

# 25<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL OTOLOGY COURSE

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# PROGRAM PROGRAMME





## 2025 Guest Faculty



**Narayanan Prepageran, MD** Professor Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He is an internationally invited guest surgeon and speaker. His latest publication include the Surgical Atlas of 360 degrees Skull Base Surgery published by Thieme Publishers in 2022. He is one of the very few surgeons who is globally recognized for both anterior and lateral skull base (including cochlear implant and endoscopic ear) work.



**Javier Gavilan, Professor and Chairman** at the ENT Department, La Paz University Hospital in Madrid, Spain. He has written more than 350 papers in scientific journals, 92 book chapters and published 8 books as author or co-author. He has also presented more than 600 papers in scientific meetings. Prof. Gavilan has been awarded 56 different awards and grants, including the Honor Award of the AAO-HNS.

## International Faculty



**Chris Aldren, FRCS, Windsor-UK.** He has a large otological practice particularly in primary and revision stapes surgery and ossiculoplasty. He lectures and operates widely throughout the world. He is an honorary consultant ear surgeon to Great Ormond Street Hospital, London. He has been President of a number of leading ear surgery societies including the British Society of Otolaryngology, LION and the Royal Society of Medicine Otolaryngology section. He is on the faculty since 23 years.



**Oswaldo Laercio Mendonça Cruz, MD PhD, Professor ENT Department, Otolaryngology-Neurotology division, Federal University of Sao Paulo-Brazil.** Coordinator of the Otolaryngology Center of the Hospital Sirio-Libanese. Special interest in cholesteatoma neurotology and skull base procedures and has published numerous articles in these fields. He is a Board member of LION and is on the Faculty since 18 years.



**Manohar Bance, MD PhD, Professor of Otolaryngology and Skull Base Surgery** at the University of Cambridge (UK). Professor Bance's research and clinical interests focus on disorders of the ear, particularly of hearing and balance and genetics. His current lab focuses on machine-neural interfaces, i.e. how to stimulate the auditory system with implanted electronic prostheses, cochlear implants. He is on the Faculty of the Course since 10 years.



**John Oates, FRCS** retired recently after 30+ years running a referral service concentrating on ossicular reconstruction and Otosclerosis. This teaching has focussed on fine tuning practical skills. He represented the UK as Council Member and Treasurer of EAORL-HNS and Treasurer and Presidential Committee, CEORL-HNS. John co-founded and "anchored" LION and has been a Faculty Member of the Course since its inception 25 years ago.



**Thomas Lenarz, M.D., PhD, Professor and Chairman, ENT Dept, Medical University Hannover-Germany.** Membership in national and international societies of ENT & skull base surgery. His Department runs the world's largest cochlear implant programme with more than 5500 patients implanted since 1984. Other fields of clinical interest are skull base surgery and brainstem and midbrain implants. He is on the Faculty of the Course since 17 years.



**Nirmal Patel, MD** Clinical Professor of Surgery Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery University of Sydney. He has been invited faculty and tutor at Endoscopic Ear Surgery courses and meetings around the world. He has performed over 1500 endoscopic ear surgeries. Dr Patel has written several journal articles and written book chapters in major ENT Text books.



**Diane Lazard, MD PhD** Head ENT department Hopital Princess Grace, Monaco. She has a research background with a PhD in Neurosciences (ENS Paris). Research interests in cerebral plasticity induced by post-lingual deafness and by auditory rehabilitation with a cochlear implant, and tinnitus in presbycusis patients. She is working on exploring the neural circuits of lip reading and audio-visual integration. She is on the Faculty since 5 years.



**Sady Selamen Da Costa, Professor ENT Department Federal University of Porto Alegre-Brazil.** He is the Past President of the Brazilian Society of Otolaryngology. Prof. Da Costa is a member of several international ENT societies and has published numerous articles in international journals. He is on the Faculty of the Course since 18 years.



**Ashim Desai, MD Dr. A. B. R. Desai ENT Clinic and Research Center, Bombay-India** is internationally acknowledged as authorities in the field of ENT and is invited as guest lecturer at international and national conferences. Dr Desai is specialized in endaural tympano-mastoid surgery, cartilage ossiculoplasty & posterior canal reconstruction. He is on the Faculty of the Course since 18 years.



