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University Campus  
Catanzaro - Italy  
June 8 - 12, 2026

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Course Chair  
prof. Michele Mercurio



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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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*(DEAN OF UMG)*






# Day 1 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  
Attendees' registration

## Opening ceremony

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|--------------------------|--------------|--|
| Prof. Giovanni Cuda      | <b>08.10</b> | <i>Dean of the Magna Graecia University of Catanzaro</i>               |
| Prof. Arturo Pujja       | <b>08.15</b> | <i>Director of the UMG Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences</i> |
| Hon. Roberto Occhiuto    | <b>08.20</b> | <i>Governor of the Calabria Region</i>                                 |
| Hon. Domenico Giannetta  | <b>08.25</b> | <i>Member of the Calabria Region Council</i>                           |
| Dr. Dimitra Melissaridou | <b>08.30</b> | <i>President of FORTE</i>  |
| Prof. Michele Mercurio   | <b>08.35</b> | <i>Chair of the 9<sup>th</sup> FORTE Summer School</i>                 |
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## Basic science

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
*Main lectures*

#### **Proteomic biomarkers in rotator cuff diseases**

Giovanni Cuda  
*(Catanzaro, Italy)*

#### **Biomaterials in orthopaedics**

Gabriela Graziani  
*(Roma, Italy)*

#### **What's new in the treatment of PJI**

Martin Clauss  
*(Basel, Switzerland)*

#### **Hyaluronic acid in professional athletes**

Antonio Ammendolia  
*(Catanzaro, Italy)*

#### **Chondrocyte transplantation in sports knee**

Stefan Nehrer  
*(Krems, Austria)*

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
*Clinical cases interactive discussion*

#### **08.50 Hyaluronic acid in professional athletes**

Antonio Ammendolia  
*(Catanzaro, Italy)*

#### **09.10 Chondrocyte transplantation in sports knee**

Stefan Nehrer  
*(Krems, Austria)*

#### **09.30 Proteomic biomarkers in rotator cuff diseases**

Giovanni Cuda  
*(Catanzaro, Italy)*

#### **09.50 Biomaterials in orthopaedics**

Gabriela Graziani  
*(Roma, Italy)*

#### **10.10 Treatment of PJI**

Martin Clauss  
*(Basel, Switzerland)*

**10.35 - 11.10** Coffee break

## Shoulder instability

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
*Main lectures*

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
*Clinical cases interactive discussion*

#### Shoulder instability: assessment and treatment algorithm

Gazi Huri  
*(Ankara, Turkey)*

#### 11.15 Acromioclavicular instability

Simone Cerciello  
*(Roma, Italy)*

#### Shoulder labrum and its disorders

Pierre Hoffmeyer  
*(Geneva, Switzerland)*

#### 11.35 Shoulder instability

Gazi Huri  
*(Ankara, Turkey)*

#### Soft tissue augmentation

Maristella Saccomanno  
*(Brescia, Italy)*

#### 11.55 Latarjet procedure

Gazi Huri  
*(Ankara, Turkey)*

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*(Ankara, Turkey)*

#### 12.15 Shoulder labrum and its disorders

Pierre Hoffmeyer  
*(Geneva, Switzerland)*

#### Acromioclavicular instability

Simone Cerciello  
*(Roma, Italy)*

#### 12.35 Soft tissue augmentation

Maristella Saccomanno  
*(Brescia, Italy)*

**13.00 - 14.00** Lunch

**14.15 - 14.45 Auditorium** Plenary session  
**Keynote lecture: The young surgeon's path**  
**Youth societies and career choices**  
Gazi Huri *(Ankara, Turkey)*

## Spine

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
*Main lectures*

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
*Clinical cases interactive discussion*

**Disc herniation**  
Filipe Lima Santos  
*(Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal)*

**14.50**

**Spinal trauma**  
Tom Schlosser  
*(Utrecht, Netherlands)*

**Degenerative cervical spine**  
Stipe Corluka  
*(Zagreb, Croatia)*

**15.10**

**Adult scoliosis**  
Enrico Pola  
*(Napoli, Italy)*

**Degenerative lumbar spine**  
Gianluca Vadalà  
*(Roma, Italy)*

**15.30**

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*(Napoli, Italy)*

**16.10**

**Degenerative lumbar spine**  
Gianluca Vadalà  
*(Roma, Italy)*

**16.35-16.55 Auditorium** Plenary session  
**Focus on: Education is expensive. Try ignorance...**  
Pierre Hoffmeyer *(Geneva, Switzerland)*

