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Since its launch in 2017, our annual International AEM (Advanced Endoscopy Masterclass) London 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.

To make this special congress even more unique and truly international, for 2025 we have decided to take it to the heart of the Mediterranean region, to Malta! This move is a natural evolution, in line with our ethos, to extend the global reach of quality endoscopy education and minimally-invasive, organ-preserving endoscopic care for the benefit of patients, the world over.

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 11th to the 13th of June 2025, during the ideal time of year for the warm Mediterranean climate.

It is designed for 300 international delegates and commences on the early afternoon of the 11th of June, with half-a-day of interactive and didactic sessions, followed by an evening networking reception with our faculty on the large terrace of the MCC, overlooking the magnificent, world-famous Grand Harbour.

The 12th of June 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 12th of June 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 12th of June, all participants shall enjoy a short edition of the celebrated 'Malta Experience', highlighting the rich history of the Maltese Islands, in preparation for the main event of the networking social programme. For this, participants shall be taken to the other side of the Grand Harbour, to enjoy a one-of-a-kind experience at the main fortress of the Knights of Malta, Fort St. Angelo!

The 13th of June 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)

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 11th to the 13th June 2025; secure your place and register now!

Sincerely,



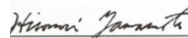
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Wednesday 11th June 2025 - Day 1

14:00 – 15:00 Session 1: Crystal clear vision: 2025

Panel: Prof Pradeep Bhandari, Dr Asma Al Kandari, Dr Roberto Di Mitri, Dr Sami Boudabbous

14:00 Talk 1: Optimising bowel preparation: The imperative basics! -

Prof Cristiano Spada

14:15 Talk 2: Light and colour: Detection and characterisation - **Prof Raf Bisschops**

14:30 Talk 3: Artificial Intelligence: Help or hindrance? - **Prof Pradeep Bhandari**

14:45 Talk 4: AI in capsule endoscopy - **Prof Cristiano Spada**

15:00 Talk 5: Light and colour: Enhancing resection - **Prof Hironori Yamamoto**

15:15 Discussion/Q&A

15:30 – 16:15 Session 2: Primum non-nocere! Safety, prevention and management of adverse events

Panel: Prof Edward J Despott, Prof Zornitsa Gorcheva, Dr Wafaa Khannoussi, Prof Emad Aljahdli

15:30 Talk 1: Breach! Handling perforation - **Prof Alberto Murino**

15:45 Talk 2: Fifty shades of red! Handling bleeding - **Mr Aryn Haji**

16:00 Talk 3: Fifty shades of green! Preventing disasters in pancreaticobiliary endoscopy - **Prof Andrea Anderloni**

16:15 Talk 4: Mastering endoscopic resection: getting a helping hand - **Dr Vincenzo Cennamo**

16:30 Discussion/Q&A

16:45 Coffee Break

17:15 – 18:00: The St James Hospital International AEM Endoscopy Challenge

18:00 Day one: closing remarks

18:15 – 23:00 Buffet Networking Reception on the terrace of the Sacra Infermeria with spectacular views of the Grand Harbour



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Sacra Infermeria Terrace at the Mediterranean Conference Centre

To celebrate the start of the International AEM Malta, on the evening of 11th June, we invite guests to enjoy an evening buffet reception on the terrace of the Sacra Infermeria, overlooking the world-famous Grand Harbour.





Thursday 12th June 2025 - Day 2

07:30 – 08:00 Registration

08:00 – 09:00 The International AEM Plenary Video Session: Part 1

Panel: Prof Diogo De Moura, Prof Marianna Arvanitakis, Prof Andrea Anderloni, Prof Ahmed Salah, Mr Clifford Caruana, Prof João Santos-Antunes

08:00 Video 1

08:10 Video 2

08:20 Video 3

08:30 Video 4

08:40 Video 5

09:00 – 09:30 Official opening speeches – Prof Edward J Despott, Prof Alberto Murino, The Hon Prof Jo Etienne Abela, Mr Clarence Pace, Mr Carlo Micallef, Prof Hironori Yamamoto

09:30 – 11:00 Session 3: Technological Innovations Driving Change

Panel: Prof Alberto Murino, Dr Erasmia Vlachou, Prof Raf Bisschops, Dr Abed Al-Lehibi

09:30 Talk 1: Taking enteroscopy to the next level - **Prof Hironori Yamamoto**

09:45 Talk 2: The saline revolution: facilitating ESD for the future -

Prof Edward J Despott

10:00 Talk 3: Ancillary innovations for ESD: when to use them - **Prof Pradeep Bhandari**

10:15 Talk 4: New horizons: cholangioscopy & EUS - **Prof Alexander Arlt**

10:30 Talk 5: Endoscopic endoluminal vacuum therapy - **Prof Diego De Moura**

10:45 Discussion/Q&A

11:00 Mid-Morning Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Session 4: Listening and implementing: A journey for the optimisation of minimally-invasive care through partnership with our colleagues from the industry

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

11:30 The Fujifilm journey - **Mr Salim Tayah**

11:45 The Olympus journey - **Mr Alexander Förster**

12:00 The Boston Scientific journey - **Mr Troy Lengel**

12:15 The Erbe journey - **Mr Luca Cirillo**

12:30 Discussion/Q&A

13:00 Lunch Break

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14:00 - 15:00 Session 5: The International AEM 3-D Matrix spotlight symposium

