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Rome  
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

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## About Us

We are delighted to invite you to “Neurolympics”, a pioneering event dedicated to the latest trends in Neurosurgery, that will take place in Rome from 20 to 22 May 2026, with an exciting new dimension of active sport engagement and camaraderie between faculty and attendants!

Both Neurosurgery and Olympic sports demand an incredibly high level of precision, meticulous execution, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. Achieving mastery in either field requires years of intense dedication, rigorous training, and unwavering discipline.

Moreover, we strongly believe that sports are a perfect example of how a successful outcome depends on the coordinated effort of a team.

This congress aims to bring together leading neurosurgeons in the fields of Oncology, Skull Base, Spine, Vascular and Trauma.

Beyond the scientific sessions, we are thrilled to announce a unique opportunity for attendees and faculty to connect through recreational sports and friendly competitions during free time at the end of the meeting.

This unique initiative provides a relaxed environment for attendees to interact with faculty members and peers outside of formal sessions, strengthening professional bonds and fostering a spirit of active well-being.

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## Where

**STADIO OLIMPICO** - Rome, Italy



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Francesco	<b>Doglietto</b>	Rome, Italy
Giuseppe	<b>Esposito</b>	Zurich, Switzerland
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# Program Overview

## Wednesday, May 20, 2026

### DAY 1

12:30 – 13:15	Registration and <i>Welcome Snack</i>
13:15 – 13:30	Opening Remarks
13:30 – 14:30	Special Lectures
14:30 – 16:30	<b>Session 1: NEURONCOLOGY</b>
14:30 – 15:30	Meet the Expert: <b>SKULLBASE</b>
14:30 – 16:30	Industry Workshop 1
16:30 – 17:00	Opening Ceremony
20:30	<i>Dinner with the Faculty</i>



## Thursday, May 21, 2026

### DAY 2

08:30 – 10:30	<b>Session 2: TRAUMA</b>
08:30 – 09:30	Meet the Expert: <b>NEURONCOLOGY</b>
08:30 – 10:30	Industry Workshop 2
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Refueling time</i>
11:00 – 13:00	<b>Session 3: SKULLBASE</b>
11:00 – 12:00	Meet the Expert: <b>TRAUMA</b>
11:00 – 13:00	Industry Workshop 3
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Eat and Meet</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Neurosurgical Jeopardy
15:00 – 17:00	<b>Session 4: NEUROVASCULAR</b>
15:00 – 16:00	Meet the Expert: <b>SPINE</b>
15:00 – 17:00	Industry Workshop 4



## Friday, May 22, 2026

### DAY 3

08:30 – 10:30	<b>Session 5: SPINE</b>
08:30 – 09:30	Meet the Expert: <b>NEUROVASCULAR</b>
08:30 – 10:30	Industry Workshop 5
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Refueling time</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Special Lectures
12:00 – 13:00	Best Abstracts presentation
13:00 – 13:30	and the winners are... BEST ABSTRACT AWARDS and Closing Remarks



## Detailed Program

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

DAY 1

PLENARY ROOM

12:30 – 13:15 Registration and *Welcome Snack*

13:15 – 13:30 Opening Remarks

13:30 – 14:30 **Special Lectures**

- New classification of traumatic brain and Spine injury : implications for sport activities and return to sport after trauma  
**Franco Servadei**
- Neuromonitoring as a tricky referee  
**Francesco Sala**

14:30 – 16:30

### Session 1: NEURONCOLOGY

*Chairs:* **Jiri Bartek, Alba Scerrati**

- Classifying, what is really useful  
**Asgeir Jakola**
- Race to diagnosis, what to do and when  
**Pier Paolo Panciani**
- Obstacles and how to overcome them  
**David Netuka**
- My most challenging case  
**Giannantonio Spena**
- Sports and Neuroncology  
**Christian Freyschlag**



16:30 – 17:00 OPENING CEREMONY

Auspicious Authority

- **Michael Lawton** *on line* - President and CEO of Barrow Neurological Institute
- **Francesco Sala** - President of EANS