**Neil Sperling, MD** is the Medical Director of Hearing Healthcare and Technologies for the Department of Otolaryngology at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. He is the past president of the New York Otolaryngological Society. He served as the Director of Otolaryngology (Ear Surgery) at SUNY-Downstate College of Medicine from 1991-2010, and served on the faculty of Weill Cornell Medical College from 2015 - 2019. He is on the Faculty of the Course for 24 years.



**Miguel Aristegui, M.D., PhD,** currently works as Head ENT Department at the Servicio de Otorinolaringología, Hospital General Universitario Gregorio Marañón, Madrid (Spain). Miguel does research in Otolaryngology. His current project is Paragangliomas, Vestibular Schwannomas, Cochlear Implantation and ME surgery. Past President of SEBA and Vice president of Spanish ENT Society. He is on the Faculty of the Course since 5 years.





**Mario Milkov**, Ass. Prof. Faculty of Medicine, Varna (Bulgaria). Secretary, Balkan Association of ORL&HNS & ENT Bulgarian Society. President, International Black Sea Association Otolaryngology & Neuro-Otology. He is on the Faculty since 5 years



**Duane Mol**, Otolaryngologist, Medical Director at the Ear & Eye Clinic in Johannesburg (South Africa). He has really focussed his expertise in the field of Otolaryngology and Nasal Reconstructive Surgery. He is involved as one of the surgeons assisting in the "Hear for Life" Cochlear Implant Program for needy children and adults. He is on the Faculty of the Course since 16 years.



**José Carlos Casqueiro**, MD. Otolaryngologist surgeon based in Madrid, Spain. Currently working at Hospital Universitario Severo Ochoa. Particular interest in endoscopic ear approaches, otosclerosis, and cholesteatoma surgery. Guest speaker at several international meetings and courses. Founder of Surg School, a surgical e-learning mobile application. He is on the Faculty of the Course since 3 years.



**Robert Briggs**, Clinical Professor at the University of Melbourne ENT Department and Medical Director of the Cochlear Implant Clinic at the Eye and Ear. He has a large experience with acoustic neuroma surgery and cochlear implantation. His research has focused on Cochlear Implant electrode development and safety as well as Cochlear Implant outcomes, particularly in young children. He is on the Faculty of the Course since 4 years.



**Marc Bassim**, MD. Head department of Otolaryngology, Cleveland Clinic Ohio (USA). Medical director. Hearing Implant Program. His research interests include all diseases of the ear, dizziness, and hearing loss and its correction via different implantable prostheses. Founder and director of the first multidisciplinary Balance Center in Lebanon. He is on the Faculty of the Course since 9 years



**Joachim Müller**, Professor. Head of Cochlear Implants and Hearing Prosthetics, Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery at the University Clinic Munich Grosshadern (Germany). Well known for his work in biomaterials in middle ear surgery, middle ear implant and cochlear implant. He is on the Faculty of the Course since 4 years



**Denis Ayache**, M.D. Professor. Head of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery Hôpital Fondation Adolphe de Rothschild, Paris (France). He has clinical and research interest in otology and skull base surgery. He has published many papers in various journals and he innovates in ear imaging techniques (special MRI protocol for the detection and management of cholesteatoma in the postoperative period). He is on the Faculty of the Course since 2 years

## Resident Faculty (Causse Ear Clinic)



**Robert Vincent**, MD-PhD joined the Causse Ear Clinic Otolaryngology Group in 1991. Dr Vincent has a special interest in otosclerosis surgery and congenital malformation of the ossicular chain. He is the founder and General Secretary of LION.



**Thibaud Dumon**, joined the Causse Ear Clinic Otolaryngology Group in 2000. Dr Dumon has a special interest in implantable hearing devices and chronic otitis surgery



**Wilko Grolman**, MD PhD, Professor, joined the Causse Ear Clinic in 2019. His primary clinical interests are stapes surgery and cochlear implantation. He has published many scientific papers in these fields. He is President of LION



**François Cacès**, joined the Causse Ear Clinic Otolaryngology Group in 2014. Dr Cacès has a special interest in chronic otitis surgery, treatment for dizziness and neurotology skull base surgery



**Frédéric Venail**, MD PHD, Professor, joined the Causse Ear Clinic Otolaryngology Group in 2025. Specialized in otology and neurotology procedures. Special interest in implanted hearing devices, including cochlear implants, and Eustachian tube pathologies



