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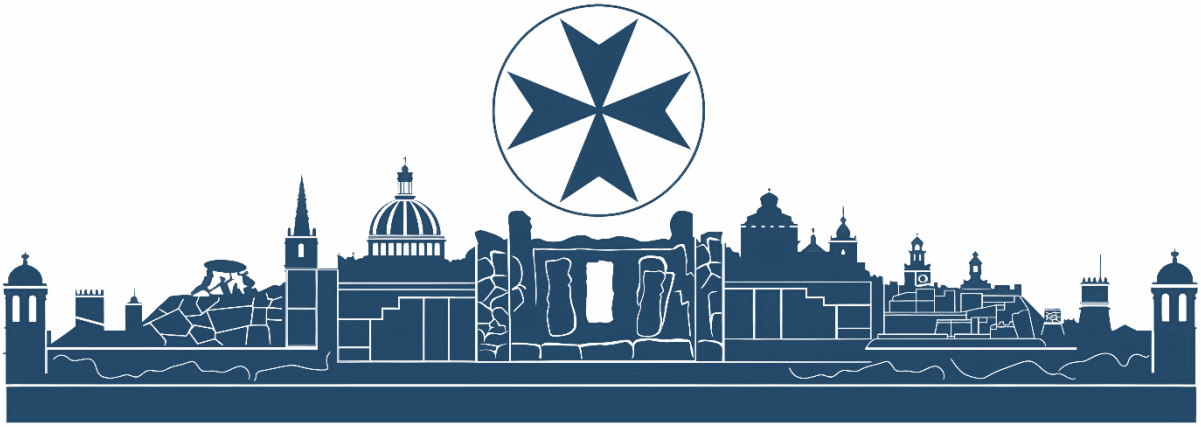

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INTERNATIONAL AEM MALTA 2027

Advanced Endoscopy Masterclass

Proposed Programme

14–16 April 2027

Mediterranean Conference Centre (Sacra Infermeria), Valletta, Malta

Directors

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Honorary President: Hironori Yamamoto

Programme at a glance

Day 1 — Wednesday 14 April 2027	
13:00	Registration opens
14:00–15:15	Session 1 — Training and endoscopic progression
15:15–16:15	Session 2 — Cut it out! The never-ending story & eternal debate… P-EMR, ESD or EFTR?
16:15–16:45	Coffee Break
16:45–18:15	Session 3 — Advanced Endoscopy Challenge, Part I
18:15–18:25	Closing remarks, Day 1
18:30–23:00	Grand Networking Buffet Reception — The Grand Master's Palace, Valletta
Day 2 — Thursday 15 April 2027	
07:30–08:00	Registration opens
08:00–08:30	Official opening speeches
08:30–09:45	Session 4 — Tunnel vision! Third space endoscopy beyond POEM
09:45–11:15	Session 5 — No barrier required!
11:15–11:45	Coffee Break
11:45–13:15	Session 6 — Industry Partnership Forum
13:15–14:15	Lunch Break
14:15–15:15	Session 7 — 3-D Matrix Spotlight Symposium
15:15–16:30	Session 8 — Parallel symposia
16:30–17:00	Coffee Break
17:00–18:00	Session 9 — Advanced Endoscopy Challenge, Part II
18:00	Closing remarks, Day 2
18:15–23:00	Networking Drinks & Buffet — Sacra Infermeria (Terrace & Knights Hall)
Day 3 — Friday 16 April 2027	
07:30–08:30	Registration opens
08:30	Parallel Hands-on Training Courses with International Experts:
	Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD)
	ERCP & EUS
	Haemostasis
	Endoscopic Suturing, Bariatric & Defect Closure
	Polypectomy & EMR
	Nurses Lecture & Training
17:00	Close

Day 1 — Wednesday 14 April 2027

13:00 Registration opens

Session 1 *(14:00–15:15)*
Training and endoscopic progression

Panel: Prof Edward John Despott, Prof Alberto Murino, Prof Hironori Yamamoto

14:00	Bleeding, deep mural injury or perforation: what do I do next?
14:15	My first 50 ESDs: lessons, mistakes and what I wish I had known
14:30	Starting EUS and ERCP: the skills you need before the advanced procedures
14:45	Protect your hands, neck and back: ergonomics from day one
15:00	*Discussion / Q&A*

Session 2 *(15:15–16:15)*
Cut it out! The never-ending story & eternal debate… P-EMR, ESD or EFTR?

Panel:

15:15	I love jigsaw puzzles! The case for P-EMR
15:30	En bloc or nothing! The case for ESD and EFTR
15:45	SMIC, the invisible enemy
16:00	Discussion

16:15–16:45 Coffee Break

Session 3 *(16:45–18:15)*
The International AEM Advanced Endoscopy Challenge — Part I

Prof Edward John Despott, Prof Alberto Murino & Fellows

18:15–18:25 Closing remarks for Day 1

18:30–23:00 The International AEM Grand Networking Buffet Reception at The Grandmaster's Palace, Valletta

Day 2 — Thursday 15 April 2027

07:30–08:00 Registration opens

08:00–08:30 Official opening speeches: Prof Edward John Despott, Prof Alberto Murino, Prof Hironori Yamamoto, with representatives of Malta's Ministry for Health & Tourism

Session 4 *(08:30–09:45)*
Tunnel vision! Third space endoscopy beyond ESD & POEM

Panel:

08:30	G-whizz! G-POEM for gastroparesis: who really benefits?
08:45	STER: submucosal tunnelling for subepithelial tumours
09:00	ESD 2027: Fast but safe and sound!
09:15	The duodenal challenge! Pushing the boundaries of safe endoscopic resection
09:30	*Discussion / Q&A*

Session 5 *(09:45–11:15)*
No barrier required!

Panel:

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10:45	—
11:00	*Discussion / Q&A*

11:15–11:45 Coffee Break

Session 6 *(11:45–13:15)*
A conscientious patient-centred partnership: 2027 update

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

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12:45	*Discussion / Round Table Q&A*

13:15–14:15 Lunch Break

Session 7 *(14:15–15:15)*
3-D Matrix Spotlight Symposium

Panel: Prof Edward John Despott, Prof Cesare Hassan, Prof Alberto Murino

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14:45	—
15:00	*Discussion / Q&A*

Parallel Symposia *(15:15–16:30)*
Coffee with the Experts

Panel:

Mini Symp 1	Weight of the world! Bariatric & metabolic endoscopy grows up
Mini Symp 2	Precision in the oesophagus! From lesion recognition to curative resection
Mini Symp 3	TBD

16:30–17:00 Coffee Break

Session 9 *(17:00–18:00)*
The International AEM Endoscopy Challenge — Part II

Prof Edward John Despott, Prof Alberto Murino, and Fellows

18:00 Day two: closing remarks

18:15–23:00 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

Day 3 — Friday 16 April 2027

07:30 Registration opens

08:30 –17:00

Hands-on Training Courses with International Experts

Parallel workshops will be run as follows:

Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD)

ERCP & EUS

Haemostasis

Endoscopic Suturing, Bariatric & Defect Closure

Polypectomy & EMR

AEM Nursing Programme

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Patrons: Malta's Ministry for Health · Malta's Ministry for Tourism and the Malta Tourism Authority · Malta Medicines Authority · University College London

Endorsed by the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) and affiliated national gastroenterology societies across Europe, the Middle East and Africa (confirmations for the 2027 cycle in progress).