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Since its launch in 2017, our annual International AEM (Advanced Endoscopy Masterclass) has become firmly established as one of the unmissable, leading educational endoscopy events on the global calendar.

As attested and evidenced over the years by universally positive feedback from our thousands of delegates (from over 40 countries), we are very proud that the International AEM's very carefully, uniquely-designed method of step-by-step didactic and hands-on teaching by some of the very best international experts, remains a world-first and in a league of its own.

The New Mediterranean Chapter continues

Following on from the success of 2025 we will be returning to Malta.

Holding the International AEM in Malta, we bring this to clinicians and allied healthcare professionals, hailing from rising key parts of Europe, the Middle-East and Africa encompassing the whole Mediterranean Region.

In tune with its core principles of excellence in medicine, minimally-invasive care and comprehensive quality, the International AEM Malta shall be held in the UNESCO city of Valletta, at the world-renowned Mediterranean Conference Centre (MCC), also known as the 'Sacra Infermeria', which used to serve as the hospital of the Knights of Malta since 1574.

The International AEM Malta shall run from the 15th to the 17th April 2026, enjoying the warm Mediterranean climate.

It is designed for 300 international delegates and commences on the early afternoon of the 15th April, with half-a-day of interactive and didactic sessions, followed by the Grand Networking Buffet Reception at the Historic 18th Century Palazzo Parisio.



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The 16th April shall kick-off in the morning with frontline, didactic sessions, highlighting the latest developments in endoscopy, followed by a networking buffet-lunch in the beautiful hall of the Sacra Infermeria itself, which shall also host our exhibition of industry partners. The afternoon of the 16th April shall encompass interactive video sessions to showcase technological advancements at the cutting edge. These academic sessions shall all be held within the MCC's state-of-the-art, award-winning auditorium.

On the evening of the 16th April, all participants shall enjoy a short edition of the celebrated 'Malta Experience', highlighting the rich history of the Maltese Islands, before a networking reception with our faculty on the large terrace of the MCC, overlooking the magnificent, world-famous Grand Harbour.

The 17th April shall dedicate itself to the highly acclaimed 'International AEM's hands-on School of Endoscopy' (the largest of its kind), where a select group of participants shall undertake hands-on training with our faculty of experts, who shall teach using our unique purpose-built, step-by-step method, after first demonstrating every step of the designated technique.

As in recent years, the 'International AEM's hands-on School of Endoscopy' shall focus on comprehensive education on:

- Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD), as led by our key guest, Professor Hironori Yamamoto himself, the inventor of ESD
- Endoscopic haemostasis
- Bariatric endoscopy, suturing and closure of defects
- Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)
- Polypectomy & EMR training

Each of these carefully-designed hands-on training courses shall be introduced by a set of targeted lectures and shall take-place within individual dedicated parts of the MCC. As always, the 'International AEM's hands-on School of Endoscopy' is exclusively powered in partnership with the highly acclaimed 'Roeya Endotraining'.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to the International AEM Malta from the 15th to the 17th April 2026!

Sincerely,



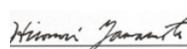
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Prof Hironori Yamamoto
International AEM
Honorary President



Wednesday 15th April 2026 - Day 1

13:00 Registration opens

14:00-15:00 Session 1: Innova et performa!

**Panel: Prof Raf Bisschops, Prof Guido Costamagna, Prof Michal Kaminski,
Dr Begona Gonzalez-Suarez**

14:00 Beyond drainage! LAMS 2.0: innovative applications in therapeutic EUS
- **Prof Andrea Anderloni**

14:15 Metabolic endoscopy: from bariatrics to regeneration!
- **Prof Mostafa Ibrahim**

14:30 To close or not to close? - **Prof Cristiano Spada**

14:45 One-man band! - **Dr Vincenzo Cennamo**

15:00 Discussion/Q&A

15:15-16:00 Session 2: Why on earth are we still debating?! Colorectal P-EMR or ESD?!

Panel: Dr Francisco Da Baldaque-Silva, Prof Alanna Ebigbo, Prof Leon Moons

15:15 P-EMR is here to stay! - **Prof Michal Kaminski**

15:30 ESD is the present and the future! - **Prof Hironori Yamamoto**

15:45 Discussion/Q&A

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 Session 3: The International AEM Advanced Endoscopy Challenge Part I

Prof Edward John Despott, Prof Alberto Murino & Fellows

18:00-18:10 Closing Remarks for Day 1

**18:15-23:00 The International AEM Grand Networking Buffet Reception at the
Historic 18th Century Palazzo Parisio**

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The International AEM Grand Buffet Networking Reception at: *Palazzo Parisio*

On the evening of the 15th of April, all participants shall be taken to the prestigious “Palazzo Parisio” for a very special evening, dedicated to the rich history and culture of the Maltese Islands. This shall also include:

- An historical parade and display by the famed ‘**In Guardia!**’
- A special dedicated brief performance by **Joseph Calleja**, the world’s most acclaimed tenor
- A **culinary journey** through **Maltese history**
- Ongoing live **jazz entertainment** by the acclaimed **Clara Calleja**
- A display of traditional **Maltese Festa** celebrations including a dedicated brass band





Thursday 16th April 2026 - Day 2

07:30-08:00 Registration opens

**08:00-08:30 Official opening speeches: Prof Edward John Despott,
Prof Alberto Murino, The Hon Dr Jo Etienne Abela, Mr Clarence Pace,
Prof Hironori Yamamoto**

08:30-09:30 Session 4: Fifty shades of cutting!