- 08:00 Registration / *Inscriptions*
- 08:15 Welcome & introduction / *Accueil & introduction*  
Robert Vincent
- 08:30 Stapes surgery, stacking the odds in your favor / *Chirurgie Stapédienne, Mettre toutes les chances de son côté*  
John Oates
- 08:50 Live surgery session 1A & 1B / *Chirurgie en direct session 1A & 1B*  
Otosclerosis primary surgery - *BONEBRIDGE* Implantation / *Otospongiose primaire - Implant BONEBRIDGE*  
Surgeons / *Chirurgiens*: Robert Vincent - Thibaud Dumon  
Moderators / *Modérateurs*: Wilko Grolman, John Oates
- 10:00 Break and exhibit / *Pause et visite des stands*
- 10:30 Stapes Surgery: factors influencing the surgical outcomes / *Chirurgie stapédienne: facteurs influençant les résultats*  
Wilko Grolman
- 10:50 Live surgery session 1C & 1D / *Chirurgie en direct session 1C & 1D*  
Revision stapedotomy & OSIA implantation / *Reprise pour otospongiose & implant OSIA*  
Surgeons / *Chirurgiens*: Robert Vincent, Thibaud Dumon  
Moderators/Modérateurs: Denis Ayache, Joachim Müller
- 12:30 Lunch (marquee in front of the clinic) / *Lunch (chapiteau devant la clinique)*
- 14:00 Stapes Surgery and Narrow OW Niche / *Chirurgie Stapédienne et FO étroite*  
Denis Ayache
- 14:20 Revision Stapes Surgery: Intraoperative Findings, Solutions & Results / *Reprise d'Otospongiose: Causes intraopératoires, Solutions & Résultats*  
Joachim Mueller
- 14:40 Assessing Risk of Stapes Surgery with Semicircular Canal Dehiscence / *Les Risques de la Chirurgie Stapédienne Avec Déhiscence du Canal 1/2 Circulaire*  
Neil Sperling
- 15:00 Difficult Situations in Stapes Surgery / *Complications de la Chirurgie Stapédienne*  
Ashim Desai
- 15:20 Translational histopathology of otosclerosis / *Histologie de l'Otospongiose*  
Sady Selaimen Da Costa
- 15:40 Gene Therapy for Hearing Restoration / *Réhabilitation de la Surdit   par Th  rapie G  nique*  
Manohar Bance
- 16:10 Break and exhibit / *Pause et visite des stands*
- 16:45 Ossicular Reconstruction. How I do it / *Ossiculoplastie: mes techniques*  
Robert Vincent
- 17:10 Hearing Session: Tympanoplasty Around the World. Panel Discussion  
*Tympanoplastie autour du monde. Table Ronde.*  
Moderator: Joachim Muller. Panelist: Prepageran Narayan, Denis Ayache, Javier Gavilan, Robert Vincent
- 18:45 Adjourn / *Fin du programme de la journ  e*
- 18:45 Free shuttle bus service from Causse Clinic to B  ziers downtown / *Navette gratuite vers B  ziers*
- 20:00 Welcome reception with languedoc wine degustation (Domaine mas de Cynanque) & piano recital by Fran  ois-Ren   Duch  ble / *R  ception de bienvenue avec d  gustation de vins du Languedoc (Domaine Mas de Cynanque). Venue: wine cellar of Chateau de Colombiers / Cave du Ch  teau de Colombiers* (located at a walking distance from the Causse Clinic / *proche de la Clinique*). This welcome reception is open to all delegates and their accompanying persons without extra fee / *Cette r  ception de bienvenue est ouverte    toutes et    tous les participants ainsi que les personnes accompagnantes sans frais suppl  mentaire*. Free shuttle bus service from B  ziers downtown: departure at 19:30 / *Navette gratuite depuis le centre ville de B  ziers: d  part    19h30*  
Return by bus to B  ziers downtown at 22:30 / *Retour vers B  ziers centre ville par navette    22h30*.





