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## Welcome address

Dear colleagues,

The Hellenic Neurosurgical Society is pleased to announce the sixth Microscopic and Endoscopic Skull Base Course and to welcome participants to Greece.

This course is primarily intended for senior neurosurgical residents and early-career neurosurgeons with a focused interest in skull base surgery.

The three-day intensive educational program combines structured didactic lectures with hands-on cadaveric dissections, aiming to provide comprehensive exposure to the fundamental surgical anatomy and operative approaches required in contemporary skull base surgery.

The faculty comprises experienced neurosurgeons and otorhinolaryngologists with extensive expertise in skull base procedures. Through lectures and practical demonstrations, the faculty will present a range of surgical approaches, including both microscopic and endoscopic techniques, with particular emphasis on endonasal and sellar anatomy as well as current operative strategies for skull base pathology.

Upon completion of the course, participants are expected to be able to critically discuss the indications for surgical management of cranial skull base lesions, recognize and describe the standard skull base approaches, and understand the principles of both microscopic and endoscopic endonasal techniques for accessing the anterior, middle, and posterior cranial fossae.

We look forward to welcoming you to Athens for what we anticipate will be a stimulating and educational scientific experience.

Warm regards,

**Moschos Fratzoglou**, MD, PhD

*Consultant Neurosurgeon, Director,  
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**Course director**

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## General Information

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Services	Venue	Hall	Level
Theoretical Sessions	NEUROLAB	PERNECZKY Lecture Room	6
Hands-on Sessions	NEUROLAB	SYLVIUS Dissection Room & WILLIS Dissection Room	1 & 2

## CME Credits

The Athens Skull Base Hands-On Course, Athens, Greece, 25/05/2026 - 27/05/2026 has been accredited by the Panhellenic Medical Association (PHMA) with **24** CME credits (ECMEC@s). Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.



## Certificate of attendance

Participants will receive their certificate of attendance, after the end of the course and after having completed the evaluation. In order for participants to receive the certificate of attendance, they are required by the National Organization for Medicines (EOF) to have attended 60% of the scientific program (17 hours).

## Language

The official language of the course is English. There will be no simultaneous translation.

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## Scientific Program

Monday  
25/05 2026

- 08:00 - 08:30 **Registration**
- 08:30 - 08:40 **Welcome**  
**A. Prassas**  
*President of the Hellenic Neurosurgical Society*
- A. Demetriades**  
*Past President of the EANS*
- 08:40 - 08:50 **Introduction**  
**M. Fratzoglou**  
*Immediate Past President of the Hellenic Neurosurgical Society, Course Director*
- 08:50 - 10:10 **Theoretical Session 1**
- 08:50 - 09:10 **Keyhole concept**  
**Supraorbital and Lateral Supraorbital approach**  
**T. Meling**
- 09:10 - 09:30 **FTOZ craniotomy**  
**N. Foroglou**
- 09:30 - 10:10 **Cavernous sinus anatomy - Cavernous sinus surgery**  
**M. Fratzoglou**
- 10:10 - 10:40 **Coffee Break**



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## Scientific Program

### 10:40 - 14:15 Hands - On Session 1

Supraorbital Approach, interfascial dissection, retrograde dissection of the temporalis muscle, FTOZ craniotomy, extradural anterior clinoidectomy, peeling of the lateral wall of the cavernous sinus

*Demonstration:* **T. Meling, V. Xenaki, M. Fratzoglou**

*Instructors:* **A. Andreou, N. Foroglou, T. Paleologos**

### 14:15 - 14:45 Lunch Break

### 14:45 - 15:25 Theoretical Session 2

14:45 - 15:05 Anterior petrosal approach  
**N. Mentoza**

15:05 - 15:25 Transorbital approach  
**V. Xenaki**

### 15:25 - 15:45 Coffee Break

### 15:45 - 19:45 Hands - On Session 2

Anterior Petrosectomy - Transorbital approach

*Demonstration:* **N. Mentoza, M. Fratzoglou, V. Xenaki**

*Instructors:* **A. Andreou, N. Foroglou, T. Paleologos**

### 19:45 - 20:00 Summary – Day 1

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## Scientific Program

Tuesday  
26/05 2026

08:00 - 09:00 Theoretical Session 3

08:00 - 08:30 Extended Retrosigmoid & Suprameatal approach  
V. Gerganov

08:30 - 09:00 Posterior petrosal approach  
S. Froelich

09:00 - 09:30 Coffee Break

09:30 - 13:30 Hands - On Session 3

Retrosigmoid & Suprameatal Approach -  
Posterior Petrosectomy (navigated through the cerebellopontine angle)  
*Demonstration:* V. Gerganov, S. Froelich, M. Fratzoglou, V. Xenaki  
*Instructors:* A. Andreou, N. Foroglou, T. Paleologos

13:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break



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## Scientific Program

### 14:00 - 14:40 Theoretical Session 4

14:00 - 14:20 Far lateral approach  
**O. Bozinov**

14:20 - 14:40 Far lateral approach for vascular lesions  
**A. Andreou**

14:40 - 15:00 **Coffee Break**

### 15:00 - 18:00 Hands - On Session 4

Far lateral approach (navigated through the cerebellopontine angle)

*Demonstration:* **O. Bozinov**

*Instructors:* **A. Andreou, M. Fratzoglou, N. Foroglou,  
T. Paleologos, V. Xenaki**

18:00 - 18:15 **Summary – Day 2**

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## Scientific Program

Wednesday  
27/05 2026

08:00 - 09:00 **Theoretical Session 5**

08:00 - 08:20 Endoscopic anatomy of the nasal - paranasal sinuses and skull base  
**C. Georgalas**

08:20 - 08:40 Endoscopic endonasal approach to the sella  
**J. De Battista**

08:40 - 09:00 Endoscopic endonasal approach to the suprasellar region  
(transplanum – transtuberulum)  
**M. Guk**

09:00 - 09:30 **Coffee Break**

09:30 - 13:30 **Hands - On Session 5**

Endoscopic Transphenoidal - Transethmoidal - Transclival - Transpterygoid Approach

*Core Instructors:* **C. Georgalas, J. De Battista, M. Guk, V. Chatzinakis, D. Terzakis, A. Kolias**

13:30 - 14:00 **Lunch Break**



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## Scientific Program

### 14:00 - 15:00 Theoretical Session 6

14:00 - 14:20 Transpterygoid approach  
(anatomy and technique)  
**C. Georgalas**

14:20 - 14:40 Endoscopic vs. transcranial surgery for anterior skull  
base meningiomas  
**M. Guk**

14:40 - 15:00 Skull base reconstruction  
**C. Georgalas**

15:00 - 15:30 **Break**

### 13:30 - 18:30 Hands - On Session 6

Endoscopic Transpterygoid Approach  
*Core Instructors:* **C. Georgalas, J. De Battista, M. Guk,  
V. Chatzinakis, D. Terzakis, A. Koliass**

18:30 - 18:45 **Summary of the Course**

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## Speakers | Instructors

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