**17.00** Bus departure to the hotels

**20.00** Seafood dinner at Stella Maris restaurant

**08.00** Bus departure from the Palace hotel

**08.05** Bus departure from the Perla del Porto hotel

## Fractures around the knee

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
*Main lectures*

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
*Clinical cases interactive discussion*

**Patellar fractures and  
extensor mechanism injuries**  
Tommaso Bonanzinga  
*(Milano, Italy)*

**08.50**

**Hoffa fractures**  
Marco Berlusconi  
*(Milano, Italy)*

**ARIF of proximal tibia fractures**  
Mario Ronga  
*(Novara, Italy)*

**09.10**

**ACL avulsion fractures**  
Hitesh Gopalan  
*(Calicut, India)*

**Pseudoarthrosis of proximal tibia**  
Peter Giannoudis  
*(Leeds, UK)*

**09.30**

**Patellar fractures and  
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Tommaso Bonanzinga  
*(Milano, Italy)*

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Peter Giannoudis  
*(Leeds, UK)*

**10.35 - 11.10** Coffee break

## Fractures around the hip

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
*Main lectures*

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
*Clinical cases interactive discussion*

#### Acetabular fractures

Marco Berlusconi  
*(Milano, Italy)*

11.15

#### Arthroplasty for perthrochanteric fractures

Panayiotis Megaloikonomos  
*(Athens, Greece)*

#### Medial femoral neck fractures

Thomas Stark  
*(Brugg, Switzerland)*

11.35

#### Periprosthetic hip fractures

Panayiotis Megaloikonomos  
*(Athens, Greece)*

#### Petrochanteric fractures

Peter Giannoudis  
*(Leeds, UK)*

11.55

#### Acetabular fractures

Marco Berlusconi  
*(Milano, Italy)*

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*(Leeds, UK)*

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.15 - 14.45 Auditorium Plenary session

Keynote lecture: Pain in orthopaedic patients

Luca Gallelli *(Catanzaro, Italy)*

## Pediatric Orthopædics

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
*Main lectures*

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
*Clinical cases interactive discussion*

#### Elbow and forearm fractures

Nanni Allington  
*(Liège, Belgium)*

14.50

#### Flat foot

Vito Pavone  
*(Catania, Italy)*

#### Scoliosis

Nanni Allington  
*(Liège, Belgium)*

15.10

#### Clubfoot

Pasquale Farsetti  
*(Roma, Italy)*

#### Flat foot

Vito Pavone  
*(Catania, Italy)*

15.30

#### Hip disorders

Federico Canavese  
*(Genova, Italy)*

#### Clubfoot

Pasquale Farsetti  
*(Roma, Italy)*

15.50

#### Elbow and forearm fractures

Nanni Allington  
*(Liège, Belgium)*

#### Hip disorders

Federico Canavese  
*(Genova, Italy)*

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#### Scoliosis

Nanni Allington  
*(Liège, Belgium)*

**16.35 - 16.55 Auditorium** Plenary session

**Focus on: Anxiety and depression predict residual pain following arthroplasty**

*Renato de Filippis (Catanzaro, Italy)*

**17.00** Bus departure to the hotels

**20.00** Meat dinner at Stella Maris restaurant

**08.00** Bus departure from the Palace hotel

**08.05** Bus departure from the Perla del Porto hotel

## Hip recon

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
*Main lectures*

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
*Clinical cases interactive discussion*