Panel: Prof Marcel Tantau, Mr Aryn Haji, Dr Nima Mottacki, Dr Erasmia Vlachou

08:30 Cold cut! - **Prof Marcel Tantau**

08:45 Chopping the trunk! (safely) - **Dr David Tate**

09:00 Deep cut! - **Prof Leon Moons**

09:15 Discussion/Q&A

09:30-11:00 Session 5: On the frontline! Emergency endoscopy

**Panel: Dr Wafaa Khannoussi, Dr Sami Boudabbous, Prof Albrecht Neese,
Prof Pierre Ellul, Mr Clifford Caruana**

09:30 Blocked! The food bolus obstruction - **Prof Alberto Murino**

09:45 Red and black! Handling the upper GI bleed - **Prof Raf Bisschops**

10:00 Is there such a thing as 'an emergency colonoscopy'?!

- **Prof Cesare Hassan**

10:15 Yellow fever! Emergency biliary drainage - **Prof Guido Costamagna**

10:30 It's the small bowel! - **Prof Hironori Yamamoto**

10:45 Discussion/Q&A

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Session 6: A conscientious patient-centred partnership: What does the industry provide?

**Panel: Prof Hironori Yamamoto, Prof Edward John Despott, Prof Cristiano Spada,
Prof Alberto Murino**

11:30 FujiFilm Healthcare Europe: Mr Salim Tayah

11:40 Olympus Medical: Mr Alexander Forster

11:50 Boston Scientific: Mr Rory Telfer

12:00 Erbe Presentation

12:10 Pentax Medical: Mr John Kroeze

12:20 Discussion/Q&A

13:00 Lunch Break





14:00-15:00 Session 7: The International AEM 3D Matrix spotlight symposium

Panel: Prof Edward John Despott, Prof Alberto Murino, Mr Aryn Haji, Prof Raf Bisschops

14:00 RADA16: But what on earth is it?? - **Prof Cesare Hassan**

14:15 Does it work? Clinical applications & emerging indications
- **Prof Edward John Despott**

14:30 Radiation proctopathy 2026: shift gear & optimise your management!
- **Mr Aryn Haji**

14:45 Discussion/Q&A

15:00-16:00: Session 8: Next generation ESD from saline to traction and beyond

Panel: Prof Zornica Gorcheva, Prof Vincent Huberty, Dr David Tate, Prof Leon Moons, Dr Erasmia Vlachou

15:00 Dive in! Saline is the future: optimal technique & the growing evidence
- **Prof Edward John Despott**

15:15 Pull it! I still use traction... - **Dr Francisco Baldaque-Silva**

15:30 Come-on guys! It's the best of both worlds...- **Prof Alanna Ebigo**

15:45 Discussion/Q&A

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-17:30 Session 9: The International AEM Endoscopy Challenge Part II

Prof Edward John Despott, Prof Alberto Murino, Prof Hironori Yamamoto & Team

17:30 Day two: closing remarks

18:00-23:00 Networking Drinks on the terrace of the Sacra Infermeria (with spectacular views of the Grand Harbour) followed by a Networking Buffet in the historic Knights Hall of the Sacra Infermeria





Friday 17th April 2026 - Day 3

The International AEM Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD) Hands-on Training Course with International Experts

07:30 Registration opens

08:30 Dedicated ESD Course Lectures I:

08:30 The Pocket Creation Method (PCM) - **Prof Hironori Yamamoto**

08:45 ESD technical tips & tricks - **Dr Francisco Baldaque-Silva**

09:00 Diathermy for ESD - **Prof Hironori Yamamoto**

09:15 ESD hands-on training

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Dedicated ESD Course Lecture II:

13:30 Management of ESD adverse events - **Dr David Tate**

13:45 ESD hands-on training

16:45 Close



Lead ESD Trainer:
Prof Hironori Yamamoto
Jichi Medical University Japan



Jichi Medical University (JMU), Japan
& University College London (UCL)

The International AEM London Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD) Hands-on Training Course
The World's first & only ESD course dedicated to the pocket creation method (PCM) as developed by
Prof Hironori Yamamoto



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Friday 17th April 2026 - Day 3

