Course Director: Ramon Vilallonga (Spain)
Co-Directors: Ana Carrasquilla (Costa Rica), Gianfranco Silecchia (Italy)

Tuesday, 29 August
Hotel Royal Continental | Via Partenope 38, Napoli, Italy

09:00  Introduction – Welcome Course
MODULE 1: Focus on the clinical relevance of the problem
Moderators: Ahmad Aly (Australia), Emanuele Lo Menzo (USA)

09:00–09:15  Abdominal wall hernia in obese population: incidence and physiopathology
Fabio Cesare Campanile (Italy)

09:15–09:30  Impact of severe obesity on the natural history of abdominal wall hernia repair: complications and outcomes
Davide Lomanto (Singapore)

09:30–10:00  MODULE 2: Non surgical weight loss strategy
Moderator: Ana Carrasquilla (Costa Rica) Mariano Palermo (Argentina)

09:30–09:45  Prehabilitation in patients with obesity candidates to Ventral hernia repair: evidence from RCT
Clara Pañella (Spain)

09:45–10:00  Non surgical preoperative weight loss program in severe obese patients candidates for ventral hernia repair. What if options fail?
Jorge Esmeral (Costa Rica)

10:00–11:00  MODULE 3: Timing of surgical procedure
Moderators: Gianfranco Silecchia (Italy), Ramon Vilallonga (Spain)

10:00–10:15  Timeframes of ventral hernia repair and bariatric surgery: National French Study
David Moszkowicz (France)

10:15–10:30  Is concomitant ventral hernia repair and bariatric surgery safe? The evidence of USA MBSAQIP database
Benjamin Clapp (USA)

10:30–10:45  Bariatric Surgery as first stage procedure in complex ventral hernia
Emanuele Lo Menzo (USA)

10:45–11:00  Q&O

11:00–11:30  Coffee Break
11:30–11:45  MODULE 4: The best available technical options
Gianfranco Silecchia (Italy), Benjamin Clapp (USA)

11:30–11:45  Incisional hernia prophylaxis in bariatric obese patients
Ahmad Aly (Australia)

11:45–12:00  How to approach abdominal ventral hernia after weight loss surgery: open, laparoscopic, robotic?
Dr Rafael Villalobos (Spain)

12:00–12:15  Complex hernias with loss of domain in morbidly obese patients: role of laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy in a multi-step approach
Mariano Palermo (Argentina)

12:15–12:30  Laparoscopic differed ventral hernia repair after bariatric surgery: when and how
Stefano Olmi (Italy)

12:30–13:00  Q&O

13:00–14:00  Lunch

14:00–14:45  MODULE 5: The real life
Moderators: Ana Carasquilla (Costa Rica), Ken Loi (Australia)

14:00–14:15  If prehabilitation and bariatric surgery fail?
Ahmad Aly (Australia)

14:15–14:30  How to treat abdominal ventral hernia symptomatic/urgent in bariatric patients awaiting for bariatric surgery?
Ken Loi (Australia)

14:30–14:45  Abdominal hernia repair with concomitant abdominoplasty in post bariatric patients
Antonio Iannelli (France)

14:45–16:30  MODULE 6: This is my case
Moderators: Gianfranco Silecchia (Italy), Ana Carasquilla (Costa Rica)
Speaker: Rossana Berta (Italy)

14:45–15:15  Clinical case 1: Patient with acceptable weight loss

15:15–16:00  Clinical case 2: Patient with initial sleeve (?) and non-acceptable weight loss

16:00–16:30  Q&O and Panel Discussion with all faculty members

16:30  Final remarks