**Key steps in planning**

Luigi Zagra  
*(Milano, Italy)*

**08.50**

**Instability**

Rocco Papalia  
*(Roma, Italy)*

**Surgical approaches**

Fares Haddad  
*(London, UK)*

**09.10**

**Revisions**

George Macheras  
*(Athens, Greece)*

**Implant choice**

Tomislav Cengic  
*(Zagreb, Croatia)*

**09.30**

**Key steps in planning**

Luigi Zagra  
*(Milano, Italy)*

**Instability**

Rocco Papalia  
*(Roma, Italy)*

**09.50**

**Complex scenarios**

Fares Haddad  
*(London, UK)*

**Revisions**

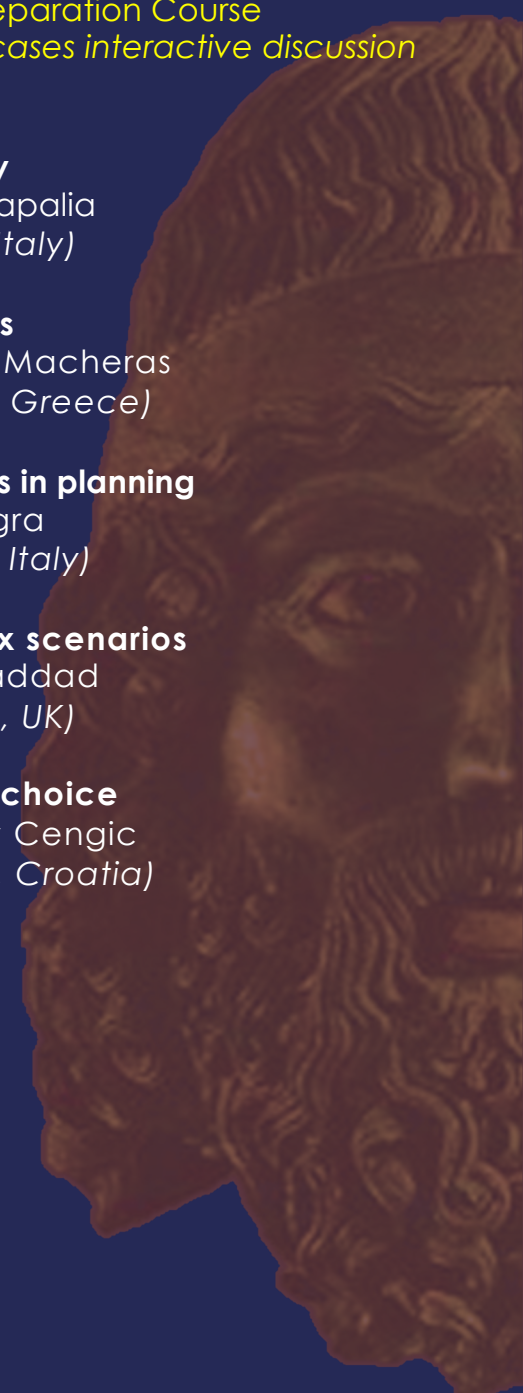
George Macheras  
*(Athens, Greece)*

**10.10**

**Implant choice**

Tomislav Cengic  
*(Zagreb, Croatia)*

**10.35 - 11.10** Coffee break



## Shoulder recon

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
Main lectures

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
Clinical cases interactive discussion

#### Anatomic shoulder arthroplasty

David Limb  
(Leeds, UK)

11.15

#### Robotic navigation

Doria Juric  
(Basel, Switzerland)

#### Reverse shoulder arthroplasty

Olimpio Galasso  
(Salerno, Italy)

11.35

#### PJI: antimicrobial treatment

Alessandro Russo  
(Catanzaro, Italy)

#### TSA in sequelae

Olimpio Galasso  
(Salerno, Italy)

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Olimpio Galasso  
(Salerno, Italy)

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.15 - 14.45 Auditorium Plenary session  
Keynote lecture: Preparation to EBOT exam by  
Bone and Joint Journal resources  
David Limb (Leeds, UK)



## Hand & elbow

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
Main lectures

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
Clinical cases interactive discussion

