SPECIAL COURSE

ESASO Intermediate Surgical Retina Course

10 - 12 December 2026

Timisoara (Romania)

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Thursday 10 December 2026

Retinal Detachment: Fundamentals for Intermediate Surgeons

13:30 - 14:00	Registration & welcome	
14:00 - 14:10	Welcome: Introduction of course structure and learning objectives	Mihnea Munteanu
14:10 - 14:40	**How to Read a Retinal Detachment: Classification & Surgical Planning** What matters in planning: macula status, break location, PVR signs, imaging tips.	Sleiman Abou-Ltaif
14:50 - 15:10	**Pars Plana Vitrectomy: Fluids, Exchanges and Intraoperative Strategy** How to control the case, avoid slippage, manage tamponades.	Mihnea Munteanu
15:10 – 15:40	**PVR and Early Warning Signs: What You Must Not Miss** Classification, risk factors, first steps to prevent escalation.	Sleiman Abou-Ltaif
15:40 – 16:00	**Interactive Q&A "What Would You Do?"** Quick case-based poll with audience voting.	All Faculty Group
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 17:00	**Video Session: Learning from Mistakes** Real surgical videos with guided discussion.	All Faculty Group
17:00 - 18:00	**Case Discussion: 5 Real Cases, 5 Surgical Plans** Full-group interactive session.	All Faculty Group

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Friday 11 December 2026
Macular Surgery, Diabetic Retina & Interface Disorders

09:00 – 09:30	**Epiretinal Membrane: Assessment & Timing for Surgery** OCT interpretation, risk stratification and pearls for traction cases.	Mihnea Munteanu
09:30 – 10:30	**Reasons for IOL exchange and Correction of aphakia in case of insufficient capsular bag stability**	Ramin Khoramnia
10:30 –11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 11:30	**Vitreomacular Traction: Observe or Operate?** Classification and practical approach for non-advanced surgeons.	Ciprian Danielescu
11:30 -12:00	**Video Teaching: ILM Peeling – Step-by-Step** Annotated surgical videos.	Mihnea Munteanu
12:00 – 12:30	**Macular Hole: Techniques and Decision-Making** Flap or no flap? Adjuvants? Tamponade choice and posturing.	Ciprian Danielescu
12:30 – 13:00	**Diabetic Vitreoretinal Interface: What an Intermediate Surgeon Must Know** ERM, TRD initiation, hemorrhage management, when to refer.	Ciprian Danielescu
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 17:30	**Wet Lab – Core Skills in Intermediate Retina Surgery** • Vitrectomy fundamentals • System setup & parameters • PVD induction • Vitreous staining • ILM staining & peeling • Management of detached retina • Fluid/air exchange • Peripheral shaving with indentation	All Faculty Group

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Saturday 12 December 2026
Challenging Scenarios, Trauma & Final Take-Home Skills

09:00 – 09:30	**Vitreous Hemorrhage & Early Surgical** Management When to operate, how to avoid complications.	Florian Balta
09:30 – 10:00	**Endophthalmitis: First Steps for the Non-Expert Surgeon** When to do PPV, when tap & inject, surgical tips	Ciprian Danielescu
10:00 – 10:30	**Traumatic Retina: Practical Approach** Blunt trauma, IOFB basics, paediatric red flags.	Florian Balta
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 - 11:45	**"Complications I Don't Want to See Again" – Real Cases** Group discussion on complications and recovery strategies.	All Faculty Group
11:45 - 12:30	**Final Case-Based Panel: Build the Surgical Plan** Participants solve 3 full cases (RD, ERM, MH).	All Faculty Group
12:30 – 13:00	**Closing remarks -** Summary of key points and farewell.	All Faculty Group

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