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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.

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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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	Session 1: NEURONCOLOGY
14:30 – 15:30	Meet the Expert: SKULLBASE
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	Session 2: TRAUMA
08:30 – 09:30	Meet the Expert: NEURONCOLOGY
08:30 – 10:30	Industry Workshop 2
09:30 – 10:30	Mixed Abstracts
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Refueling time</i>
11:00 – 13:00	Session 3: SKULLBASE
11:00 – 12:00	Meet the Expert: TRAUMA
11:00 – 13:00	Industry Workshop 3
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Eat and Meet</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Industry Workshop 4
14:00 – 15:00	Neurosurgical Jeopardy
15:00 – 17:00	Session 4: NEUROVASCULAR
15:00 – 16:00	Meet the Expert: SPINE
15:00 – 17:00	Industry Workshop 5
16:00 – 17:00	Mixed Abstracts



Friday, May 22, 2026

DAY 3

08:30 – 10:30	Session 5: SPINE
08:30 – 09:30	Meet the Expert: NEUROVASCULAR
08:30 – 10:30	Industry Workshop 6
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



DAY 1

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

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
- **Domenico d'Avella** - President of SINch
- **Caterina Banti** - Sailor, double Olympic gold medalist



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DAY 2

Thursday, May 21, 2026

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

DAY 2

Thursday, May 21, 2026

14:00 – 15:00

NEUROSURGICAL JEOPARDY

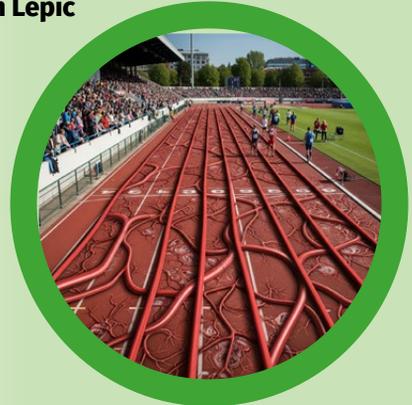
Chairs: Marilou Cavaliere, Giorgio Mantovani, Teresa Somma

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 **Friday, May 22, 2026**

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

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Meet The Expert corner

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

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

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

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

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DAY 3

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



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Industry Workshop

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DAY 1

14:30 – 16:30

Workshop room

Workshop 1

Endovascular neurosurgery workshop: basics case-based.
Learning and Simulation

Simone Peschillo, Nikolay Velinov

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08:30 – 10:30

Workshop room

Workshop 2

11:00 – 13:00

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Workshop 3

13:30 – 14:30

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Workshop 4

15:00 – 17:00

Workshop room

Workshop 5

Piezoelectric Dalgona challenge

Mattia Bruzzo, Francesco Signorelli

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DAY 3

08:30 – 10:30

Workshop room

Workshop 6

Sutures competition

Federico Nicolosi



Scientific Information

Target Audience

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

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

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

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

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

Variations

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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Meeting Venue

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

Via dei Gladiatori, 2
Rome, Italy

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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)

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

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.

Company Staff*

**In addition to those included in the sponsorship agreement*

€ 120,00

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



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Deadline for registration May 11th, 2026

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

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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.

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