**Elbow instability** 14.50  
Olga Savvidou  
(Athens, Greece)

**Flexor and extensor tendon lesions**  
Pierluigi Tos  
(Milano, Italy)

**Radial head fractures** 15.10  
Olga Savvidou  
(Athens, Greece)

**Brachial plexus injuries**  
Rob Nelissen  
(Leiden, Netherlands)

**Flexor and extensor tendon lesions** 15.30  
Pierluigi Tos  
(Milano, Italy)

**Ozonotherapy for hand and elbow disorders**  
Alessandro de Sire  
(Catanzaro, Italy)

**Brachial plexus injuries** 15.50  
Rob Nelissen  
(Leiden, Netherlands)

**Elbow instability**  
Olga Savvidou  
(Athens, Greece)

**Ozonotherapy for hand and elbow disorders** 16.10  
Alessandro de Sire  
(Catanzaro, Italy)

**Radial head fractures**  
Olga Savvidou  
(Athens, Greece)

### 16.35 - 16.55 Auditorium Plenary session

**Antibiotic local delivery in osteoarticular infections. From ICM Istanbul 2025 and SIOT 2026 recommendations to clinical practice**  
Pierfrancesco Indelli (Brixen, Italy)

**The role of calcium sulphate antibiotic carrier in shoulder infections. Indications and clinical outcomes**  
Olimpio Galasso (Salerno, Italy)



**17.00** Bus departure to the hotels

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

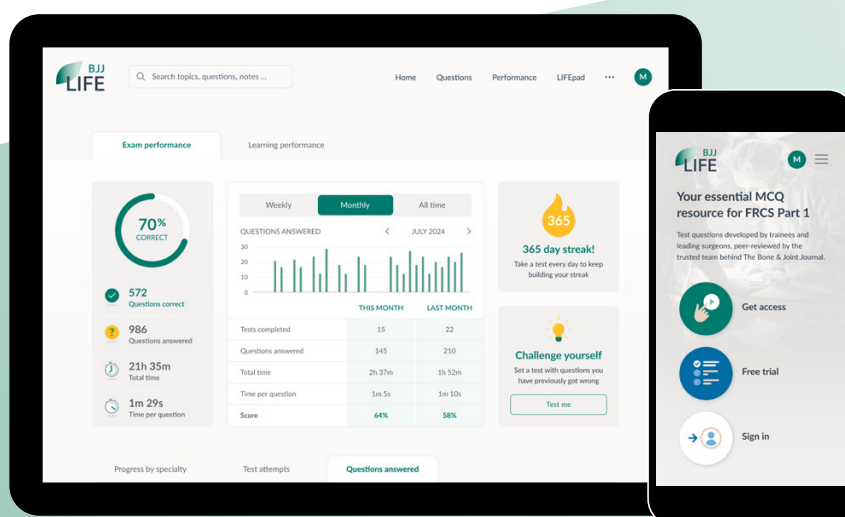
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**08.00** Bus departure from the Palace hotel

**08.05** Bus departure from the Perla del Porto hotel

## Foot & ankle

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
*Main lectures*

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
*Clinical cases interactive discussion*

**Osteochondral lesions of the talus**  
Alberto Marangon  
*(Verona, Italy)*

**08.50**

**Hallux valgus**  
Joao Vide  
*(Lisbona, Portugal)*

**Achilles tendon lesions**  
Alberto Marangon  
*(Verona, Italy)*

**09.10**

**Malleolar fractures**  
Joao Vide  
*(Lisbona, Portugal)*

**Hallux valgus**  
Joao Vide  
*(Lisbona, Portugal)*

**09.30**

**Ankle arthroplasty**  
Jasmin Diallo  
*(Lagenthal, Switzerland)*

**Malleolar fractures**  
Joao Vide  
*(Lisbona, Portugal)*

**09.50**

**Osteochondral lesions of the talus**  
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**Ankle arthroplasty**  
Jasmin Diallo  
*(Lagenthal, Switzerland)*

**10.10**

**Achilles tendon lesions**  
Alberto Marangon  
*(Verona, Italy)*

**10.35 - 11.10** Coffee break

## Knee recon

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
Main lectures

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
Clinical cases interactive discussion

#### Primary implant choice

Marko Ostojic  
(Zagreb, Croatia)

11.15

#### DAPRI

Pierfrancesco Indelli  
(Brixen, Italy)

#### Robotic surgery

Francesco Benazzo  
(Brescia, Italy)

