

26th International Otology Course

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26^{ème} Cours International d'Otologie



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2-4 Juillet 2026

Course Director/Directeur du Cours:
Robert Vincent MD-PhD

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It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 26th Otolology Course of the Causse Clinic, which will take place from July 2 to July 4 2026 in Colombiers, France.

For more than two decades, this course has aimed to provide an intensive and practical update on the diagnosis and surgical management of middle and inner ear diseases. It continues the long tradition of the Causse Clinic, internationally recognized for its contribution to the development of modern otologic surgery and education.

The program has been designed to combine high-level scientific lectures, live surgery sessions, and interactive discussions, bringing together internationally recognized experts in the field of otology and neurotology. Particular attention will be given to stapes surgery, middle ear reconstruction and hearing restoration techniques, including the latest developments in implantable hearing devices.

Our goal is not only to review established surgical principles but also to discuss evolving concepts, technical refinements, and clinical decision-making in everyday otologic practice.

We hope that this meeting will provide a stimulating environment for learning, exchange of experience, and collegial discussion among surgeons and specialists who share the same passion for ear surgery.

I would like to warmly thank all the internationally well known faculty members who have agreed to contribute to this course and share their expertise.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Causse Clinic for what promises to be an engaging and inspiring scientific meeting.

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C'est avec un grand plaisir que je vous souhaite la bienvenue au 26^{ème} Cours d'Otologie de la Clinique Causse, qui se tiendra du 2 au 4 juillet 2026 à Colombiers, France.

Depuis plus de deux décennies, ce cours a pour objectif de proposer une mise à jour intensive et pratique sur le diagnostic et la prise en charge chirurgicale des pathologies de l'oreille moyenne et interne. Il s'inscrit dans la longue tradition de la Clinique Causse, reconnue internationalement pour sa contribution au développement de la chirurgie otologique moderne et à la formation des spécialistes.

Le programme a été conçu pour associer conférences scientifiques de haut niveau, sessions de chirurgie en live et discussions interactives, réunissant des experts internationaux en otologie et en neuro-otologie. Une attention particulière sera portée à la chirurgie de l'étrier, la reconstruction de l'oreille moyenne ainsi qu'aux techniques de restauration de l'audition, incluant les développements récents dans le domaine des implants auditifs.

Notre objectif est non seulement de revisiter les principes chirurgicaux établis, mais également de discuter des concepts émergents, des raffinements techniques et de la prise de décision clinique dans la pratique quotidienne de la chirurgie otologique.

Nous espérons que cette rencontre offrira un cadre stimulant pour la formation, l'échange d'expériences et les discussions collégiales entre chirurgiens et spécialistes partageant la même passion pour la chirurgie de l'oreille.

Je souhaite remercier chaleureusement l'ensemble des membres de la faculté reconnus internationalement qui ont accepté de contribuer à ce cours en partageant leur expertise.

Je me réjouis de vous accueillir à la Clinique Causse pour ce qui s'annonce comme une rencontre scientifique riche et inspirante.


Dr Robert Vincent
Course Director
Directeur du Cours

2026 Guest Faculty



Levent Sennaroglu. Professor of ORL and academic researcher at Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey. He has contributed to many research works on cochlear implantation, VIIIth nerve, SNHL, and auditory brainstem implant. His past experience includes work as a research scholar at the House Ear Institute (Los Angeles California-USA) in 1997. Prof Sennaroglu is also having a great experience in congenital malformation of the middle ear.



Meenesh Juvekar. Bombay Hospital Medical & Research Centre and Grant Medical College, Mumbai (India). Dr Juvekar is an eminent speaker at various national and international Conferences. His academic interest in otology and cochlear implantation has been his driving force towards many publications to his credit.



Sharafudheen P.K. Ascent ENT Hospital, Calicut (India). He has presented many scientific papers in international conferences and has extensive surgical experience in cochlear implantation, stapes surgery and other middle ear surgeries especially for CSOM and vertigo.



Robert Owen, Otologist/Neurotologist Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas (USA). International Professor in Mexico. Past director of the Dallas Foundation Otolgy Course for 20 years and has published several articles on Otolgy & Skull Base Surgery and lectures Internationally.



