd

*Orthopaedic Surgeon at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Attikon Hospital (Athens, Greece)*

16.35-16.55 Plenary session

**Focus on**

tbd

17.00 **Bus departure to the hotels**

20.00 **Dinner in a typical restaurant (tbd) in Tropea**

07.55 Bus departure from the Palace hotel

08.00 Bus departure from the Perla del Porto hotel

## Sports trauma

**Auditorium**  
Comprehensive review Course

**Room G1**  
Exam preparation Course

**David Dejour** 08.50 tbd

Professor and Head of  
Department, Lyon-Ortho-Clinic  
(Lyon, France)

**Fabrizio Cortese** 09.10

Orthopaedic Surgeon and Head,  
Rovereto Hospital (Rovereto, Italy)

**Michele Mercurio**

Associate Professor, Orthopaedics  
& Traumatology, Magna Graecia  
University of Catanzaro  
(Catanzaro, Italy)

tbd 09.30

**Roland Becker**

Professor and Head at the  
Department of Orthopaedics and  
Traumatology, Hospital  
Brandenburg (Brandenburg,  
Germany)

**Michele Mercurio** 09.50

Associate Professor, Orthopaedics  
& Traumatology, Magna Graecia  
University of Catanzaro  
(Catanzaro, Italy)

**David Dejour**

Professor and Head of  
Department, Lyon-Ortho-Clinic  
(Lyon, France)

**Roland Becker** 10.10

Professor and Head at the  
Department of Orthopaedics and  
Traumatology, Hospital  
Brandenburg (Brandenburg,  
Germany)

**Fabrizio Cortese**

Orthopaedic Surgeon and Head,  
Rovereto Hospital (Rovereto, Italy)

10.35-11.10 **Coffee break**

## Rotator cuff

### Auditorium

Comprehensive review Course

### Room G1

Exam preparation Course

#### **Filippo Familiari** 11.15

Associate Professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Magna Graecia University of Catanzaro (Catanzaro, Italy)

#### **Pietro Randelli**

Full professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Milano University (Milano, Italy)

#### **Reinhold Ortmaier** 11.35 tbd

Professor of Orthopaedics and Head at Ordensklinikum Linz (Linz, Austria)

#### **Pietro Randelli** 11.55

Full professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Milano University (Milano, Italy)

#### **Umile Giuseppe Longo**

Full professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Campus Biomedico University (Roma, Italy)

#### tbd 12.15

#### **Filippo Familiari**

Associate Professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Magna Graecia University of Catanzaro (Catanzaro, Italy)

#### **Umile Giuseppe Longo** 12.35

Full professor, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Campus Biomedico University (Roma, Italy)

#### **Reinhold Ortmaier**

Professor of Orthopaedics and Head at Ordensklinikum Linz (Linz, Austria)

13.00 -13.30 Plenary session

### Keynote lecture

**David Dejour**

13.30 -13.40 Closing ceremony

13.45-14.45 **Farewell lunch**

13.45 **Shuttle departure to the airport / railway station**



## General information

### Registration fees

- **1.300 €** (vat included) – one registration with all-inclusive accommodation.  
Please note that participants registering individually are required to select the **one registration** fee.
- **3.600 €** (vat included) – three registrations with all-inclusive accommodation (**only for Scientific Societies**).
- **8.000 €** (vat included) – seven registrations with all-inclusive accommodation (**only for Scientific Societies**).
- Larger group registrations (more than 7 participants): 1.100 €/participant (**only for Scientific Societies**).

### Registration fee includes

- access to all scheduled lectures,
- congress material,
- all lunches and coffee breaks stated in the program,
- all congress dinners stated in the program,
- all bus and shuttle transfers stated in the program,
- accommodation from June 7<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup> (check-out on June 12<sup>th</sup>) in double or triple rooms, allocated based on gender and country of origin.

Please note that travel reservation and expenses are the responsibility of the individual participant.

### Cancellation policy

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## Courses venue

Università degli Studi di Catanzaro "Magna Graecia" – University of Catanzaro 'Magna Graecia'  
Campus di Germaneto, Viale Europa, 88100 Catanzaro (CZ)

## Badge and attendance certificate

It is compulsory to wear the badge during the event.  
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