11.35

#### Periprosthetic fractures

Theofilos Karachalios  
(Volos, Greece)

#### Revisions

Roland Becker  
(Brandenburg, Germany)

11.55

#### Primary implant choice

Marko Ostojic  
(Zagreb, Croatia)

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(Brixen, Italy)

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Francesco Benazzo  
(Brescia, Italy)

#### Periprosthetic fractures

Theofilos Karachalios  
(Volos, Greece)

12.35

#### Revisions

Roland Becker  
(Brandenburg, Germany)

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.15 - 14.45 Auditorium Plenary session  
Keynote lecture: Osgenic learning platform  
Arne Schlenzka (Helsinki, Finland)



## Musculoskeletal oncology

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
*Main lectures*

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
*Clinical cases interactive discussion*

**Innovation in musculoskeletal oncology**  
Pietro Ruggieri  
*(Padova, Italy)*

**14.50**

**Soft tissue tumors of the hand**  
Dimitra Melissaridou  
*(Athens, Greece)*

**Proximal femur resection**  
Giulio Maccauro  
*(Roma, Italy)*

**15.10**

**Acetabular metastases**  
Raffaele Vitiello  
*(Roma, Italy)*

**Soft tissue sarcomas**  
Elisa Pala  
*(Padova, Italy)*

**15.30**

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Elisa Pala  
*(Padova, Italy)*

**16.35 -16.55 Auditorium** Plenary session

**Focus on: What really matters in ceramic hip components: evidence vs. misconceptions**

Alessandro Alan Porporati *(Plochingen, Germany)*



**17.00** Bus departure to Tropea

**20.00** Dinner at Convivio restaurant in Tropea

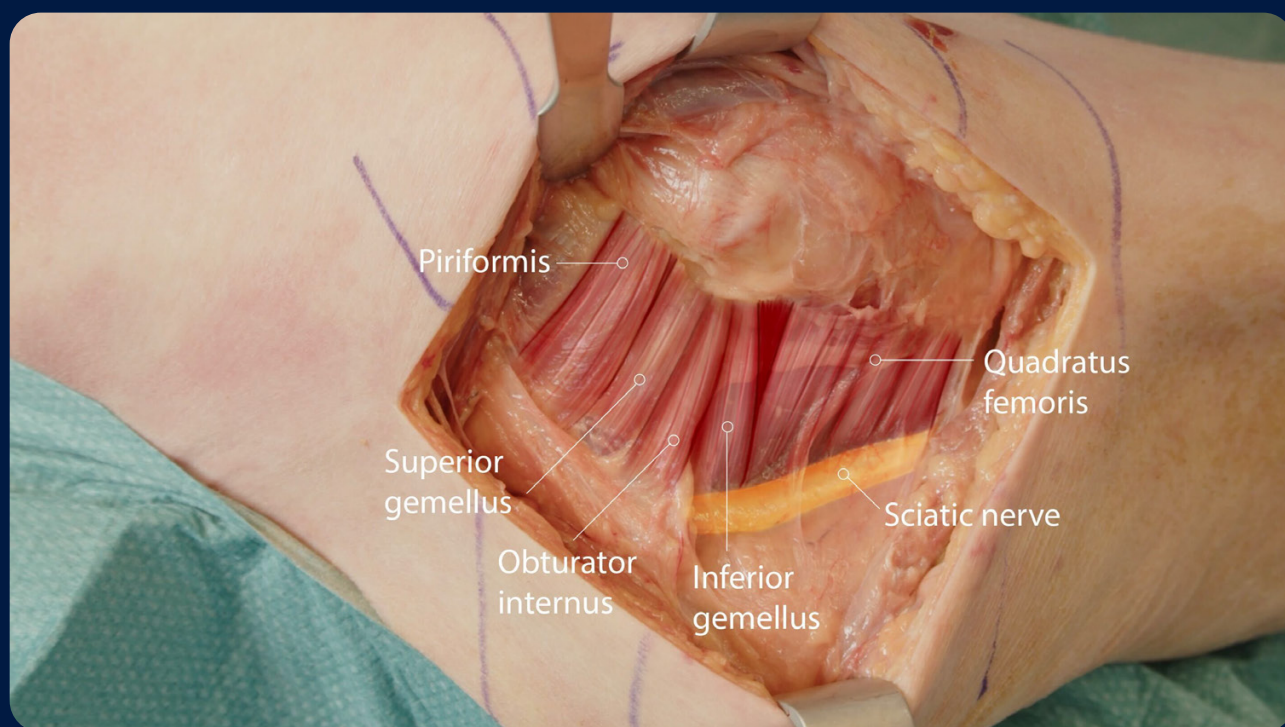
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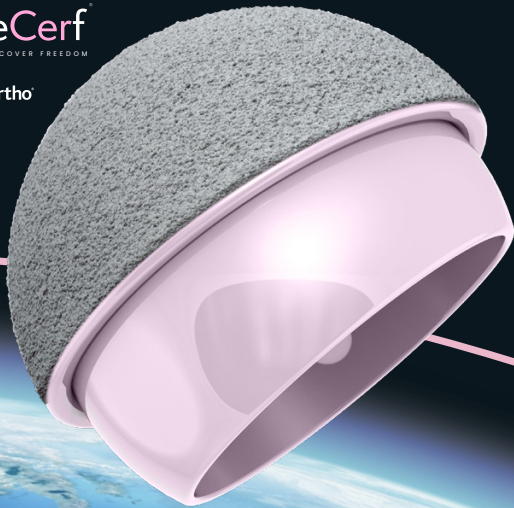