Panel: Prof Edward J Despott, Prof Alberto Murino, Prof Pradeep Bhandari, Prof Roberta Maselli

14:00 Bioengineering: the structure and function of a formidable synthetic peptide - **Prof Cesare Hassan**

14:15 Clinical applications on the frontline - **Prof Edward J Despott**

14:30 Revolutionising the management of radiation proctopathy, promoting healing and overall impact on health economics - **Mr Aryn Haji**

14:45 Discussion/Q&A

15:00 - 15:40 The International AEM Plenary Video Session: Part 2 kindly supported by St Thomas Hospital

Panel: Prof Marcel Tantau, Dr Mazin Aljabiri, Mr Aryn Haji, Dr Purnima Bhat, Dr Neville Azzopardi, Dr Sandro Sferrazza, Dr John Schembri

15:00 Video 6

15:10 Video 7

15:20 Video 8

15:30 Video 9

15:40 –16:15 Mid-Afternoon Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:50 Session 6: The ever-expanding indications for minimally-invasive endoscopic care

Panel: Prof Roberta Maselli, Prof Vincent Huberty, Prof Diogo De Moura, Dr Devinder Bansi

16:15 Talk 1: Reflux interventions - **Prof Emad Aljahdli**

16:30 Talk 2: The obesity epidemic and medical options - **Prof Mostafa Ibrahim**

16:45 Talk 3: Shrink the stomach! - **Prof Roberta Maselli**

17:00 Talk 4: Third space endosurgery - **Prof Marcel Tantau**

17:15 Discussion/Q&A

17:50 Day two: closing remarks

19:00 – 23:30 The International AEM Grand Buffet Networking Reception at Fort St Angelo





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The theme of this very special evening will be dedicated to the rich history and culture of the Maltese Islands and 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
- A display of traditional Maltese Festa celebrations including a dedicated brass band



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Friday 13th June - Day 3

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

08:30 Dedicated ESD Course Lectures I:

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

08:45 ESD technical tips & tricks - **Prof Roberta Maselli**

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

09:15 ESD hands-on training

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Dedicated ESD Course Lectures II:

13:30 Management of ESD adverse event - **Prof João Santos-Antunes**

13:45 ESD hands-on training

17:00 Close

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Prof Hironori Yamamoto



Lead ESD Trainer:
Prof Hironori Yamamoto
Jichi Medical University
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Friday 13th June - Day 3

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

08:30 Dedicated ERCP Lectures

08:30 Indications - **Prof Alexander Arlt**

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

09:00 Biliary & pancreatic cannulation - **Prof Marianna Arvanitakis**

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

09:30 Dedicated EUS Lectures

09:30 EUS imaging of mediastinal lymph nodes and the oesophagus -
Prof Alexander Arlt

09:40 EUS Imaging of the stomach and pancreas - **Prof Marianna Arvanitakis**

09:50 EUS-FNA - **Prof Alexander Arlt**

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

10:15 ERCP & EUS hands-on training

12:30 Lunch

13:30 ERCP & EUS hands-on training

17:00 Close



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Friday 13th June - Day 3

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

08:30 Dedicated Haemostasis Lectures

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

08:45 Non-variceal bleeding: Injection, diathermy, clipping (OTSC), topical agents, tips & pitfalls - **Dr Paul Akerman**

09:00 Variceal: Banding, injection therapy, Danis stenting, tips & pitfalls - **Dr Abed Al-Lehibi**

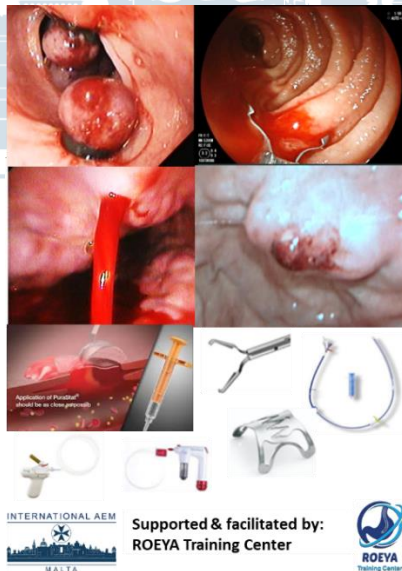
09:15 Optimal management of small bowel bleeding - **Prof Marco Pennazio**

09:30 Haemostasis hands-on training

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Haemostasis hands-on training

17:00 Close



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Friday 13th June - 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 Vincent Huberty**
09:00 Apollo Endosurgery Overstitch™, Endotools Endomina™ - **Prof Mostafa Ibrahim**
09:15 Endoscopic gastroplasty suturing technique - **Dr Devinder Bansil**
09:30 Potential adverse events and their management - **Prof Vincent Huberty**
09:45 Closure of defects - TTSC, OTSC, Boston Scientific Mantis Clip™, Apollo Endosurgery X-Tack™ - **Prof Diogo De Moura**
10:00 Hands-on training
13:15 Lunch
14:15 Hands-on training
16:45 Close



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