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## Detailed Program

### Thursday, May 21, 2026

**DAY 2**

**PLENARY ROOM**

08:30 – 10:30

### Session 2 TRAUMA

**Chairs: Saqiba Jadoon, Rosario Maugeri**

- Classifying, what is really useful  
**Angelo Pompucci**
- Race to diagnosis, what to do and when  
**Andras Buki**
- Obstacles and how to overcome them  
**Jiri Bartek**
- My most challenging case  
**Corrado Iaccarino**
- Sports and Trauma  
**Laura Lippa**



10:30 – 11:00

*Refueling time*

11:00 – 13:00

### Session 3 SKULLBASE

**Chairs: Domenico Solari, Daniela Stastna**

- Classifying, what is really useful  
**Evangelos Drosos**
- Race to Diagnosis, what to do and when  
**Torstein Meling**
- Obstacles and how to overcome them  
**Francesco Doglietto**
- My most challenging case  
**Diego Mazzatenta**
- Sports and Skullbase  
**Giulia Cossu**



13:00 – 14:00

*Eat and Meet*

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DAY 2

PLENARY ROOM

14:00 – 15:00

### NEUROSURGICAL JEOPARDY

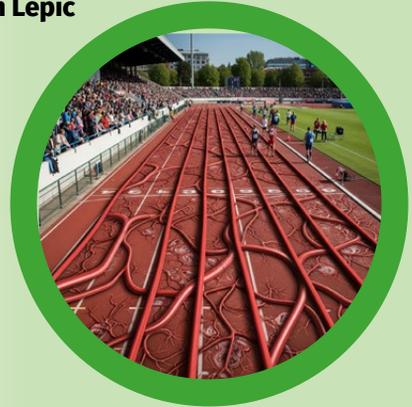
**Chairs:** Marilou Cavaliere, Giorgio Mantovani, Teresa Somma

15:00 – 17:00

### Session 4 NEUROVASCULAR

**Chairs:** Emanuela Crobeddu, Milan Lepic

- Classifying, what is really useful  
**Giuseppe Esposito**
- Race to diagnosis, what to do and when  
**Marco Maria Fontanella**
- Obstacles and how to overcome them  
**Nikolay Velinov**
- My most challenging case  
**Francesco Acerbi**
- Sports and Neurovascular  
**Miikka Korja**





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**DAY 3** **PLENARY ROOM**

08:30 – 10:30

### Session 5 SPINE

*Chairs:* **Federica Penner, Martin Stienen**

- Classifying, what is really useful  
**Claudius Thomè**
- Race to diagnosis, what to do and when  
**Diego Garbossa**
- Obstacles and how to overcome them  
**Marisa Gandia Gonzalez**
- My most challenging cases  
**Enrico Tessitore**
- Sports and Spine  
**Carlo Brembilla**



10:30 – 11:00

*Refueling time*

11:00 -12:00

### Special Lectures

- Sports and miss  
**Antonino Raco**
- From zero to hero: my personal neurosurgical journey  
**Alfredo Quinones-Hinojosa**

12:00-13:00

### BEST ABSTRACTS PRESENTATION

*Chairs:* **Daniele Bongetta, Giovanni Raffa, Luca Ricciardi, Cesare Zoia, Matteo Zoli**

13:00 – 13:30

**and the winners are... Best Abstract Awards and Closing Remarks**



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## Meet The Expert Room

### Wednesday, May 20, 2026

**DAY 1**

14:30 – 15:30 **SKULLBASE:** Francesco Doglietto

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### Thursday, May 21, 2026

**DAY 2**

08:30 – 09:30 **NEURONCOLOGY:** David Netuka

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11:00 – 12:00 **TRAUMA:** Franco Servadei

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15:00 – 16:00 **SPINE:** Enrico Tessitore

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### Friday, May 22, 2026

**DAY 3**

08:30 – 09:30 **NEUROVASCULAR:** Miikka Korja

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## Industry Workshop Room

### Wednesday, May 20, 2026

#### DAY 1

14:30 – 16:30    **Workshop 1**  
Endovascular neurosurgery workshop: basics case-based.  
Learning and Simulation  
**Simone Peschillo, Nikolay Velinov**