Abdulrahman Abdullah Hagr. President of Saudi ORL Society, ENT and skull base surgeon. Professor at King Saud University, director of King Abdullah Ear Specialist Center and Prince Sultan Research chair for Hearing Disabilities. He is the founder and advisor of the cochlear implant program in Saudi Arabia, ENT consultant, at the Ministry of Health for National neonatal screening program and at Al Habib Medical Center.



Mary Daval, deputy head of Head & Neck Surgery Department, Adolphe de Rothschild Foundation Hospital, Paris (France). Her main areas of interest concern otology, implantable hearing devices and skull base surgery. She is the author of numerous medical and scientific articles and contributed to several textbooks.



Musaed Alzahrani MD, Director, surgical services center King Faisal Specialist Hospital Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) & Director of the cochlear implant program EHC. He is the General Secretary of the Saudi Society of ORL (SSORL).

International Faculty



Chris Aldren, FRCS, Windsor-UK. He has a large otological practice particularly in primary and revision stapes surgery and ossiculoplasty. He runs an annual Advanced Middle Ear Surgery Course in May at Wexham Park Hospital. He lectures and operates internationally. He is a Board member of LION and the British Society of Otolgy and is the Past President of LION. He is on the Faculty since 24 years.



Oswaldo Laercio Mendonça Cruz, MD PhD, Professor ENT Department, Otolgy-Neurotology division, Federal University of Sao Paulo-Brazil. Coordinator of the Otolgy 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 19 years.



Manohar Bance, MD PhD, Professor of Otolgy 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 11 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 26 years ago.



Diane Lazard, MD PhD Head ENT department Hospital 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 6 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 19 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 19 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 Otolological Society. He served as the Director of Otolgy (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 25 years.



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



Marlo 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.



Narayanan Prepageran, MD Professor Department of ORL, Head & Neck Surgery, University Malaya, 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 globally recognized for both anterior and lateral skull base work. He is on the Faculty of the Course since 1 year.



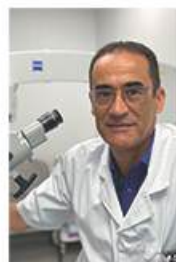
Miguel Aristegui, M.D., PhD, currently works as Head ENT Department at the Servicio de Otorrinolaringología, Hospital General Universitario Gregorio Marañón, Madrid (Spain). Miguel does research in Otolaryngology. His current project is Paragangliomas, Vestibular Schwannomas, Cochlear Implantation and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



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. He 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 Venall, 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 & *Vibrant Soundbridge MEDEL middle ear implant /
Otospongiose primaire & implant d'oreille moyenne Vibrant Soundbridge MEDEL***
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 & Cholesteatoma Canal Wall Up with ossiculoplasty
and mastoid obliteration /
*Reprise pour otospongiose & cholestéatome Tympanoplastie en technique fermée
avec ossiculoplastie et comblement mastoïdien***
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)*
- 14:30 **Green Cochlea / *Cochlée écologique***
Abdulrahman Abdullah Hagr
- 14:50 **Management of middle ear anomalies / *Malformations congénitales***
Levent Sennaroglu
- 15:10 **Indication and novel concepts in surgical treatment in vertigo /
*Indication et nouveaux concepts en chirurgie des vertiges***
Mary Daval
- 15:40 **Revision Stapes Surgery: Intraoperative Findings, Solutions & Results /
*Reprise d'Otospongiose: Causes intraopératoires, Solutions & Résultats***
Joachim Mueller
- 16:00 **Difficult Situations in Stapes Surgery / *Complications de la Chirurgie Stapédienne***
Ashim Desai
- 16:20 Break and exhibit / *Pause et visite des stands*
- 16:50 **Otosclerosis Primary Surgery: Surgical Findings & Results in 7000 cases /
*Otospongiose Primaire: Résultats sur 7000 cas***
Robert Vincent
- 17:10 **Hearing Session: Tympanoplasty Around the World. Panel Discussion
*Tympanoplastie autour du monde. Table Ronde.***
Moderator: Joachim Muller. Panelist: Prepageran Narayan, Mary Daval,
Levent Sennaroglu, Robert Vincent
- 18:10 Adjoin / *Fin du programme de la journée*
- 18:30 Free shuttle bus service from Causse Clinic to Béziers downtown /
Navette gratuite vers Béziers centre ville