The International AEM ERCP & EUS Hands-on Training Course with International Experts

07:30 Registration opens

08:30 **Dedicated ERCP Lectures**

08:30 Indications - **Prof Guido Costamagna**

08:45 Anatomy and anatomical variations - **Prof Andrea Anderloni**

09:00 Biliary & pancreatic cannulation - **Prof Guido Costamagna**

09:15 Sphincterotomy & pre-cut - **Dr Sami Boudabbous**

09:30 **Dedicated EUS Lectures**

09:30 EUS imaging of mediastinal lymph nodes and the oesophagus
- **Dr Wafaa Khannoussi**

09:40 EUS Imaging of the stomach and pancreas - **Dr Bogdan Miutescu**

09:50 EUS-FNA - **Prof Albrecht Neese**

10:00 Therapeutic EUS - **Prof Andrea Anderloni**

10:15 ERCP & EUS hands-on training

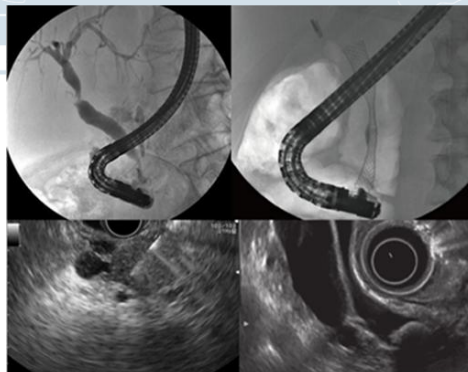
12:30 Lunch

13:30 ERCP & EUS hands-on training

16:45 Close



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Friday 17th April 2026 - Day 3

The International AEM Haemostasis Hands-on Training Course with International Experts

07:30 Registration opens

08:30 **Dedicated Haemostasis Lectures**

08:30 Preparation: Resuscitation, preparing the team, equipment required, preparing the room, non-technical skills - **Prof Zornica Gorcheva**

08:45 Non-variceal bleeding: injection, diathermy, clipping (including OTSC), topical agents, tips & pitfalls - **Prof Marcel Tantau**

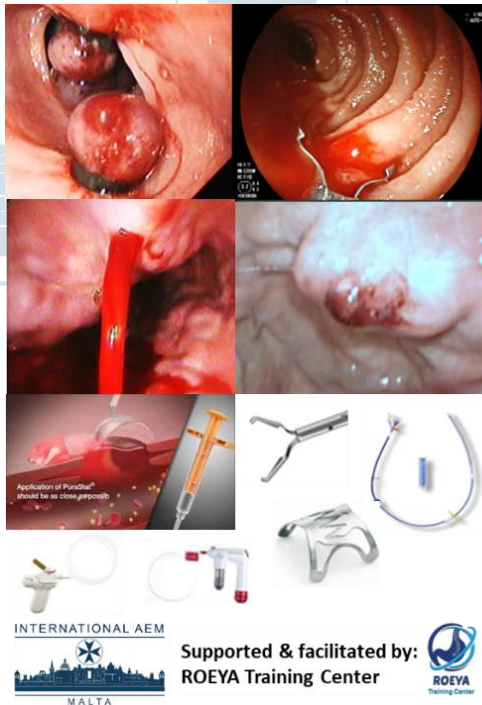
09:00 Variceal: banding, injection therapy: tips & pitfalls - **Prof Mostafa Ibrahim**

09:15 Haemostasis hands-on training

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Haemostasis hands-on training

16:45 Close



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Friday 17th April 2026 - Day 3

The International AEM Endoscopic Suturing, Bariatric & Defect Closure Hands-on Training Course with International Experts

- 07:30 Registration opens
- 08:30 Preparation: Preparing the team, equipment required, preparing the room, non-technical skills - **Prof Mostafa Ibrahim**
- 08:45 Apollo Endosurgery Overstitch™, Endotools Endomina™ - **Prof Vincent Huberty**
- 09:00 Endoscopic gastroplasty suturing technique - **Prof Ivo Boskoski**
- 09:15 Potential adverse events and their management - **Prof Vincent Huberty**
- 09:30 Closure of defects - TTSC, OTSC, Boston Scientific Mantis Clip™, Apollo Endosurgery X-Tack™ - **Prof Ivo Boskoski**
- 10:00 Bariatric hands-on training
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Bariatric hands-on training
- 16:45 Close



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Friday 17th April 2026 - Day 3

The International AEM Endoscopic Polypectomy & EMR Training Course with International Experts

- 08:30 Lesion characterisation - **Prof Raf Bisschops**
- 08:45 Pedunculated polypectomy - **Prof Alanna Ebigo**
- 09:00 En bloc EMR - **Dr Erasmia Vlachou**
- 09:15 P-EMR - **Prof Raf Bisschops**
- 09:30 EMR hands-on training
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 EMR hands-on training
- 16:45 Close



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