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### Thursday, May 21, 2026

#### DAY 2

08:30 – 10:30    **Workshop 2**

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11:00 – 13:00    **Workshop 3**

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15:00 – 17:00    **Workshop 4**  
Piezoelectric Dalgona challenge  
**Mattia Bruzzo, Francesco Signorelli**

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#### DAY 3

08:30 – 10:30    **Workshop 5**  
Sutures competition  
**Federico Nicolosi**

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## Scientific Information

### Target Audience

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Neurosurgeons, ENTs, radiotherapists, maxillo-facial surgeons, neuroradiologists, neurologists, in addition to other healthcare professionals whose scope of practice includes skull base, spine, vascular surgery and oncological neurosurgery. Residents and Fellows.

### Official Language

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The official language of the meeting is English without simultaneous translation.

**We kindly ask to all speakers to prepare their slides/mp4 videos in English.**

### Rules for Speakers

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We request compliance with the following rules:

- the teaching activity shall be objective, balanced and not influenced by direct or indirect interests of stakeholders with commercial interest;
- the speaker shall not include in the activity any teaching advertising of any kind for specific products of medical interest, shall indicate only generic names of drugs, instruments, principals and not their trade names, even if related to the subject matter;
- the speaker shall not project images covered by copyright, identifying images of drugs or equipment and images that can violate patient privacy.

### Audiovisual Equipment

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**16:9 projection will be provided.** Speakers are kindly requested to contact the AV technician located inside the meeting hall well in advance.

**The use of personal laptop (Mac/PC) is highly recommended, remind own adaptor for Mac device.**

The presentation will be forwarded through Local Area Network (LAN) directly to the Video Projector. Each Speaker shall collect their technical material at the end of the session or at the latest at the end of the day. The Organizing Secretariat accepts no responsibility for any lost audio-visual material that was not collected or left unattended.

**Remember to adhere strictly to the time allotted for each presentation.**

### Attendance Certificate

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At the end of the congress an attendance certificate will be sent by e-mail to all registered participants.

### Variations

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The Scientific and the Organizing Secretariats reserve the right to make any change to the program they deem necessary for scientific and/or technical reasons.

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## General Information

### Meeting Venue

**SALA CONFERENZE  
SPORT E SALUTE  
c/o Stadio Olimpico**

Via dei Gladiatori, 2  
Rome, Italy

### HOW TO REACH THE VENUE

Stadio Olimpico is located within the Foro Italico sports complex, north of the city of Rome.



### From Termini Train Station:

Metro line A to Battistini until Ottaviano, take the bus n. 32, get off at Piazzale della Farnesina, a few steps from the Olympic Stadium / Metro line A to Battistini until Flaminio, take the tram n. 2, get off at Piazza Mancini last stop, a few steps from the Stadio Olimpico.

### From Tiburtina train station:

Metro line B to Laurentina until Termini, metro line A direction Battistini, get off at Ottaviano, take the bus n.32 until Piazzale della Farnesina.

### From Ostiense train station:

Metro line B to Rebibbia until Termini, metro line A direction Battistini, get off at Ottaviano, take the bus n.32 until Piazzale della Farnesina.

### From Fiumicino, Leonardo Da Vinci airport:

Take the train to Termini, Ostiense, Tiburtina and follow the previous instructions / By car, take the Fiumicino motorway and follow the previous instructions.

### These Bus have stops at Stadio Olimpico:

Bus: 168, 280, 301, 32, 628, 69 - Head to the ATAC Website for more information.

### Free parking outside the congress center.





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## Registration Fees (VAT included)