- 07:45 Welcome / *Accueil*
- 08:00 **Live surgery session 2A & 2B / Chirurgie en direct session 2A & 2B**
Transcanal ossicular reconstruction & Sentio OTICON active bone conduction implant /
Ossiculoplastie par voie transcanalaire & Implant à conduction osseuse directe Sentio OTICON
 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 **Medial Graft Tympanoplasty / Tympanoplastie avec greffe latérale**
 Robert Owens
- 09:50 Break and exhibit / *Pause et visite des stands*
- 10:20 **Live surgery sessions 2C & 2D / Chirurgie en direct session 2C & 2D**
Transcanal & retroauricular ossiculoplasty /
Ossiculoplastie par voie transcanalaire & rétroauriculaire
 Surgeons / *Chirurgiens*: Robert Vincent, Frédéric Venail
 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
- 11:50 **Tympanoplasty / Tympanoplastie**
 Meenesh Juvekar
- 12:20 Lunch (marquee in front of the clinic) / *Lunch (chapiteau devant la clinique)*
- 14:00 **CT/MRI fusion technique for the diagnosis and localization of residual cholesteatoma. /**
Scanner/IRM fusion pour le diagnostic et la localisation des cholestéatomes résiduels
 Musaed Alzahrani
- 14:20 **Minimally Invasive Endoscopic Surgery of the Middle Ear. Indications & Techniques /**
Chirurgie Endoscopique de l'Oreille Moyenne: Indications & Techniques
 José Carlos Casqueiro
- 14:40 **Epitympanum & Mastoid Obliteration in Cholesteatoma Surgery /**
Oblitération Mastoïdienne et de l'Epitympan en Chirurgie du Cholestéatome
 Diane Lazard
- 15:00 **Ossiculoplasty using glass ionomer cement /**
Ossiculoplastie par ciment ionomer
 Levent Sennaroglu
- 15:20 **Middle Ear Surgery: Navigating Intraoperative Uncertainty /**
Chirurgie de l'oreille moyenne: Les incertitudes de la navigation opératoire
 Sarafudeen Karlath
- 15:40 **Current Approach to Tympanic Membrane Retraction /**
Concepts Actuels des Rétractions Tympaniques
 Marc Bassim
- 16:00 Break and exhibit / *Pause et visite des stands*
- 16:30 **Middle Ear Implants: State of the Art /**
Implants d'Oreille Moyenne: État de l'Art
 Thibaud Dumon
- 16:50 **Ossicular Reconstruction Around the World. Panel Discussion / Ossiculoplastie:**
un Tour du Monde. Controversial case presentation / Cas cliniques
 Moderator: Chris Aldren. Panelist: Diane Lazard, Oswaldo L Cruz, Thibaut Dumon, Narayanan
 Prepageran, Nirmal Patel, Robert Briggs, Jose Carlos Casqueiro, Neil Sperling
- 18:00 Adjourn / *Fin du programme scientifique*
- 18:30 Free shuttle bus service from Causse Clinic to Béziers downtown / *Navette gratuite vers Béziers*

- 08:45 Welcome / *Accueil*
- 09:15 **Electrophysiological Monitoring during Cochlear Implantation /
*Mesures Electrophysiologiques Pendant l'Implantation Cochléaire.***
Frédéric Venail
- 09:35 **History of Biomaterials Used for Passive and Active Implants in Otology /
*Les Biomatériaux pour les Implants Passifs et Actifs en Otologie***
Mario Milkov
- 09:55 **Glass Ionomer Cement in the Midle Ear /
*Ciment Glass Ionomer dans l'Oreille Moyenne***
Marc Bassim
- 10:20 Break and exhibit / *Pause et visite des stands*
- 10:50 **Controversies in Surgical Management of Meniere's Disease**
François Cacès
- 11:30 Closure and lunch (marquee in front of the clinic) /
Fin du cours et lunch (chapiteau devant la clinique)

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