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**08.00** Bus departure from the Palace hotel

**08.05** Bus departure from the Perla del Porto hotel

## Sports trauma

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
*Main lectures*

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
*Clinical cases interactive discussion*

**ACL and tibial osteotomy**  
David Dejour  
(Lyon, France)

**08.50**

**A report from  
Olympic winter games**  
Giuseppe Massazza  
(Torino, Italy)

**Ankle instability**  
Fabrizio Cortese  
(Rovereto, Italy)

**09.10**

**Return to sport  
after ACL reconstruction**  
Michele Mercurio  
(Catanzaro, Italy)

**A report from  
Olympic winter games**  
Giuseppe Massazza  
(Torino, Italy)

**09.30**

**Bucket handle lesions,  
ramp lesions and root tears**  
Roland Becker  
(Brandenburg, Germany)

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**Ankle instability**  
Fabrizio Cortese  
(Rovereto, Italy)

**10.35 - 11.10** Coffee break

## Rotator cuff

### Auditorium

Comprehensive Review Course  
*Main lectures*

### Room G1

Exam Preparation Course  
*Clinical cases interactive discussion*

**Clinical assessment**  
Umile Giuseppe Longo  
*(Roma, Italy)*

**11.15 Stem cells augmentation  
in cuff repair**  
Vincenzo De Santis  
*(Olbia, Italy)*

**Imaging assessment**  
Filippo Familiari  
*(Catanzaro, Italy)*

**11.35 Tendon transfers  
for irreparable RCT**  
Roberto Castricini  
*(Fermo, Italy)*

**Collagen augmentation  
in cuff repair**  
Paolo Fici  
*(Milano, Italy)*

**11.55 Clinical assessment**  
Umile Giuseppe Longo  
*(Roma, Italy)*

**Stem cells augmentation  
in cuff repair**  
Vincenzo De Santis  
*(Olbia, Italy)*

**12.15 Imaging assessment**  
Filippo Familiari  
*(Catanzaro, Italy)*

**Tendon transfers  
for irreparable RCT**  
Roberto Castricini  
*(Fermo, Italy)*

**12.35 Collagen augmentation  
in cuff repair**  
Paolo Fici  
*(Milano, Italy)*

**13.00 -13.30 Auditorium Plenary session**  
**Keynote lecture: Patellofemoral instability à la carte**  
David Dejour *(Lyon, France)*

**13.30 -13.40** Closing ceremony

**13.45-14.45** Farewell lunch

# Faculty

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

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

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*President AO Italy; Director Trauma Unit, Orthopaedic Institute G. Pini (Milano, Italy)*

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

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## **Simone Cerciello**

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