

2nd Meeting of European Academy of ORL–HNS and CE ORL–HNS

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The 2nd European Academy meeting in Nice was impeccable. It integrated all member organisations from across Europe, linking the missions of EAORL-HNS (European ORL subspecialties) and EUFOS (National ORL societies). The meeting covered topics from all aspects of ORL-HNS. Keynote speakers were worldwide experts in their fields, including Profs Heinz Stammberger, Valerie Lund, Paolo Castelnuovo, Alexandre Felippu, Mario Sanna, Jatin Shah and Jean-Louis Lefebvre amongst others.

A particularly useful aspect was the interactive live anatomic dissection and live surgery sessions. These sessions were fully attended and generated a lot of discussion between the audience and demonstrators who presented their own techniques and tips.

The Italian group of Prof Paolo Castelnuovo, in cooperation with the Amsterdam Medical Centre Skull Base group of Dr Christos Georgalas, gave a fascinating presentation on 3D endoscopic skull base surgery. A special 3D screen and spectacles for all members of the audience were provided to illustrate the 3D view obtained. A discussion was then held about the pros and cons of this new technology over conventional 2D high definition monitors.

Prof Mario Sanna, chair of the Gruppo Otorologico, gave a series of outstanding sessions on middle cranial fossa surgery covering subjects such as the translabyrinthine approach, glomus jugulare tumours and the management of the carotid artery in skull base surgery.

Another excellent instructional course, held by Dr Marc Remacle, was entitled 'Endoscopic transoral surgery from the laser to the robot', where the promising early outcomes for transoral robotic supraglottic laryngectomy from his group in Belgium were presented and compared to conventional transoral laser surgery outcomes. The course included several interesting videos illustrating the robotic dissection.



Our reporter Dr George Garas (left) with Dr Christos Georgalas (Amsterdam Medical Centre Skull Base group) in front of the Thieme publications stand where his new book was presented.



The Acclarent booth.



The Medtronic stand.



Mr Sven Zeisberg and Dr Liliana Borsellino at the VestiCure stand.