



EUS CONFLUENCE DAYS 2026

Friday 30th October / Saturday 31st October 2026 · Athens, Greece
FROM FIRST IMAGE TO FIRST PROCEDURE: MASTERING EUS STEP BY STEP

DAY 1 | From Anatomy to Diagnosis — Building the Foundation of EUS

Focus: Practical Image Optimization: Depth, Gain, TGC, Frequencies, eFocusing and Imaging Modes

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Opening Ceremony		Opening Ceremony & Welcome																																
	08:00 – 08:30	Registration & Welcome Coffee																																
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	08:45 – 09:00	EUS Confluence Days 2026: Vision, Objectives, and How to Get the Most from This CourseProf. Mostafa Ibrahim																																
Session 1		EUS Machine, Examination & Image Optimization Chairpersons: Prof. Wafaa Khannoussi · Prof. Linda Lee · Prof. Thomas Thomaidis																																
	09:00 – 09:20	Practical Image Optimization: Depth, Gain, TGC, Frequencies, eFocusing and Imaging Modes.Prof. Hathaiwan Mounghthard																																
	09:20 – 09:40	Systematic Examination Protocol: The 20-Station Roadmap from Esophagus to DuodenumProf. Nadeem Tehami																																
	09:40 – 10:00	Radial vs Linear EUS: When to Use Which — Scope Selection GuideProf. Jim Callagha																																
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Session 2	13:00 – 13:20	Diagnostic EUS — Reading the Image with Confidence Chairpersons: Prof. Petko Karagyozev · Prof. Jim Callagha · Prof. Mohamed Gasmi Pancreatic Anatomy & Cystic Lesions: Normal Landmarks + Simple Decision Algorithm for Beginners Prof. Linda Lee																															
	13:20 – 13:40	Subepithelial Lesions: EUS Features, Step-by-Step Classification, and When to Refer Prof. Evangelos Kalaitzakis																															
	13:40 – 14:00	Mediastinal & Lymph Node Staging: What Every Fellow Must Know Prof. Takuya Ishikawa																															
	14:00 – 14:20	Elastography, Shear Wave Measurement & CE-EUS: Practical Patterns and Interpretation Prof. Marc Giovannini																															
Session 3	14:20 – 14:40	Tissue Acquisition & Pancreatic Diagnostics Chairpersons: Prof. Xun Xiao · Prof. Marc Giovannini · Prof. Paraskevas Gkolfakis EUS-FNA vs FNB: Needle Choice, Pass Number, Adequacy Criteria, and Avoiding Complications Prof. Noor Bekkali																															
	14:40 – 15:00	Pancreatic Solid Lesions: EUS Staging Algorithm — From Image to Tissue Report and Management Decision Prof. Takuya Ishikawa																															
	15:00 – 15:20	Pancreatic Screening: Where Are We and What to Do? — Indications, Protocols, and Surveillance Strategies Prof. Marc Barthet																															
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Focus: Biliopancreatic EUS fundamentals, core therapeutic competencies for early learners, oncological staging, and career/training pathways — grounded in current EUS platform capabilities.

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Session 4		Biliopancreatic EUS — Clinical Essentials Chairpersons: Prof. Hathaiwan Mounghthard · Prof. Marc Giovannini · Prof. Hisham Al Dhahab																																
	09:00 – 09:20	EUS in Obstructive Jaundice: Systematic Approach, CBD Measurement, and When to Call for ERCP Prof. Paraskevas Gkolfakis																																
	09:20 – 09:40	Pancreatitis & Its Complications: EUS Role in Acute, Chronic, and Post-Necrotic Settings Prof. Petko Karagyozev																																
	09:40 – 10:00	IPMN & Pancreatic Cysts: Surveillance Protocols and ESGE/IAP Guidelines 2025 Update Prof. Linda Lee																																
	10:00 – 10:20	EUS-BD vs ERCP: The Decision Algorithm for Trainees + IPMN EUS Treatment Overview Prof. Wafaa Khannoussi																																
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	13:10 – 13:30	Pseudocyst with LAMS: Patient Selection, Step-by-Step Technique, and Avoiding Malemployment Prof. Evangelos Kalaitzakis																															
	13:30 – 13:50	Gallbladder & EUS-Gastroenterostomy: Two Accessible Procedures for Early Learners Prof. Jenan Ghaith																															
	13:50 – 14:10	EUS Digestive Anastomosis for Colonic and Small Bowel Obstruction: A New Frontier — Principles and Early Evidence Prof. Marc Barthet																															
Session 6		Oncological EUS & Career Pathways Chairpersons: Prof. Linda Lee · Prof. Paraskevas Gkolfakis · Prof. Petko Karagyozov																															
	14:10 – 14:30	PDAC Staging: Practical EUS Vascular Assessment Standards and Resectability Criteria Prof. Can Gönen																															
	14:30 – 14:50	EUS-guided Hepaticogastrostomy: Technique and role in the treatment of complex malignant proximal bile duct stenoses Prof. Marc Giovannini																															
	14:50 – 15:10	Post-Chemotherapy PDAC Re-Staging and EUS-RFA for Pancreatic Neoplasms: Current Evidence and future Directions Prof. Thomas Thomaidis																															
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MEET THE EXPERTS | Breakout Masterclasses

Small-group sessions (max 8 participants) run concurrently with hands-on training. All 4 masterclass topics are available during both hands-on blocks each day.

TOPIC	FOCUS AREA
Image Optimization Workshop	Gain, depth, TGC, elastography and imaging mode controls — self-paced, no instructor required. Suitable for complete beginners. <i>Prof. Can Gönen</i>
Systematic Pancreatic Exam	20-station protocol walkthrough on phantom + video review. Real-time troubleshooting of positioning and angulation errors. <i>Prof. Paraskevas Gkolfakis</i>
EUS-FNA/FNB Fundamentals	Needle selection, pass strategy, ROSE basics, smear preparation, and complication awareness — case-based with expert mentor. <i>Prof. Noor Bekkali</i>
How to Read an EUS Report	Structured reporting, TNM staging shorthand, measurement standards, referral decisions — case series format. <i>Prof. Takuya Ishikawa</i>
Therapeutic EUS First Steps	LAMS deployment on simulator, pseudocyst protocol, and beginner error troubleshooting. <i>Prof. Nadeem Tehami</i>