- 07:45 Welcome / *Accueil*
- 08:00 Live surgery session 2A & 2B / *Chirurgie en direct session 2A & 2B*  
Transcanal ossicular reconstruction - Cholesteatoma CWU / *Ossiculoplastie par voie transcanalaire - Cholestéatome technique fermée*  
Surgeons / *Chirurgiens*: Robert Vincent, Thibaud Dumon  
Moderators / *Modérateurs*: José Carlos Casqueiro, Diane Lazard
- 09:00 Ossiculoplasty, why bother ? / *Ossiculoplastie, à quoi bon ?*  
Chris Aldren
- 09:20 Live surgery session 2B (continued) / *Chirurgie en direct session 2B (fin)*  
Cholesteatoma CWU / *Cholestéatome technique fermée*  
Surgeon / *Chirurgien*: Thibaud Dumon  
Moderators / *Modérateurs*: Chris Aldren, Marc Bassim
- 10:00 Break and exhibit / *Pause et visite des stands*
- 10:30 Navigating Learning Curve and Avoiding Complications in Lateral Skullbase Surgery / *Eviter les Complications de la Chirurgie de la Base du Crâne par la Navigation*  
Prepagaran Narayanan
- 11:00 Live surgery sessions 2C & 2D / *Chirurgie en direct session 2C & 2D*  
Transcanal ossiculoplasty - Labyrinthectomy for Intractable Meniere's Disease / *Ossiculoplastie par voie transcanalaire - Labyrinthectomie pour Maladie de Ménière*  
Surgeons / *Chirurgiens*: Robert Vincent, François Cacès  
Moderators / *Modérateurs*: Miguel Aristegui, Neil Sperling
- 11:30 Strategy guide for Petrous Bone cholesteatoma: optimizing facial nerve & hearing functions / *Stratégie pour les cholestéatomes de l'Apex Pétreux: optimiser les fonctions auditives et faciales*  
Miguel Aristegui
- 12:30 Lunch (marquee in front of the clinic) / *Lunch (chapiteau devant la clinique)*
- 14:00 Minimally Invasive Endoscopic Surgery of the Middle Ear. Indications & Techniques / *Chirurgie Endoscopique de l'Oreille Moyenne: Indications & Techniques*  
Jose Carlos Casqueiro
- 14:20 Endoscopic Ear Surgery for Cholesteatoma / *Chirurgie du Cholestéatome sous Endoscopie*  
Nirmal Patel
- 14:50 Epitympanum & Mastoid Obliteration in Cholesteatoma Surgery / *Oblitération Mastoïdienne et de l'Epitympan en Chirurgie du Cholestéatome*  
Diane Lazard
- 15:10 Stapes Surgery Around the World. Panel Discussion / *Chirurgie Stapédienne: un Tour du Monde. Controversial case presentation / Cas cliniques*  
Moderator: Chris Aldren
- 16:30 Break and exhibit / *Pause et visite des stands*
- 17:00 Further Experience with Totally Implantable Cochlear Implant / *Implant Cochléaire Totalement Implantable.*  
Robert Briggs
- 17:20 Electrophysiological Monitoring during Cochlear Implantation / *Mesures Electrophysiologiques Pendant l'Implantation Cochléaire.*  
Frédéric Venail
- 17:40 Robotics in Ear Surgery / *Chirurgie Robotique en Otologie*  
Thomas Lenarz
- 18:00 Experience with the ORBEYE Exoscope / *Expérience avec l'Exoscope ORBEYE*  
Diane Lazard
- 18:10 Adjourn / *Fin du programme scientifique*
- 18:30 Free shuttle bus service from Causse Clinic to Béziers downtown / *Navette gratuite vers Béziers*
- 20:30 Gala Diner / *Dîner officiel: Venue: Chateau de Perdiguier, Maraussan. Registration is required / Inscription obligatoire. Shuttle bus service from Béziers Downtown at 19h45 or Causse Clinic at 20h15 / Navette gratuite depuis le centre ville de Béziers à 19h45 ou la Clinique Causse à 20h15. Return by bus to Béziers downtown at 23:30 / Retour vers Béziers centre ville par navette à 23h30.*





Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> / Samedi 5 Juillet

- 08:45 Welcome / *Accueil*
- 09:15 **Current Approach to Tympanic Membrane Retraction /**  
*Rétraction Tympanique*  
Marc Bassim
- 09:35 **Best Poster Awards Recognizing the Top 3 Posters of the 25th Otology Course /**  
*Présentation des 3 meilleurs posters du 25ème cours d'Otologie*
- 10:00 **History of Biomaterials Used for Passive and Active Implants in Otology /**  
*Les Biomatériaux pour les Implants Passifs et Actifs en Otologie*  
Mario Milkov
- 10:25 **Glass Ionomer Cement in the Middle Ear /**  
*Ciment Glass Ionomer dans l'Oreille Moyenne*  
Duane Mol
- 10:45 Break and exhibit / *Pause et visite des stands*
- 11:15 **Controversies in Surgical Management of Meniere's Disease**  
François Cacès
- 11:45 Closure and lunch (marquee in front of the clinic) /  
*Fin du cours et lunch (chapiteau devant la clinique)*

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