LINZ E-AHPBA | PREPARATORY COURSE 2026

Management of Hepatobiliary Disease • 3–4 December 2026 • Linz, Austria

DAY 1 • THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER

The Patient's Path | 13:00–18:00 CET

13:00–13:10 Welcome & Overview
Course Directors

13:10–14:00 Patient Selection, Prehabilitation & ERAS
Stefan Stättner

14:00–14:40 Mandatory vs Academic Diagnostics (Imaging, Labs, Functional Tests)
Maximilian Ziernhöld / Michelle DeOliveira

14:40–15:00 Coffee Break

15:00–15:30 Tissue Diagnosis: When, How, When Not
Giovanni Scotton / Drolaiz Liu

15:30–16:00 Multidisciplinary Tumor Board – Decision Making
All faculty

16:00–16:30 Preoperative Counselling & Medical Optimization
Mark-Philipp Willingshofer / Christa Schlucker

16:30–17:00 Liver Function Testing & Surgical Implications
Manuel Maglione

17:00–17:30 Liver Augmentation Strategies (PVE, ALPPS) – Indications & Risks
Stefan Stättner / Pierre Schmit

17:30–18:00 Pathology, Margins & NGS
Rupert Langer

DAY 2 • FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER

Technical Strategy & Tumor Entities | 09:00–14:30 CET

09:00–09:40 Technical Difficulty in Liver Surgery & Learning Curves
Guido Torzilli

09:40–10:10 Ablation: Principles, Indications & Bail-out Strategies
Giovanni Scotton

10:10–10:30 Vascular Techniques in Liver Surgery
Alejandro Serrablo

10:30–10:50 Coffee Break

10:50–11:30 Guidelines & Consensus Papers – Translating to Practice
Frederik Berrevoet

11:30–12:00 Systemic Therapy & Liver Injury (Chemo, IO)
Gudrun Piringer

12:00–12:20 Liver Metastases: Surgery & Multimodal Concepts
Tamas Mersich

12:20–13:00 Lunch Break

13:00–13:30 Cholangiocarcinoma (phCC & iCCA): Strategy & Outcomes
Aiste Gulla

13:30–14:00 Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC): Classification & Treatment Algorithms
Emmanuel Melloul

14:00–14:25 Exam Review: Perioperative Decision-Making
Course Faculty

14:25–14:30 Final Exam-Oriented Take-Home Messages
Course Directors

From 15:00 Test exams (details to be confirmed)

COURSE FACULTY | SPEAKERS

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INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS

Aiste Gulla

Lithuania

Alejandro Serrablo

Spain

Michelle DeOliveira

Switzerland

Frederik Berrevoet

Belgium

Guido Torzilli

Italy

Emmanuel Melloul

Switzerland

Tamas Mersich

Hungary

AUSTRIAN SPEAKERS

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Christa Schlucker (Dietician)