<b>EARLY fees until March 31<sup>th</sup> 2026</b>	<b>€ 250,00</b>
<b>EANS   SINch   SIB members*</b> until March 31 <sup>th</sup> 2026 (discount 10%) <i>*in compliance with the 2026 membership fee</i>	<b>€ 225,00</b>
<b>MEDICAL STUDENT*</b> until March 31 <sup>th</sup> 2026 (discount 10%) <i>*A copy of a document must be attached to the registration form</i>	<b>€ 225,00</b>
<b>Participants from LMIC*</b> until March 31 <sup>th</sup> 2026 (discount 20%) <i>*Low and Middle Income Countries according to the Worls Bank List</i>	<b>€ 200,00</b>
<b>MISSION BRAIN student*</b> until March 31 <sup>th</sup> 2026 (discount 20%) <i>*Certificate of registration</i>	<b>€ 200,00</b>
<b>LATE and ON SITE fees from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2026</b>	<b>€ 330,00</b>
<b>EANS   SINch   SIB members</b> from April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2026 (discount 10%)* <i>*in compliance with the 2025 or 2026 membership fee</i>	<b>€ 300,00</b>
<b>MEDICAL STUDENT*</b> from April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2026 (discount 10%) <i>*A copy of a document must be attached to the registration form</i>	<b>€ 300,00</b>
<b>Participants from LMIC*</b> from April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2026 (discount 20%) <i>*Low and Middle Income Countries according to the Worls Bank List</i>	<b>€ 264,00</b>
<b>MISSION BRAIN student*</b> from April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2026 (discount 20%) <i>*Certificate of registration</i>	<b>€ 264,00</b>

### The HCP registration fee includes:

- attendance to all scientific sessions
- congress kit
- attendance certificate
- entrance to the exhibition area
- F&B provided during the scientific program

To benefit from the discount, you will need to become a member before registering. Membership status will be verified by the Organizing Secretariat. Be aware if your membership is not updated at the time of your application, the “non-member fee” will be applied.

<b>Company Staff*</b> <i>*In addition to those included in the sponsorship agreement</i>	<b>€ 120,00</b>
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- dati fiscali dell'Ente
- Codice univoco
- nome del dipendente e titolo del congresso e la specifica che il dipendente è autorizzato a frequentare l'evento per aggiornamento professionale
- esenzione applicazione IVA

**ATTENZIONE:** In mancanza di tale dichiarazione e del pagamento, dovrà essere il dipendente ad anticipare l'importo dovuto e poi richiederne il rimborso al proprio Ente. In questo caso **la fattura con l'IVA inclusa sarà intestata al partecipante. Non saranno accettate richieste di modifica delle fatture già emesse o rimborso dell'IVA versata.**

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**Personal data storage:** My Meeting Srl shall store your personal data for the time needed for the management of the above-mentioned activities and avoiding in any case long term storage and enabling the data subject to exercise their rights. Your personal data will be stored for 10 (ten) years, unless the data subject undertakes actions to confirm consent to the use of their personal data. The signature placed on the "Registration Form" represents acknowledgement of this information and the above rights and entails consent to personal data processing and communication for the above-indicated purposes. Failure to consent will preclude participation in the event.

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### How To Register And How To Pay

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To subscribe to this event is necessary to fill the **digital Registration Form** available on the dedicated website. Registration fees may be paid by credit card or bank transfer. Online payments in advance are strongly encouraged. Please note, cash payment will not be accepted.

**Use the QR code for registered now!**



An e-mail will be sent to individual participants upon completion of the registration process. This confirmation must be presented at the registration desk on-site at the meeting to receive the congress kit and access badge.

**No registration will be processed unless accompanied payment.**

A receipt of payment for the total amount will be issued directly by My Meeting Srl.

### Cancellation Policy

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**No refunds will be made for cancellations.**

Notification of cancellation or substitutions must be made in written to the Organizing Secretariat.

**Deadline for registration May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

After this date you can enroll only at the meeting venue.

**Registration Form will be available only on the official websites**

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### Insurance

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Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that when you register for the Course and make your travel arrangements, you take out an insurance policy of your choice. The Organizing Secretariat cannot take any responsibility for any participant failing to arrange their own insurance. This insurance is to be purchased in your country of origin.

### Hotel Accommodation

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The list of some hotels in the surrounding area is available on the dedicated website [www.mymetingsrl.com](http://www.mymetingsrl.com). To make a reservation contact the hotel directly.

### Photos And Videos

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During the event, photos and videos may be taken to document the occasion. These materials will become part of the archives of My Meeting Srl and the event organizer, and they may be shared on official websites or social media channels.

### CVS - Conference Vetting System of MedTech Europe

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The event will be submitted and uploaded for compliance review.

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